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SUNDAY SCHOOL



Fun Facts about the Angels

1. Angels have two roles: the first is in Heaven to glorify God, and the second on earth to carry out God's orders concerning men.
2. The word "angel" itself means herald or messenger.
3. There are nine ranks of angels. Thrones, dominions, principalities, seraphim's, cherubim's, powers, sovereignties, archangels, and angels.
4. The names of Archangels? Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Salathiel, Barachiel, Jeremiel, Jegudiel.
5. Angels are different than us because they are bodiless and invisible. They don't need to eat or drink, nor do they need clothes or shelter. They don't get married and they have no worries about the future, or fear of death. God created them good and holy.
6. Angels are like us because they have names and personalities. They are individuals with intelligence, emotions, free will and the capacity to act.
7. In the Bible and Holy Tradition, angels have done many marvelous things! Archangel Michael guarded Paradise, an angel of the Lord appeared to Moses in a flame of fire, Three Angels appeared to Abraham giving us an image of the Holy Trinity, an Angel saved the three youths in Babylon from death in the midst of the burning fiery furnace, Archangel Gabriel nourished Panagia as a child living in the Holy of Holies and later brought to her the news of Christ's incarnation, Archangel Gabriel appeared to Zacharias (the father of St. John the Baptist) to announce the coming of his son, an angel appeared at Christ's tomb to announce His Resurrection, an angel of the Lord opened the jail cells of the Apostles, the angels will create a throne for our Lord Jesus Christ at His second coming.
8. Our Orthodox Church has dedicated Monday to the holy angels. Therefore, every Monday in the church services we are reminded of the holy angels with praise and prayer: We say "Holy Archangels and Angels, pray to God for us."
9. Everyone Orthodox Christian receives a guardian angel at the time of Baptism and asks for its intercession before God with the following prayer,

Hierarchy of the Angels

First Hierarchy

- Seraphim
- Cherubim
- Thrones

Second Hierarchy

- Powers
- Dominions
- Principalities

Third Hierarchy

- Virtues
- Archangels
- Angels



Prayer to our Guardian Angel

"O Holy Angel of God, guardian and protector of my soul and body, forgive me every transgression which I have committed this day. Deliver me from all evil influences and temptations, so that I may not anger my God by any sin. Pray for me that the Lord may make me worthy of His grace and to become partaker of His eternal Kingdom with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all the Saints. Amen."



Angel Word Quiz & Scramble

1. What does the word "Angel" mean? _____
S E G M E R N S E

2. How many ranks of angels are there? _____
I N E N

3. Which day of the week do we dedicate to the angels? _____
N Y O M D A

4. Which angel has six wings? _____
R S E H A P M I

5. When do Orthodox Christians receive a guardian angel? _____
T S P A B M I

6. Can you say their names? Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Salathiel,
Barachiel, Jeremiel, Jegudiel

7. When do we celebrate the Feast or Synaxis of the Archangels? _____
M O V E N B R E

8. Write an example of something an angel did or said: _____

