The Archangel Gabriel and Prayer

The Archangel Gabriel is a very special angel in the Holy Bible. The name “Gabriel” means, “God is my warrior.” It was this very special archangel who said, “I am Gabriel who stands in the presence of God Himself; and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this Good News.” (Luke 1:19)

This was the heavenly announcement of the birth of the baby Lord Jesus to the virgin St Mary in Nazareth. Also it was the Archangel Gabriel who earlier came to announce to the aged Zechariah while he was burning incense in the Temple at Jerusalem that he would have a son, St John the Baptist.

Archangel Gabriel is a very special angel because he is an angel in the Holy Bible who was given a name (Gabriel), and because he is an archangel. Archangels are the highest ranking of all the angels mentioned in the Holy Bible. These angels stand in the very presence of God.

reverance and when she made the sign of the Cross, she began to think how could she ever repay the Lord for giving up His Holy Life for her.

Following the Divine Liturgy, that Sunday, an archdeacon passed around a collection plate for all those who wished to donate money for almsgiving and the poor.

When the archdeacon approached the small girl Phoebe, her eyes opened widely as if she had been given an answer to a very important question. She then asked the deacon to lower the collection plate. When he lowered it she looked up at the deacon and replied, “Could you please lower it some more?” Again, the deacon lowered the collection plate still lower.

Once more the kind-hearted Phoebe smiled and requested it be lowered just a little more. The deacon lowered the collection plate to the floor and as soon as he did this Phoebe jumped into the plate happily exclaiming, “I want to give everything -- to give my entire life to the Lord Jesus Christ!”

In the next issue of the Mighty Angels we will follow Phillip and Phoebe into their Sunday School classes to discover what each one will learn!
Their job is to pray to the Lord continually.

As human beings we too can pray to God, thus we share in the same privilege as the archangels of being able to pray to God. What exactly is prayer? Prayer is raising up our hearts and thoughts to God. Through prayer we can talk to God just the same as the six-winged archangels.

King Solomon prayed to God asking for wisdom. God was pleased with King Solomon’s prayer. Inside the fish, Jonah the prophet prayed to God. God kept Jonah safe and when the fish spit Jonah on dry land, Jonah learned obedience through prayer and went to Nineveh as he had been previously told. Nehemiah prayed for others. “Please God help your people, your people are sad and afraid.” The king then allowed Nehemiah to go and help his people.

How should we pray for others as Nehemiah did? If someone is sick in your family, you pray for their returned good health. If someone has an exam you pray for his or her success.

**Phillip and Phoebe**

It was Sunday morning. Phillip and Phoebe woke up very early to attend the Divine Liturgy. Phillip, a young boy of seven years, did not want to be a second late as he was serving as a deacon. Phoebe simply loved to hear every single praise during the Divine Liturgy.

While driving on route to the church, Phillip’s father began to recite the Holy Psalms with his family. Phillip’s very favorite one was the Holy Psalm 86, “....I will praise you O Lord my God, with all my heart, And I will glorify Your Name forevermore.”

Phillip’s mother shared with the family when they had almost reached the church that when she entered into the church, she always looked at the altar and made the sign of the Cross. When she did this, Phillip’s mother said she always thought about how much the Lord Jesus Christ loved each and every one of us. That He died upon the Holy Cross for us, giving us His life and all His love.

Little five year old Phoebe thought about this as she quietly entered the church. Phoebe never talked with others once she entered into the Church. She looked at the altar with
It is always wise when praying to think of others first even if you are taking the same exam, are in the same competition, or perhaps angry with another. Pray for this person. God knows your personal needs and will take care of them, as He considers best.

The Lord Jesus Christ Himself taught us as His children how to pray:

Our Father who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be
done
On earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who	trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation but
deliver us from the evil one.
In Christ Jesus our Lord
For Thine is the Kingdom, the
Power, and the Glory Forever.

"Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.
Praise ye the Lord.”

Holy Book of Psalms 150:6
What great things did the Lord Jesus Christ teach us in The Lord’s Prayer? (God’s name will be always great and holy! The kingdom is God’s with power and glory forever.) What did the Lord Jesus Christ ask for in prayer? (Set up your heavenly kingdom here on earth. Give us Your food for today. Forgive our sins. And help us to forgive others who have done wrong to us. Lead us away from wanting to do wrong things. Free us from the evil one, Satan.)

What do you think the “heavenly kingdom” is? (Children like you who love to pray and worship the Lord).

Always remember the Holy Book of Psalms 4:3 says,

“The Lord listens when I pray to Him.”

Pray for me,

His Grace Bishop Youssef