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Saint Michael the Archangel and All Angels

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on the Christian Church in America

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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

Part I, Sunday September 20, 2015

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Teachings and Traditions

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

The Archangels, *Anno Domini*

✚ **4th century:** Christian sanctuaries appeared for Michael, first seen as a healing Angel, then as a protector

Then soon as a leader of the Army of God against the forces of evil

✚ **5th century:** Dionysius' Hierarchy, from Saint Paul's **Ephesians, Colossians** (next slide)

✚ **6th century:** Devotions to St. Michael became widespread in Eastern & Western Churches

From Part I: 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**

Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

✚ **Latter part 1st millennium:** Teachings on Archangels began to vary among Christian traditions. One result:

X **7th century:** New edicts - heretical - were conveyed to Arabia, supposedly by Raphael

✚ **13th century:** Aquinas' Hierarchy

✚ **The Renaissance:** Art & architecture; Literature, e.g. Milton's *Paradise Lost*

Angel Art & Sculpture



Cathedral stained glass



**Seven Angels,
the Last Judgment**



Cherubs at a fountain



St Michael guarding a tomb

Missions to the New World

Spanish Missions in the New World: Church Ministries, Church Buildings

La Florida, c.1590-1704, several dozen sites

Jesuits & Dominicans martyred / **Franciscans**

✠ At least 2 missions honored Angels & Archangels

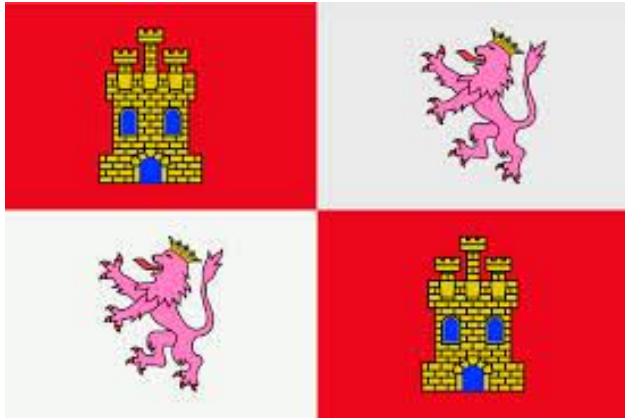
✠ ***Santa Maria de Los Angeles de Arapaha***
north of Live Oak near GA border

✠ ***San Miguel de Asile***
near St. Marks on the Gulf Bend

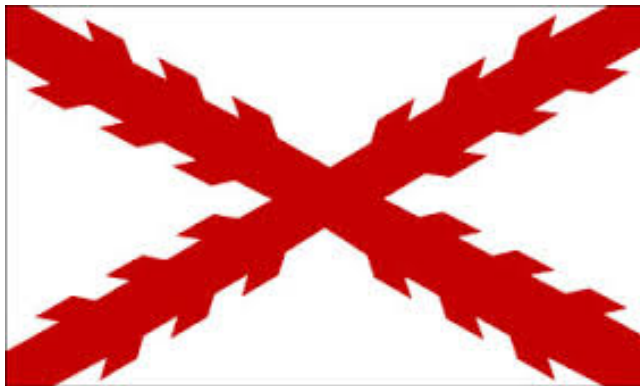
✠ All destroyed by the English, none survive today
Recreated in Tallahassee museum

✠ Remnants here from local ***Mission Santa Maria***
at Amelia Island Museum of History

Spanish Flags in *La Florida* 1500s-1700s



Monarchy, Castile-Leon



Burgundy Saltire

Cross of St. Andrew, Martyr

- Conquistadors' Flag:
 - ❑ Columbus, 1492
 - ❑ Caribbean, Mexico
 - ❑ **FL: Ponce de Leon, 1513**
 - ❑ **FL: Menendez, 1565**
- Spanish Overseas Territories:
 - ❑ Outposts and Missions
 - ❑ **Amelia Island, c. 1590**
 - **Mission Santa Maria**
 - **Mission Santa Catalina**

Alta California's *El Camino Real*

- ✠ *Los Angeles*: “The City of Angels”
- ✠ Dozens of missions, Baja Mexico to Northern California
- ✠ **c.1770 to 1830** as converting and educating yet enslaving Rancheros
- ✠ Some parishes still active today
- ✠ Three named for Archangels ...

Mission San Gabriel Archangel - 1771

Los Angeles Basin



Feast Day: March 24



C. 1900



Mission San Miguel Archangel - 1797

Southern Salinas Valley



Feast Day: September 29

Mission San Raphael Archangel - 1817

Just north of San Francisco



Feast Day: October 25

“Angels” in Modern Culture

Angel Ideas and Ideals

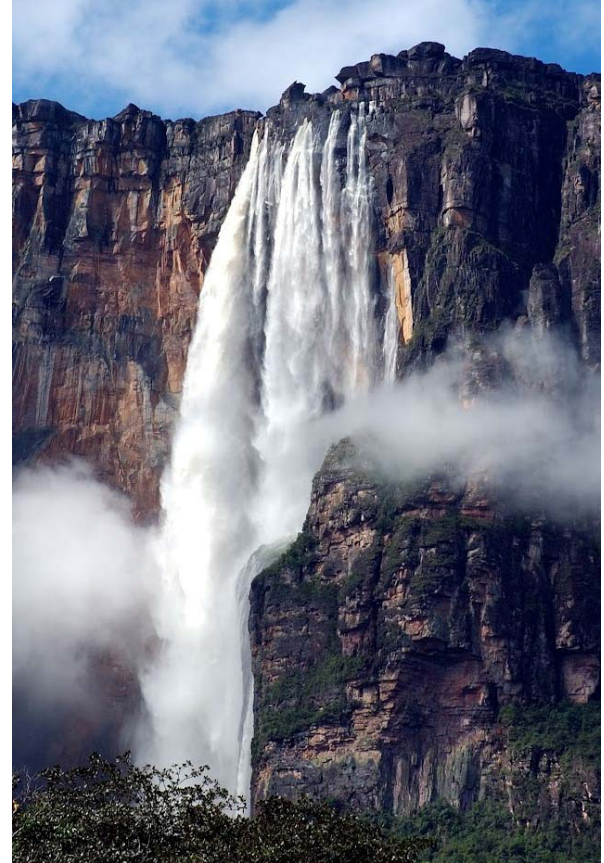
- God gave us the Angels and Archangels
- Also an abundance of ways to remember and reflect upon them:
Common names, place names,
whimsical, entertaining,
scholarly, critical, vital

Angel Places

Bridge of Angels, Rome



Angel's Landing, Zion NP



Angel Falls,
Venezuela

Modern Culture

San Angelo, TX

■ US towns (other than LA): *Angels' Camp, CA*

■ In the home: *Angel City, FL*

□ Food

□ Novelties

■ Literature / Entertainment:

□ Books, stage, TV,
movies, music

□ Sports



Angel Humor

- An angel walks into a bar
- St. Peter and Pearly Gates quips

■ Larson -
The Far Side



Serious Work, Loving Folks

Visiting Angels

Angel Watch

Angel Flight

Mercy Medical Angels

1877 Fernandina, Yellow Fever



North 4th Street

Sisters of St. Joseph:
Young French nuns
risked lives nursing
sick, burying dead.

Grateful locals
called them

Angels of Mercy

Mother Celenic and
Sister de Sales died.
At rest, Bosque Bello

More Angels in America

US Navy flight ops helicopters



More Angels in America

US Navy flight ops helicopters

The Blue Angels



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US Navy flight ops helicopters

The Blue Angels

"Angels aloft!"



More Angels in America

US Navy flight ops helicopters

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Dialog with Angels through Prayer

THE PRAYER OF SAINT MICHAEL



*“St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.*

*Be our defense against the
wickedness and snares of
the Devil. May God rebuke
him, we humbly pray, and
do thou, O Prince of the
heavenly hosts,*

*by the power of God, thrust
into hell Satan, and all the
evil spirits, who prowl
about the world seeking the
ruin of souls. Amen.”*

To sing the hymn is to twice pray the prayer

The Hymnal (1940), from the section on
St. Michael and All Angels

❖ Hymn 123 (first lines)

*1 Christ, the fair glory of the **holy angels**...*

*2 Send thine **archangel Michael** to our succour...*

*3 Send thine archangel **Gabriel**, the mighty...*

*4 Send from the heavens **Raphael** thine archangel...*

Saint Gabriel



*O Blessed Archangel Gabriel,
we beseech thee, do thou
intercede for us at the throne
of divine Mercy in our
present necessities ...*

*... so through thy prayers
and patronage in heaven we
may obtain the benefits of
the same, and sing the praise
of God forever in the land of
the living. Amen.*

The Sanctus today: *Is 6:3; Rev 4:8*

*“Therefore with angels and arch-
angels, and with all the company of
heaven, we laud and magnify thy
glorious Name; evermore praising
thee and saying,*

**“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.”**

Acknowledging Angels

Our knowledge of the Angels ...

- Helps us maintain a proper sense of **humility**
- In extending our minds around our **inter-dependence** with the Angels, we are only humbled in **our own assessment** of them
- The Book of Hebrews:
Our **eternal state is wrapped up** with that of the Angels; our **eternal destiny** will be lived out **with the Angels**

As the Preacher of Ecclesiastes said ...

God has put eternity into our minds

- So that we may merely contemplate the magnitude of **all the worlds of God**
- Because **God's creation** is incomprehensibly greater than this world, yesterday, today, always
- Far beyond our tools, our telescopes, microscopes, our physics, mathematics; infinitely beyond terms like ...

“God particle”

Large Hadron Collider - LHC at CERN

2012

Detected the
long-anticipated
Higgs boson.

Explains how matter
gains mass.

“Standard Model”:
4 forces/17 particles

An ant would explain the physics sooner than we God

Yet Angels ...

- Assist us daily, help us **become the worshippers** we were created to be
- Furthermore, Jesus acknowledged that we have **Guardian Angels**

Peter's guardian Angel was so well known that at least on one occasion Peter himself was actually mistaken for his own Angel!

How so?

Acts 12

- 13 *And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda.*
- 14 *And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate.*
- 15 *And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then they said, It is his angel.*

Your Guardian Angel

- Feast Day - **Sunday October 11**
- Remember him (her/it) as he watches over you with your every waking moment and sleeping heartbeat
- Listen to his subtle voice, nod to his gentle nudges, embrace his firm and Godly advice
- Because Jesus Christ and Saint Michael, respectively “Master” and “Commander” of our very own Angel ...
... appreciate it when we acknowledge their ambassador, their foot soldier assigned to each of us, in this our heavenly battle on Earth

Guardian Archangel



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**HE SHALL
GIVE HIS ANGELS
CHARGE OVER
THEE TO KEEP
THEE IN ALL
THY WAYS**

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Ps 91:11

In the end

- Our expectation for the fulfillment of God's Word requires that we ...
... look for and long for the assistance of the Angels,
especially from Saint Michael
and the Angelic Army of God

Parting Thoughts

Bumper Stickers

- ❖ How many angels can dance on the head of a pin?
- ❖ Every time a bell rings an angel gets its wings.
- ❖ Whenever a butterfly hovers or a feather floats by, a lost one's angel is there by your side.
- ❖ Angels fly because they take themselves lightly.

The Last Word

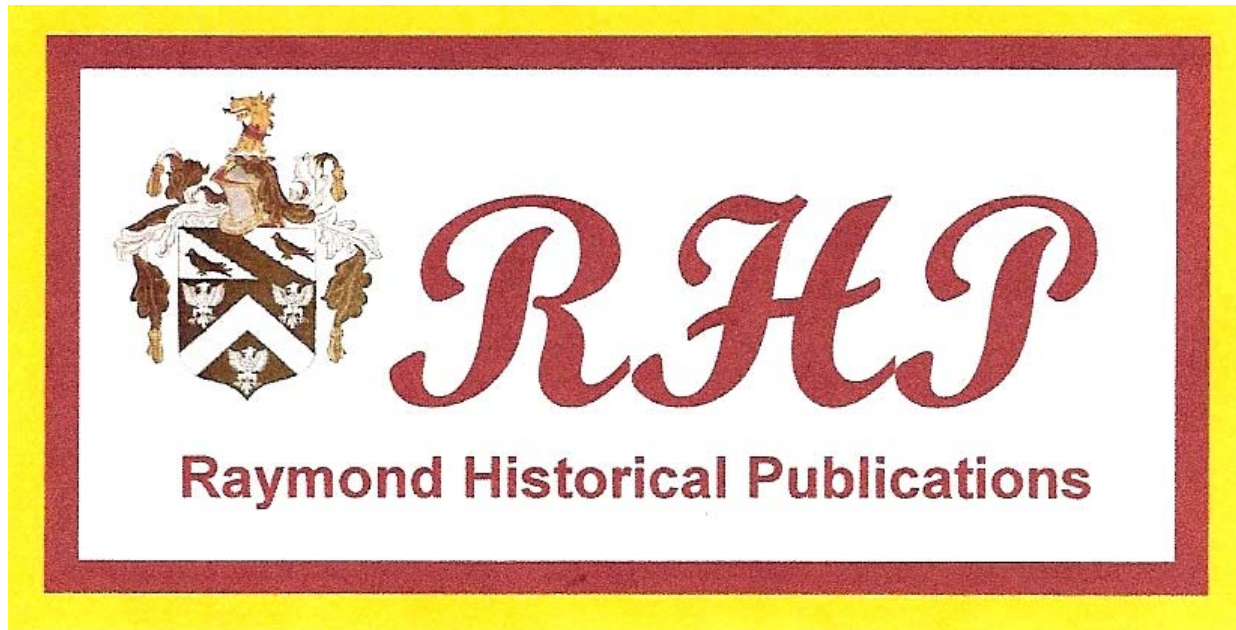
What causes the Angels to rejoice?

*Likewise, I say unto you,
there is joy in the presence of
the angels of God over one
sinner that repenteth.*

LK 15:10

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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