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Saint Michael the Archangel and All Angels

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Epistle of Jude 1:9 (KJV)

*“Yet Michael the archangel,
when contending with the devil
he disputed about the body of Moses
durst not bring against him
a railing accusation, but said,
“The Lord rebuke thee.””*

Archangel Michael

4 Major Roles
Catholic tradition



1. Leader of the Army of God
2. Angel of death, carries all souls to heaven
3. Weighs each soul in his perfectly balanced scales
4. Patron of the Chosen People (OT), and also guardian of the Church and patron of knights and military orders

From sermon of Fr. Brad, Michaelmas 2014

- ❖ Angels and Archangels appear in Holy Scripture as a matter of course
- ❖ Their appearance is special but not unusual, and often taken for granted
- ❖ Angels simply are (per God's will)
- ❖ Yet we know when they act, what they have done, and their purpose in appearing to us

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Angels and Archangels

Biblical Angels

- ❖ May be described as non-divine heavenly messengers whose primary mission is to:
 - ✓ Relay divine information
 - ✓ Accompany God when He appears before humans
 - ✓ Assist or punish humans on His behalf
- ❖ Have their own language ... tongues, a gift of the Holy Spirit
- ❖ A few are known to us by their name, all by their ministries
- ❖ Organized into rankings or hierarchies

Christian Angelic Hierarchy

- ❖ **Dionysius** (5th cent.) *De Coelesti Hierarchia* (On the Celestial Hierarchy), cited NT
- ❖ **Thomas Aquinas** (13th) *Summa Theologica*
Also drew on NT to develop a schema of three Hierarchies of Angels (Triads or Spheres), each containing three Orders
- ❖ Other theologians: All agreed the Angels are organized into **Angelic Choirs**
- ❖ Yet the biblical canon is silent on the subject; these hierarchies are mostly speculative

From the Witness of Saint Paul

Dionysius, Aquinas cited **Ephesians 1:21**

“Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.”

Also **Colossians 1:16**

“For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him.”

Saint Mary, Matron of All Angels

The Hymnal 1940: Hymn 599

Thou bearer of the eternal Word,

*Most gracious,
magnify the Lord*



The Assumption

Peter Paul Rubens

Nine Spheres of ANGELS



The Assumption of the Virgin

Francesco Botticini (1476)

National Gallery London

3 Hierarchies

9 Orders of Angels

each w/ different attributes

❖ First Triad

❑ **Seraphim**

❑ **Cherubim**

❑ *Thrones*

❖ Second Triad

❑ *Dominions*

❑ **Virtues**

❑ *Powers*

❖ Third Triad

❑ *Principalities*

❑ **Archangels**

❑ **Angels**

SERAPHIM: 1st Triad, 1st Order

- Singular “Seraph”,
literally “burning ones”
- **Isaiah 6:1-8**: Highest angelic class
 - Fiery six-winged beings
 - Caretakers of God's throne room
 - Continuously shouting praises ...
(we'll get to this)

CHERUBIM: 2nd Order

Ezekiel 28 – Guard throne of God

- Have four conjoined wings covered with eyes, a lion's body, an oxen's feet
- Have four faces: one of **a man, an ox, a lion, an eagle** - adopted by the four **Evangelists**
 - **MT** – winged **man/angel**: representing the **Incarnation**
 - **MK** – winged **lion**: courage, monarchy, the **Kingdom**
 - **LK** – winged **ox**: strength, sacrifice, service/**physician**
 - **JN** – an **eagle**, the **Ascension**, Christ's divine nature

MIDDLE ORDERS: 3rd thru 7th

- **Thrones:** Work to fight injustice in a fallen world, to bring glory to God
 - **Dominions:** Provide leadership to other Angels, to channel God's mercy toward humans
 - **Virtues:** Grow in holiness by assisting humans in strengthening faith in God
Also, watch over God's natural world on Earth and, today, across the universe
 - **Powers:** Combat demons & false prophets, thru God's conquering love from Jesus
 - **Principalities:** Impart wisdom to national leaders
Also, inspire in the arts and sciences, in response to prayer
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ARCHANGELS, 8th Order

- The word **Archangel** comes from the Greek *archangelos* - **chief angel** - translation of the Hebrew רב-מלאך
- Derives from:
 - *archein*, “to be first in rank or power”
 - *angelos*, “messenger or envoy”
- The word Archangel is used only twice in NT:
1 Thessalonians 4:16
Jude 1:9
- Only Gabriel and Michael are mentioned by name in NT (Raphael also canonical)

ANGELS, 9th and lowest Order

- Angels or *malakhim*, the “plain angels”
 - The most recognized
 - Different kinds with different functions
 - Concerned w/ affairs of the living
 - Sent as messengers to mankind
- An Angel comforted Jesus on the last night **LK 22:43**
- An Angel freed Peter from Herod’s prison **ACTS 12:1-19**



Carl Heinrich Bloch, 1879

The Archangels

- ❖ Earliest reference to a **System of Seven Archangels**
 - ❖ Evidently in Book of Enoch (Judaic tradition)
 - ❖ Non-canonical but quoted in Epistle of Jude
 - ❖ Named as **Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel**, Raguel, Remiel, and Saraqael
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Other Early References

❖ **Earliest Christian mention:**

Pope St. Gregory I (590-604 AD), listed as
Michael, Gabriel, Raphael

Uriel (or Anael), Simiel, Oraphiel, and Raguel

❖ **9th century:** Reference to 7 Archangels found in a church talisman in NW Spain attributed to Auriolus, who issued a prayer:

*“... all you patriarchs Michael, Gabriel
... Raphael ... who hold the clouds in
your hands.”*

The Name of Michael

In Hebrew:

- *Michael* means
“He who is like God.”
- Ancient and middle languages and pronunciations:
 - **Hebrew:** *Micha'el* or *Mîkhā'ēl*
 - **Greek:** *Μιχαήλ*, *Mikhaél*
 - **Latin:** *Michael*
 - **the Vulgate:** *Michahel*

Referred to as ...

- By Anglicans, Roman Catholics, Eastern Orthodox, Lutherans:

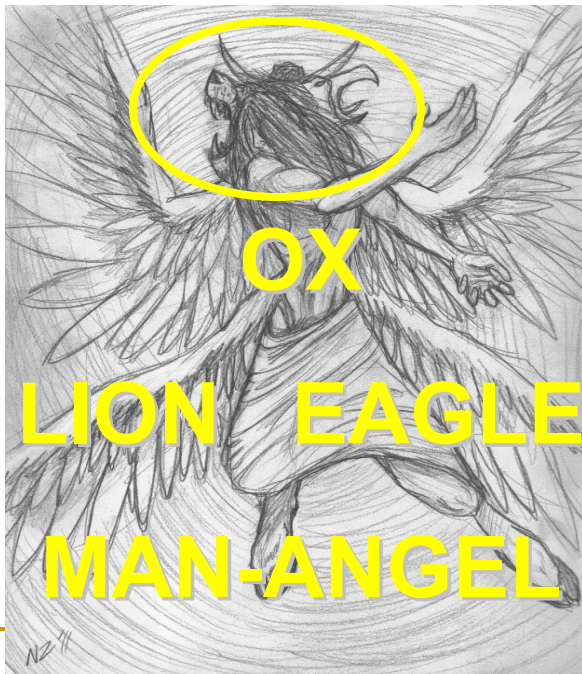
Saint Michael the Archangel
or simply as **Saint Michael**

- By Orthodox Christians, also:
Taxiarch Archangel Michael

Hebrew Scripture

In the Beginning

- Angels first appear early in **Genesis**
- **Cherubim** are placed outside the gates of Eden



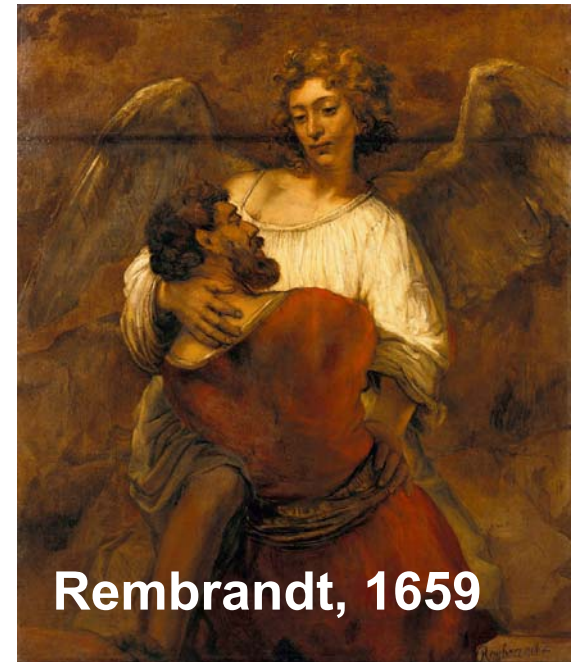
- Ensure that mankind does not force his way back into the Garden, so as to not eat of the fruit of life - **Gen 3:24**

Mankind Cast Out (ref. Fr. Brad sermon)

From that opening story of the Sacred writ,

Angels appear regularly in our salvation history:

- To the **sons and daughters of Cain**
- To **Abraham**, giving aid and divine revelation
- Angels helped **Joseph**
interpret the dreams which
God had given to Pharaoh
- **Jacob** wrestled with an Angel
and was renamed **Israel**
(Genesis, Hosea), literally:
“He who struggles with God.”



Rembrandt, 1659

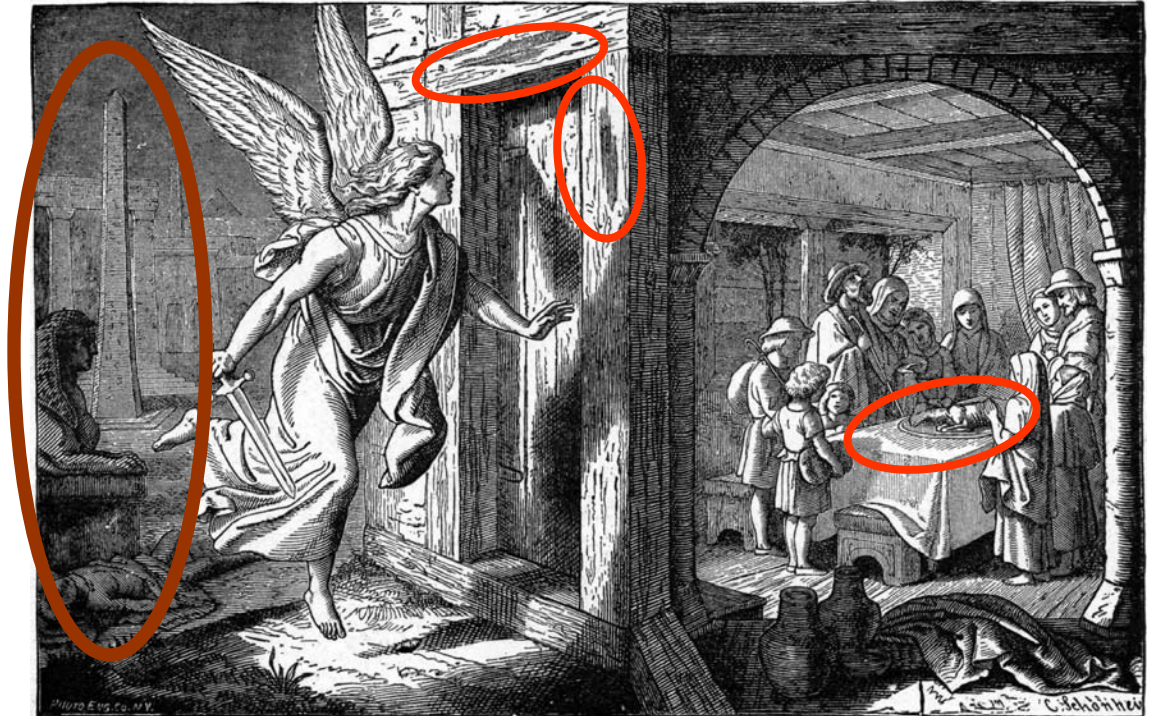
Angel of Death – Passover, 10th Plague

Exodus 12:12, trad. of Amos, Isaiah, Ezekiel - 6th cent. BC



The WORD sends
St. Michael on His
behalf to exact
the death over the
darkness that is Egypt

Yet our Savior,
the **Lamb of God**, is
Himself subsequently
slain for our sins



The blood of the lamb
smeared on the doorposts

More Angels in the OT

- Assisted and brought messages to **Moses**
- Instructed **Joshua** in his leadership of the people entering the Promised Land
- Announced the birth of **Samson**, one of the great Judges of Israel's history
- Both Archangels **Michael** and **Gabriel** appeared to **Daniel** and friends

2 Kings: Narrative History & Prophecy

- Author: Perhaps Jeremiah c. 560 B.C
- Purpose: Demonstrate value of those who obey God, and fate of those who don't obey and make Him ultimate ruler
- Concerning: Affairs of the divided kingdoms
Israel, the Northern
Judah, the Southern
Far from the Lord, lost in confusion of sins
- But what of **Angels?**

2 Kings 19:35



*And it came to pass that
night, that the **angel**
of the **LORD** went
out, and smote in the
camp of the Assyrians
an hundred fourscore
and five thousand
(185,000)*

*David and
the Psalmists
Sing of the Angels*

Psalms Selections

Psalm 18:10 *And he rode upon a cherub and did fly: yea, upon the wings of the wind*

Ps 34:7 *The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them*

Ps 35:1 *Plead my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me*

5 *Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the Lord chase them*

The Song of Angels *the Sanctus or Three Holies*

- Ancient hymn at least from the time of Isaiah, perhaps 800 years before Christ
- Sung by the Cherubim who inhabit the throne room of:

YHWH

- First **Isaiah**, later **Apostle John** were granted visions of this throne room
- Heard **Michael's legions, the Angels**, singing the endless hymn (again, stay tuned)

Summation: Michael in the O.T.

- Despite the rabbinical prohibition against appealing to Angels as intermediaries between God and his people ...
... the idea that Michael was the advocate of the Jews became prevalent and soon occupied a certain place in the Jewish liturgy

Testament of Jesus Christ

Centers of Our Faith

Christianity, of course, is centered on the New Testament and the heart of the NT is the Gospels

So no surprise that Angels are central characters in the Gospels - not only as bookends at the Annunciation and Ascension - but as intertwining threads throughout

The Annunciation – Luke 1:30-31



- *30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.*
- *31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus.*

The Nativity

LUKE 2:1-20

MATTHEW 1:18-25



*Angels we have
heard on high ...*

*Hark, the herald
angels sing ...*

A Warning

- MT 2:13 *And when they were departed, behold, **the angel of the Lord** appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.*

A Parable

- LK 16:19 *There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:*
- 20 *And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,*
- 22 *And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried....*

Sound Advice

- MAT 18:2 *And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them*
- 10 *Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones, for I say unto you, That in heaven **their angels** do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven*

A Teachable Moment

- LK 20: Jesus is challenged by the Sadducees; He replies three-fold:

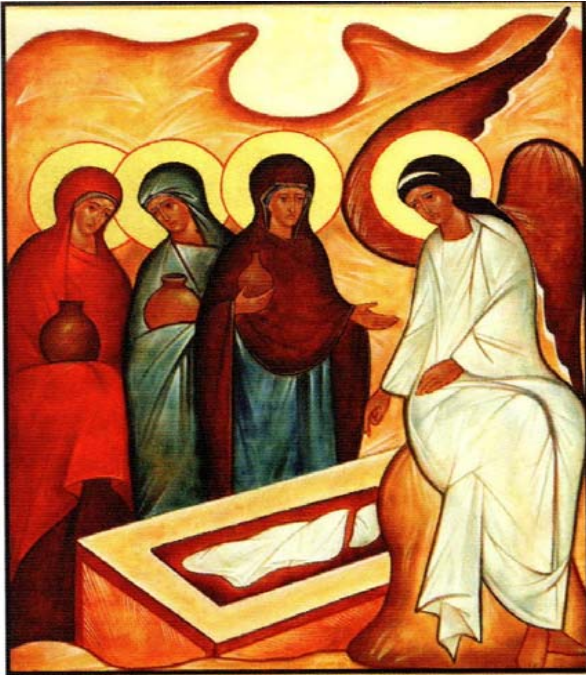
1st point *It is not only the condition of those who are raised, and the certainty of the resurrection; it is an age,*

*... which a **certain class only**, who are accounted worthy of it, shall obtain a separate resurrection of the just.*

Luke cont...

- 2nd** *Neither can they die any more:
for they are **equal** unto the angels;
and are the children of God,
being the children of the resurrection.*
- 3rd** *While waiting for this resurrection,
their souls survive death,
all live unto God, although
they may be hidden from the eyes of men.*

The Resurrection – Luke 24:5



Myrrhbearing Women at The Tomb

New Skete Holy Wisdom Temple
Cambridge, New York

www.newskete.org



When Mary and her friends went to the tomb before dawn, they found the stone removed.

Suddenly, an angel spoke to them, saying,

“Why look among the dead for one who dwells in eternal light? ...

Go, now, and tell the world the Lord has risen ... for he is the Son of God and savior of humankind.”

The Ascension

- Proving his willingness to act on our behalf,
The Word/Jesus came to our humanity
through his own Incarnation, his sinless
life, passion, death, Resurrection
- Christ **ascended** into heaven - witnessed
by hundreds and **heralded by Angels** -
as he carried with him our humanity
- Mankind will once again be part of
the hosts of heaven, the Angels,
praying in the very presence of God

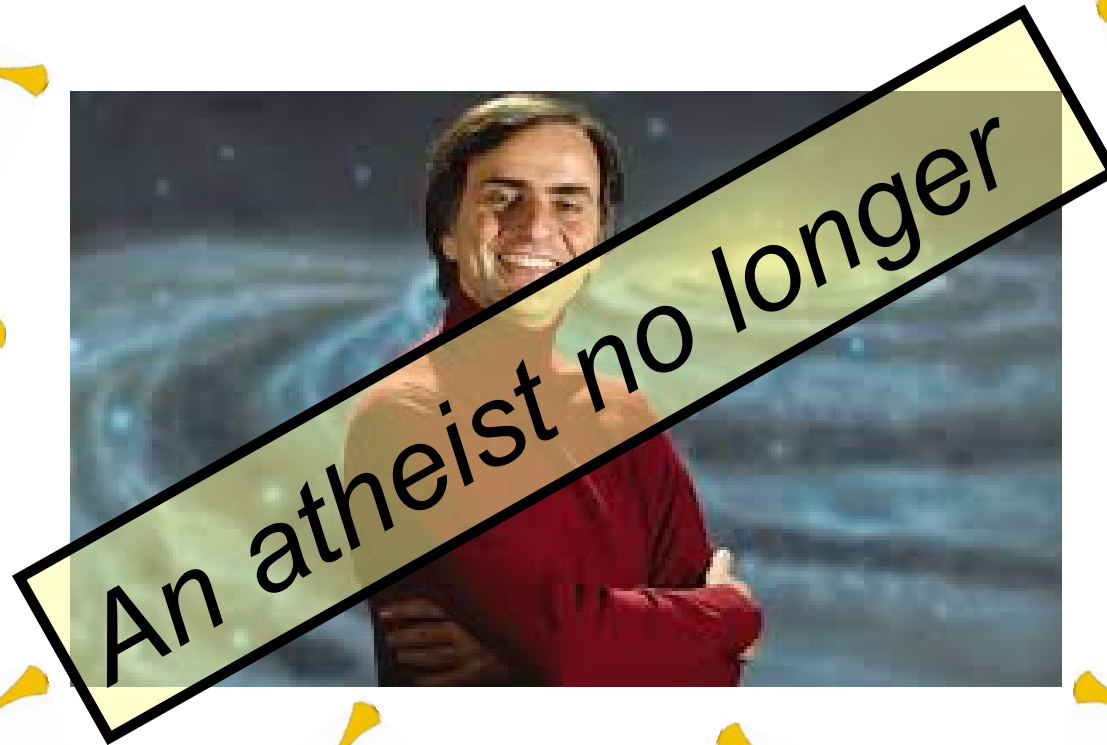
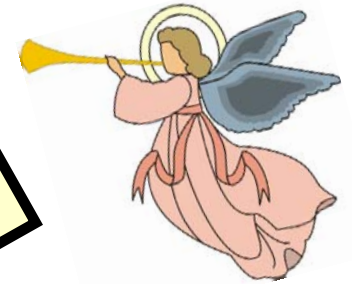
The Revelation of Jesus Christ

- Archangel Michael leads God's armies of Angels against Satan's forces
- During the war in heaven he defeats Satan

Rev 5-12 *And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ...*

*ten thousand times ten thousand,
and thousands of thousands;*

...and billions and billions



Revelation 12: The War in Heaven

- Rev 12:1 *And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve[☆] stars.*

* A perfect number, symbolizes God's power & authority:
e.g. **12 Tribes, 12 Days of Christmas, 12 Apostles ...**

2 *And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.*

Rev. 12 continues ...

3 *And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads*

5 *And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.*



Rev 12 cont.

- 7 *And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought, and his angels,*
- 9 *And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world:*
- ...he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*
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Revelation 19: Describes ...

The Marriage of The Lamb

8 *It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.*

9 *Then the angel said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'"*

And he said to me,

"These are true words of God."

Rev 19 cont.

10 *Then I fell at his feet to worship him.*

But he said to me, “Do not do that;

*“I am a fellow servant of yours
and your brethren who hold the
testimony of Jesus;*

... (to) worship God.

*For the testimony of Jesus is the
spirit of prophecy.”*

Revelation 21: Furthers the Vision

10 *And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,*

12 *And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:*

Rev 21 ...

13 *On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.*

14 *And the wall of the city (ed.: the New Jerusalem) had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.*

And this is the Word of God

The Coming of Christ, MT 13

41 *The son of man shall send forth
his angels, and they shall gather
out of his kingdom all things that
offend, and them which do iniquity...*

43 *Then shall the righteous shine forth
as the sun in the kingdom of their
Father.*

Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

MT 13:

44 *The kingdom of heaven is like unto
treasure hid in a field*

45 *... is like unto a merchant man*

47 *... is like unto a net*

49 *So shall it be at the end of the world:
the angels shall come forth*

50 *And shall cast them into the furnace of fire:
there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.*

The Last Judgment

- Archangel Gabriel will blow a sacred horn to wake the dead at the Last Judgment:

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first.

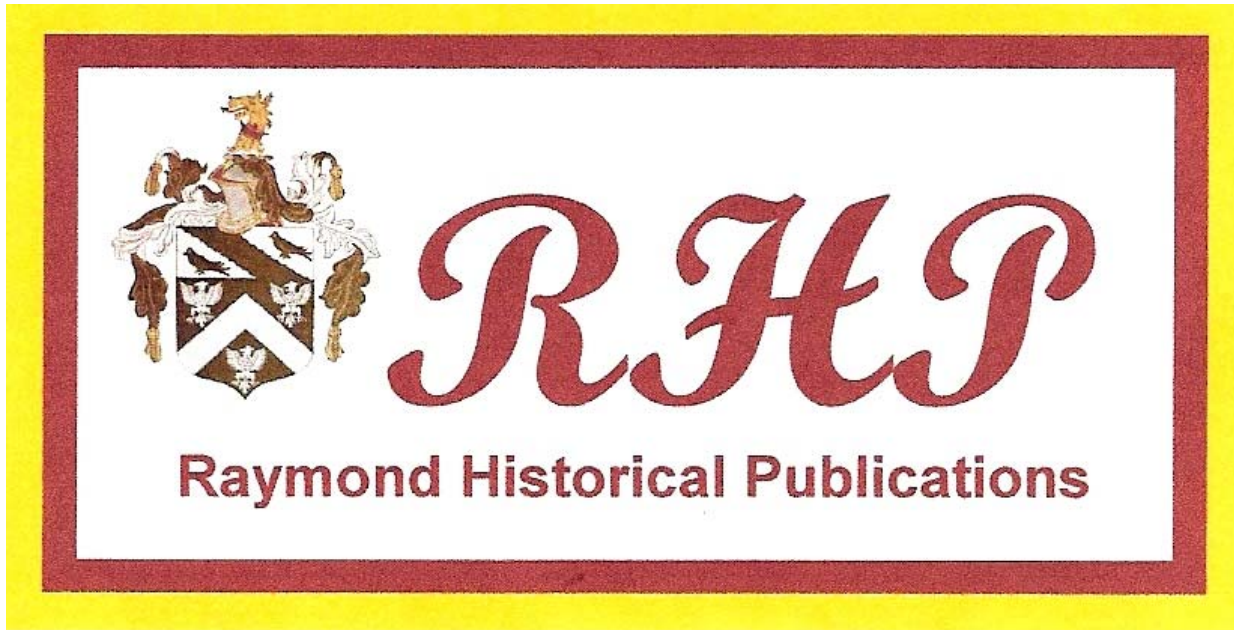
1 Thessalonians 4:16

Next Time

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Upcoming Feast Days, 2015-2016

- **Michaelmas** (Sep 29):
Observed Sunday September 27
- **Guardian Angels** (Oct 2):
Observed Sunday October 11
- **Archangel St. Raphael** (Oct 24):
Observed Sunday October 25
- **Archangel St. Gabriel** (Mar 24):
Observed: 2016, TBD



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