

Hook

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- The servant starts the class by giving heads up to the kids that she/he has a guest that is in her/his house who will be attending the class with them. (for the guest character the servant can chose from the following:
 - Another servant to play the role
 - A doll
 - sock puppet
 - Create your own guest (see pictures below arranged from basic/easy to fancier/more creative)



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- Servant: Good morning everyone, I am so happy to see you all today. Listen *(with a lower voice pretending to whisper)*, I have a guest in my house, a friend of mine, her name is *Grace*. She came to my house last night after the power in her house went off and she was so scared to stay by herself. I will ask her to join our class today and may be we can make her feel better. What do you think?
- Kids: ok, yes, bring her in...
- Servant: Grace, come join us. Sunday school class is starting.
- Grace: Oh! thank you for inviting me. I really appreciate it.
- Servant: How do you feel this morning? I hope better than yesterday.
- Grace: Oh ya! Much better! Thank you so much for having me. I was so scared because I was by myself.
- Servant: Good! my friends and I will try to make you feel even better. Can someone tell Grace something that would help her not be so scared like this again?
- Kids: make the cross sign, pray, say a psalm.....
- Servant: Boys and Girls, I am so proud of you. I think that you've given Grace great ideas on how to protect herself from fear. Grace, I also have something to tell you. But first you have to tell us, why were you so scared?
- Grace: Because I was by myself ☹
- Servant: Yes, you should be scared of course if you were by yourself but the truth is that you were not!
- Grace (screaming hysterically): What????!!!! What do you mean? Did a robber break into my house? Oh No! He could have killed me! (Crying...eheeeheheee)
- Servant (trying to calm her down): No Grace no! that's not what I meant Grace!
- Grace (more hysteric): What did you mean then? A ghost! You think there is a ghost in my house! That's it I am moving out of this house I will never go back again! (crying ehheeee – blowing her nose hard). I used to love this house ...eheeeheee
- Servant: Grace! Can you please calm down and listen to me? There are no ghosts in your house!
- Grace (screaming): But you said I was not alone!!!!
- Servant: Yes Grace! I meant you had your guardian angel with you!

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- Grace: My who?! (blowing her nose hard again)
- Servant: Your guardian Angel!
- Grace: No, I don't have one, I didn't buy one! May be I should buy one, where do I get it from?
- Servant: No Grace! You can't buy one. It is not something that you can buy!
- Grace: Then how did I get one?
- Servant: God assigned one for you
- Grace: Really! Just for me?
- Servant: Yes Grace just for you. He is always with you and looks after you and protects you.
- Grace: You too have one?
- Servant: Yes everyone of us have a guardian Angel and he is their at our service and willing to be our friend
- Grace: Oh! WOW! I shouldn't have been so afraid after all! I could have prayed to God and to my guardian Angel. But I thought Angels only live with God. They have nothing to do with humans.
- Servant: No Grace, there are several types of Angels and every type has a certain job. They even look different and they have different ranks.
- Grace: Haha! You make it sound like they go to work everyday! Hahaha
- Servant: Actually they work all the time, they don't have day and night like us. Remember they are souls of light that are holy and powerful. They are part of the heavenly hosts serving God and the creation. There are angels, archangels, thrones, dominions, powers, principals, cherubim and seraphim.

Angels

"The Angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them" (Ps 34:7)



The Cherubim & The Seraphim

- Highest rank of Angels
- Both seen in the tabernacle

Can you tell the difference?

Cherubim means full of knowledge & wisdom
Aka Full of eyes
Satan was one of them



Seraphim means those who brightly lit in fire
Highest rank
Dedicated to praise the Lord



Archangels:

Michael

Gabriel

Raphael

Suriel

Sedakiel

Sarathiel

Ananiel

The Bible mentions angels in different roles in the Old and New Testaments.

Can you think of an example of the following?

Messengers

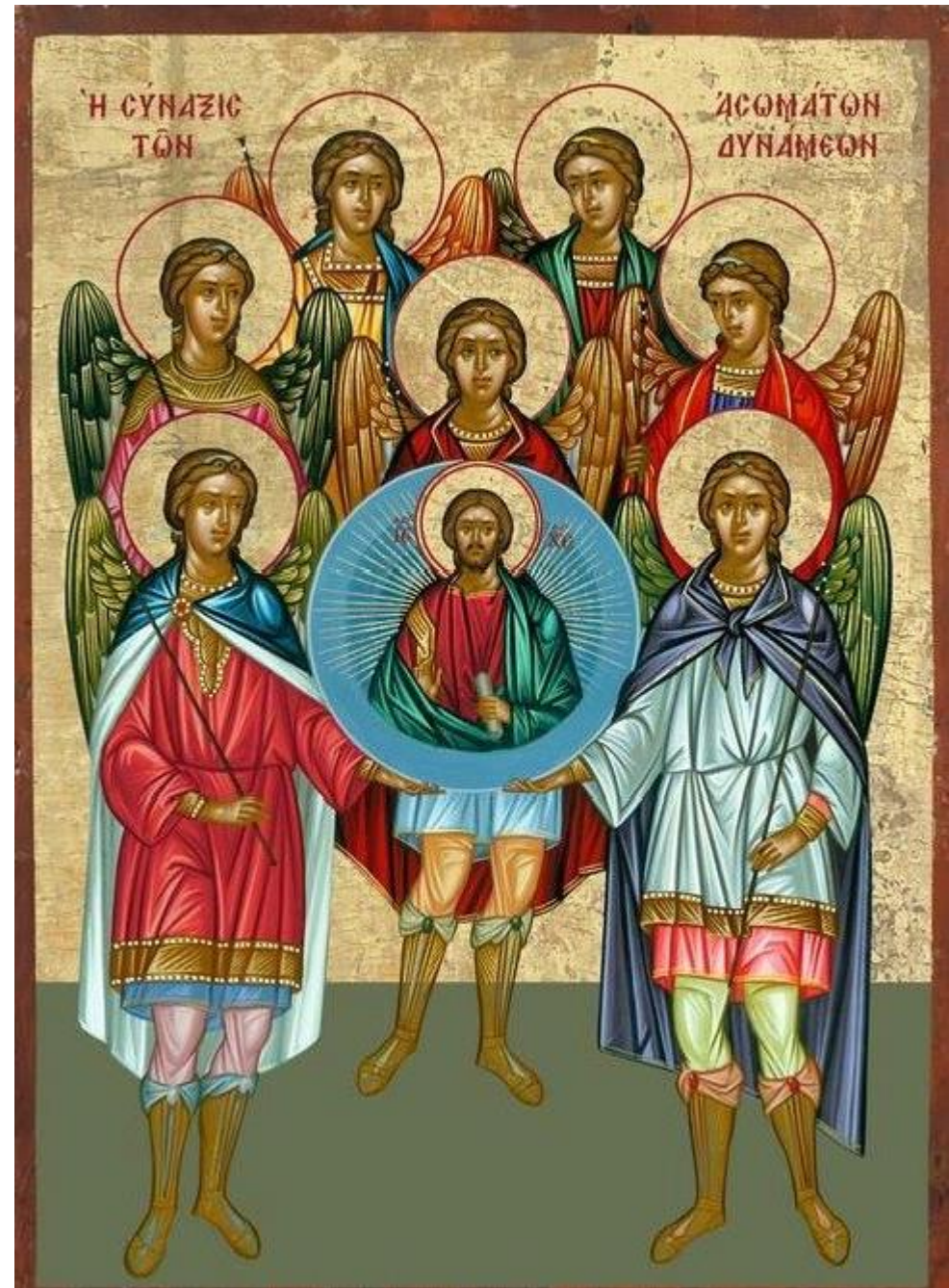
Visitors

Ministers before God

Praising God

Ministers for our sakes

In the Altar



Archangel Michael

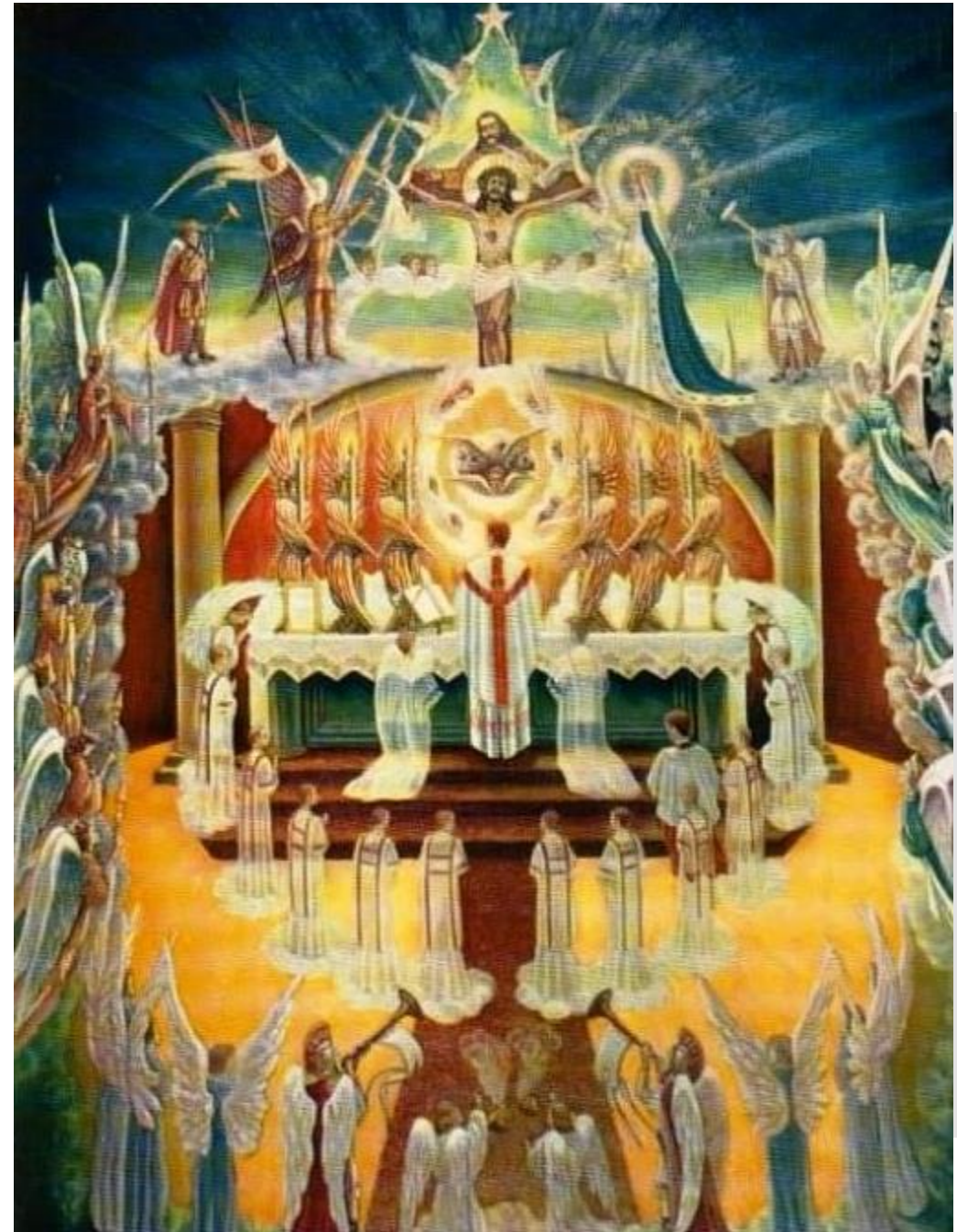
Mi-cha-el = who is like God

- *He is the first among the Archangels.*
- *He is the angel of resurrection who rolled the stone away from the door of the tomb.*
- *He fought in the book of Revelation against the dragon and prevail.*
- *Celebrated in the Coptic church on the 12th day of every Coptic month.*
- *He is known by many miracles.*
- *Intercessor of many and many name their children after him.*



Angels are in the Liturgy

- *They participate with us in praises and carry our requests before God.*
- *There is a special **Angel of the Sacrifice** and we send him back as Abouna prays at the end of the Liturgy after the completion of the Holy Mysteries saying, "**O Angel of this Sacrifice remember us before the Lord**" and Abouna throws the water.*



Life Application

"The Angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them" (Ps 34:7)



We want to be like angels, always praising God

We need to listen to God's commandments so we don't fall like Satan

We want to ask for angels help because they are very close to the Lord

We need to show respect during liturgy and appreciate the opportunity of being there like the Holy angels