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 Commander, great Michael, we praise thee faithfully as the unrivalled leader of the orders of Heaven, and the mighty guardian, protector, and help that doth rescue us men on earth; wherefore we earnestly pray thee: Deliver us from destructive pain and suffering.

2) Today the Chief of the rank of the God-like Hosts on high doth call the choirs of mortals to be joined with the Angels, in keeping one divine and magnificent feast of the gathering of them all,
and to sing praises in common to God Most High,

with the awesome and thrice-holy hymn.

3) Under the shelter of thy godly wings, we flee for help, thou God-like mind, O Michael, having faith in thy goodness: Shelter and preserve us throughout all our life, and draw nigh in the hour of death;

O great Archangel, be present with each of us, as a gracious help in time of need.

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