

# Angels and Archangels

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# So... what do we know about the Angels???

- What does the word “Angel” mean?
  - Messenger
- Were the Angels created or did they always exist?
  - *For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. (Col 1:16)*



# So... what do we know about the Angels???

- What is the function of Angels?
  - They herald God's will
  - They Guide us
  - They serve us
  - Protection
  - Punishment
  - They are interested in our salvation:
    - *"I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance."* (Luke 15:7)
    - *Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?* (Heb 1:14)



# So... what do we know about the Angels???

- How many Archangels are there?
  - *And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets. (Rev 8:2)*
- Name the 7 Archangels of God
  - *Michael*
  - *Gabriel*
  - *Raphael*
  - *Suriel*
  - *Zadakiel*
  - *Sarathiel*
  - *Ananiel*



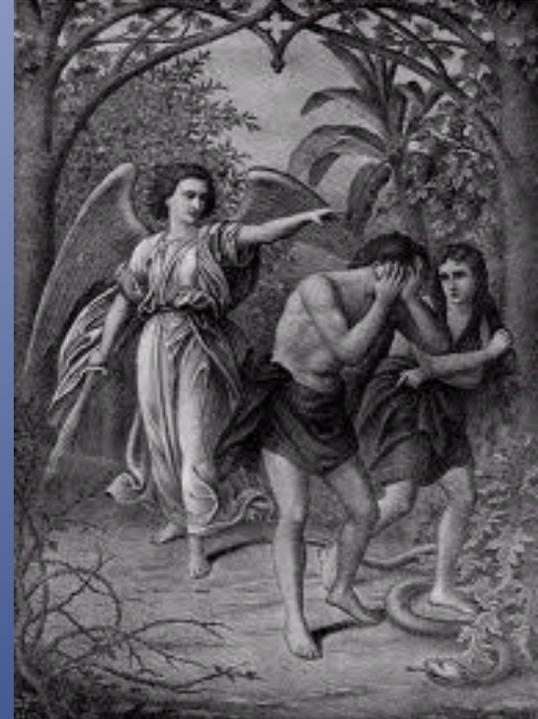
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- Who is the head of all the Archangels?
  - Michael
- When is his feast in the Coptic Church?
  - The 12<sup>th</sup> of every Coptic Month.
  - The next one is on 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2011



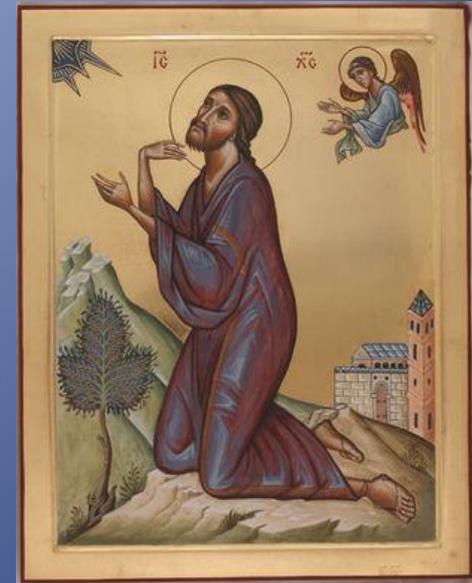
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- When were Angels first mentioned in the Holy Bible?
  - *therefore the Lord God sent him out of the garden of Eden... and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life. (Gen 3:23-24)*



# So... what do we know about the Angels???

- On which 2 occasions did they appear to strengthen Jesus?
  - **Gethsemane**: *And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done." Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. (Luke 22:41-43)*
  - **The Temptation**: *Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him. (Matt 4:11)*



# So... what do we know about the Angels???

- When did Angels appear during our Lord's Life?
  - To the Shepherds at His birth
  - The Temptation on the mount
  - Gethsemane
  - His Ascension



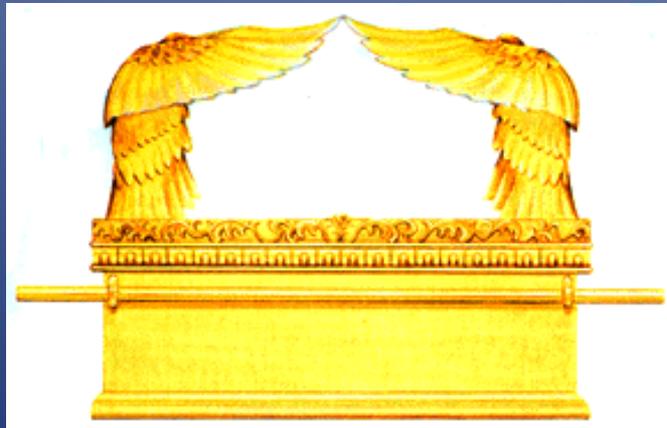
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- How many Angels are there?
  - *A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. (Daniel 7:10)*



# So... what do we know about the Angels???

- Name 2 types of Angels
  - **Seraphim**: Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. (Is 6:2)
  - **Cherubim**: And the cherubim shall stretch out their wings above, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and they shall face one another; the faces of the cherubim shall be toward the mercy seat. (Ex 25:20)



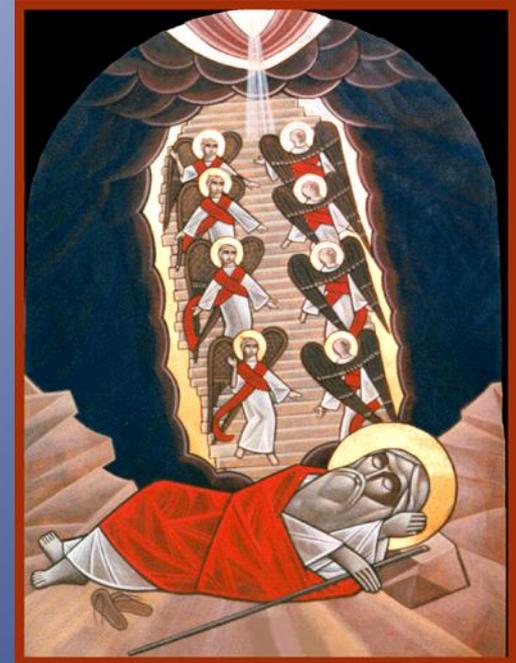
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- Do Guardian Angels Exist?
  - *The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, And delivers them. (Ps 34:7)*
  - *For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. (Ps 91:11)*
- The Orthodox Church believes that we each receive a guardian Angel when we are baptised.



# So... what do we know about the Angels???

- Name 6 persons in the Holy Bible that had experiences with Angels.
  - *Abraham*
  - *Jacob*
  - *Lot*
  - *Isaiah*
  - *St Mary*
  - *Jesus*



# So... what do we know about the Angels???

- Are the Angels strong?

- *And it came to pass on a certain night that the angel of the Lord went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians 185,000; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses--all dead. (2 Kings 19:35)*
- *And they struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they became weary trying to find the door. (Gen 19:11)*
- *So on a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave an oration to them. And the people kept shouting, The voice of a god and not of a man! Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died. (Acts 12:21-23)*
- *And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. (Matt 28:2)*



# SATAN

- He was an Angel: *You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you. (Ez 28:14-15)*
- He fell: *For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit. (Is 14:13-15)*



# SATAN

- He was sent to hell: *And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. (Rev 12:7-9)*
- *And He said to them, I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. (Luke 10:18)*





Glory be to God For Ever. AMEN.