Vespers Propers, November 8
THE SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY ARCHANGEL MICHAEL
AND ALL THE ANGELIC POWERS

In the time of Pope Sylvester of Rome and Patriarch Alexander of Alexandria, this feast was established to honor Michael and Gabriel the Archangels, and all the holy bodiless powers of heaven in their nine choirs: Seraphim, Cherubim, Thrones, Dominions, Virtues, Powers, Principalities, Archangels, and Angels.

Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006

"O Lord I have cried" Tone 4, page 58

Bring my soul out of this prison
and then I shall praise your name.

Around me the just will assemble
because of your goodness to me.

Cantor: (Tone 4) Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Psalm 129
(on 8) Lord, hear my voice!

Tone 4 podoben: Jako dobl'a

O Archangel Michael, you showed yourself to be the greatest defender of the thrice-holy Source of Light. Together with the Powers on high, you joyfully call out: Holy are you, O Father. Holy are you, O co-e-ter-nal Word. Holy are you, O Holy Spirit.
You are the one glory, the one kingdom and one nature.

You are the one Divinity and Pow'r.

Cantor: Let your ears be attentive
(Repeat "O Archangel Michael...")

Cantor: If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

O Archangel Michael, you are like a fire, and awesome is your godliness.
By your bodiless nature, you cross the ends of the earth, fulfilling the commands of the Creator of all.
You also make your Church a fountain of healings. You are venerated because of your holy calling.

Cantor: My soul is longing for the Lord. I count on his word.
(Repeat "O Archangel Michael...")

Cantor: My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.
You made the winds your messenger and flaming fire your servant, just as it is written. Among the ranks of your archangels, O Lord, you have shown Michael the Archangel to be the leader. He is obedient to your commands, O Word. With fear he sings the thrice-holy hymn to your glory.

Cantor: (Tone 4) Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.

Tone 4 podoben: Dal jesi znamenije

By divine grace, O Gabriel, the eternal Intelligence created you to be a second light. You were to illumine the whole world that you might reveal a divine and truly great mystery which had been hidden from eternity: that God who is bodiless was made flesh in a
virgin womb and became man to save the human race.

Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(Repeat "By divine grace...")

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations,
(Repeat "By divine grace...")

O Gabriel, you stand before the throne of the thrice-holy Source of Light, glistering with celestial splendor. We on earth joyfully dance and sing your praises. O leader of the heavenly hosts, O intercessor for our souls, deliver us from the darkness of our passions by illuminating us with your light.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
(Repeat "By divine grace...")

O Gabriel, leader of the heavenly hosts, and intercessor for our souls,
crush the boldness of those who attack your flock. Put an end to schisms within the Church. Calm the storm of numberless temptations.

Deliver from trial and tribulation all those who lovingly venerate you and hasten to protect us with the shadow of your wings.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory…

Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen

Rejoice with us, all you leaders of the angels; for the great Archangel, your captain and our guardian, appears today in his holy church.

He wondrously watches over us and truly sanctifies this place. Therefore, daily singing his praise, let us cry out to him: Keep us safe by the protection of your wings, O great Archangel Michael.
Cantor: Now and ever...

Theotokion

Rejoice with us, all you choirs of virgins, for our mediatrix and advocate,

our protection and refuge, is today comforting our sorrows with her divine and venerable providence. Therefore, let us exalt her, saying:

Protect us by your glorious intercession, O Theotokos.

The service continues with the Hymn of the Evening, p. 12
Prokeimena for weekdays, pp. 114 - 115

Readings: Joshua 5: 13 - 15
Judges 6: 7 and 11 - 24
Isaiah 14: 6 - 20

Litija

Tone 1 Bolhar

The leaders of the heavenly hosts stand unceasingly before the throne of the Master. They pray to the Lord to grant great
peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.

Cantor: Glory...now...

Doxastikon

With flaming lips, the cherubim exalt you, O Christ God; and with immaterial mouths, the choir of angels loudly exalts your glory. Michael, the captain of the heavenly powers, offers a song of victory to your glory unceasingly.

He has prepared us today for this feast, so that even with lips of clay, we may worthily sing aloud the thrice-holy hymn as it is in the psalms. All creation is filled with the praise of you, O Christ. For this reason you give
great mercy to the world.

Litija Litany p.116

Aposticha

Tone 1 podoben: Nebesnych činov

While celebrating solemnly on earth, let us sing as the angels do,

to God who is seated on the throne of glory: Holy are you,

O heavenly Father; holy are you, O co-e-ternal Word;

ho-ly are you, O all-ho-ly Spirit.

Cantor

You made the winds your messengers and flaming fire your ministers.

O eye-witness of inef-fa-ble things, be-cause of your great cour-age
you are the leader of the heavenly beings. You gloriously stand

before the awesome throne, O Michael. By your pray'rs, save those who are

suffering because of trials and tribulations.

Cantor

Praise the Lord, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts.

You are the chief of the bodiless angels and a minister of the Divine Splendor. You are an eye-witness and a mystic, O Michael.

Save us who devoutly honor you each year and who faithfully exalt

the Trinity.
O Archangel, since you are a soldier and leader of the heavenly hosts and the captain of the angels, O glorious one, deliver from every worry and care, from illnesses and bitter sins, those who faithfully extol and beseech you. You see the Lord who is Spirit; you are enlightened by the unapproachable light of the Master's glory.

For he, out of love for all people, became incarnate of the Virgin for our sake. By this, he wished to save the human race.

Troparia

Troparion - Tone 4

Lead-ers of the heav-en-ly ar-mies, al-though we are unworthy, we al-ways
be-seech you to for-ti-fy us by your pray'rs and to shel-ter us beneath
the wings of your sub-lime glo-ry. Watch over us who bow to you and cry out
fer-vent-ly: De-liv-er us from dan-ger, for you are the com-mand-ers
of the pow-ers on high.

Cantor: Glory...

All repeat the Troparion

Cantor: Now and ever...

"Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos", p. 119, followed by the Blessing of Bread.