

November 8th

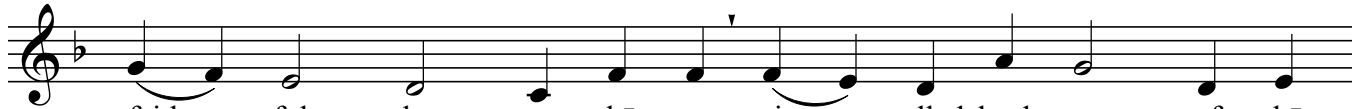
## The Synaxis of the Archangels: For Michael

### Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone 1  
Special Melody: *Thou art the joy*



1) O Chief Com - mand - er, great Mi - chael, we praise thee  
2) To - day the Chief of the rank of the God - like  
3) Un - der the shel - ter of thy god - ly wings, we



faith - ful - ly as thē un - ri - valled lead - er of thē  
*Hosts on high doth call the choirs of mor - tals to be*  
flee for help, thou God - like mind, O Mi - chael, hav - ing



or - ders of Heav - en, and the might - y guard - i - an, pro -  
*joined with thē An - gels, in keep - ing one di - vine and mag -*  
faith in thy good - ness: Shel - ter and pre - serve us through -



- tec - tor, and help that doth res - cue us men on earth;  
*- nif - i - cent feast of the gath - er - ing of them all,*  
- out all our life, and draw nigh in the hour of death;



where - fore we earn - est - ly pray thee: De - liv - er us  
*and to sing prais - es in com - mon to God Most High,*  
O great Arch - an - gel, be pres - ent with each of us,



from de - struc - tive pain and suf - fer - ing.  
*with thē awe - some and thrice - ho - ly hymn.*  
as a gra - cious help in time of need.