

Appalling Sadness of Many Angels

My beloved, how important and necessary would it be today, to venerate the Angels – to include them in our everyday life – whether you are Pope or a street sweeper or a tramp. All have a personal Guardian Angel. He is standing by you continuously, whether you are behaving or sinning. What would you say if at a great gathering of people you could also see their Guardian Angels? An appalling sadness will be seen with many Angels. Though they do not weep as we humans do, they show themselves to us “earthlings” in this way. When GOD sometimes opens my eyes to see the state of the soul of men, my beloved, there are so many people in whose bodies mere shreds of flesh are wanting exposing the skeletons rather than the bodies – dead eyes – holes instead of eyes – just shocking! Therefore, venerate your Guardian Angel, talk to him, give him pleasure! He will assist you in all dangers and temptations so that you will emerge strengthened from it. Amen!

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**Be blessed by GOD TRINITY,
the + FATHER and the + SON
and the + HOLY GHOST. Amen!**

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Sermon of the *Sword-Bishop*

The Holy Angels Faithful Servants of GOD

My beloved, be warmly greeted on the feast of all holy Angels! According to the teaching of the Church, the holy Angels are represented in nine choirs. You must, however, not forget that Heaven always reveals itself to the limited understanding of man. While I was once pondering about it, the SAVIOUR said to me: „I have made a religion for you human beings. A religion you can grasp with your human thinking.“ – If man could see Heaven as it is, he would be smashed to smithereens! Or if he is good-hearted, he would not be able to live on earth any longer out of ardent desire and love of GOD. However, if he were in death-bringing sin and saw Heaven, he would instantly plunge into eternal damnation, so appalling would Heaven be to him.

The Nine Choirs of the Angels

In the first choir are the Seraphim.

They have six wings and glow with fire of ecstatic love of GOD causing them to sing incessantly “Holy, holy, holy!” Although they possess the highest knowledge, the peculiarity of them is, however, their loving.

The Cherubim in the second choir

have the ability to see and to recognize GOD and to pass on their wisdom. So they are the dispensers of knowledge. Whereas the Seraphim are the “many-winged”, the Cherubim are the “many-eyed” due to their immediate vision of GOD, the first principle of all knowledge.

Of the third choir, the Thrones,

we know nothing from Sacred Scripture but the Hebraic name “Ophanim”. One might think of the reflection of GOD’s justice, expressed in the image of the majestic throne. Thus they bring GOD’s justice to men.

The fourth choir, the Dominions,

regulate the duties of the classes of Angels below them, which does not mean that they belong to the actual Angels of service, but take over GOD's plans in independent leadership like a master builder does the plans of the architect without lending a hand themselves.

The Virtues of the fifth choir

take care of carrying out the plans of Providence. The movement of celestial bodies and the mediation of energy to the elements could be entrusted to them. Those Angels, who are set over the mere physical things, seem to be part of them. Through their ministries also miracles happen and they give gracefulness and fearlessness.

In the sixth choir are the Powers.

They are full of dynamic energy and take care that the plans of divine Providence are executed without restraint. Through their unshakable bravery in everything they perform, they point to GOD, the source of all power. Dionysius thinks that it is due to their resistance that the demons have not started ruling the world long ago.

The Principalities in the seventh choir

take the peoples and large cities on earth under their wings. They bring about the birth of political kingdoms and the transition from one realm to another. Through their leadership powers they set an example for the government actions according to the highest principles and they instruct the sovereigns about the right government.

In the eighth choir are the Archangels.

They are the messengers who pass on the divine resolutions. Thus they are looked on as the most important mediators between GOD and those people who are responsible for the good of many.

We find our Guardian Angels in the ninth choir.

They are closest to men and pass on enlightenment and wisdom to every single person, be he high or low. Together with the Archangels, they are also guardians over all physical things.

Excerpt from Dionysius the Pseudo-Areopagite

Invocation of the Angels in the Ordination of a Priest

In the liturgy of the ordination, we have added a litany to the holy Angles. Being a good teaching about the holy Angles, I want to remind you of it:

„Holy Guardian Angel of this elected one, I am pleased for You because of this election. Please, protect him for evermore and lead him to priestly holiness!
St Michael the Archangel, always lead and defend him victoriously against Leviathan, the evil spirit of pride!

St Gabriel the Archangel, always lead and defend him victoriously against Mammon, the evil spirit of avarice and profit-seeking!

St Raphael the Archangel, always lead and defend him victoriously against Asmodeus, the evil spirit of unchastity and immorality!

St Uriel the Archangel, always lead and defend him victoriously against Balberit, the evil spirit of wrath and impatience!

St Yehudiel the Archangel, always lead and defend him victoriously against Beelzebub, the evil spirit of envy and jealousy!

St Sealtiel the Archangel, always lead and defend him victoriously against Belfegor, the evil spirit of drunkenness and gluttony!

St Baraquel the Archangel, always lead and defend him victoriously against Asterot, the evil spirit of sloth and religious indifference!

All holy Seraphim, teach him the adoration of GOD out of pure love!

All holy Cherubim, teach him the readiness to fight against all temptations!

All holy Thrones, teach him the virtue of constant self-sacrifice!

All holy Dominions, assist him in all his priestly teachings!

All holy Powers, give him the power over the souls and against the evil spirits!

All holy Principalities, teach him the intercessory as well as the expiatory prayer!

All holy Virtues, teach him and make him zealous to distribute the treasure of grace most abundantly and at all times to Church and people!

All holy Archangels, teach him to be a watchful guard against all machinations of Satan and to become a zealous defender for the good!

All holy Guardian Angels, teach him to become a good protector of the souls entrusted to him!

And You, holy Angel of GOD, who have been appointed Angel of the priest of this elected one, I pray you: always accompany him in future and replace and perfect all his priestly efforts so that they may be agreeable to GOD!“

In one of my first Holy Sacrifices of the Mass, as I forgot to bless the water and the wine, which made me feel helpless and uneasy at that moment, the SAVIOUR reassured me: „Your Angel of a priest has already blessed it!“ In this way the Angel of a priest assists the priest. Of course, I was much obliged.
