

*November 8th*

## The Synaxis of the Archangels: For Michael Stichera at the Praises

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

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1) O Chief Com - mand - er, great Mi - chael, we praise thee  
faith - ful - ly as the un - ri - valled lead - er of the  
or - ders of Heav - en, and the might - y guard - ian, pro -  
- tec - tor, and help that doth res - cue us men on earth;  
where - fore we earn - est - ly pray — thee: De - liv - er us  
from de - struc - tive pain and suf - fer - ing.

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2) To - day the Chief of the rank of the God - like  
Hosts on high doth call the choirs of mor - tals to be  
joined with the An - gels, in keep - ing one di - vine and mag -  
- nif - i - cent feast of the gath - er - ing of them all,

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and to sing prais - es in com - mon to God Most High,  
with thē awe - some and thrice - ho - ly hymn.

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3) Un - der the shel - ter of thy god - ly wings, we  
flee for help, thou God - like mind, O Mi - chael, hav - ing  
faith in thy good - ness: Shel - ter and pre - serve us through -  
- out all our life, and draw nigh in thē hour of death;  
O great Arch - an - gel, be pres - ent with each of us,  
as a gra - cious help in time of need.