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ave you ever seen an angel? Do you know what the angels do? Do you know their shapes? Do you want to be like them? I will tell you something about angels.

God created Heaven and earth, you and me and the angels too.

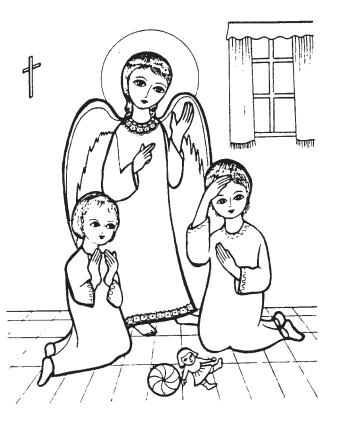
The angels are counted in millions and millions.

There are good angels and there are bad angels.

God loves us so much. He sends His angels to guard us all day long.

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

> "For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways" (Psalm 91:11).





Also God sends the angels to give messages to His children.

You know that we cannot see the angels. They are invisible, for they have no human body. Sometimes God gave some angels a bodily shape so that His children can see them and speak with them. They appear like men's and women's faces, or like children's faces.

When our Lord Jesus came as a Baby, angels appeared at His birth. They followed Him all His life on earth. They proclaimed to the women who came to visit the Lord Jesus' tomb that: *"Jesus is risen"*.



The angels also will come with our Lord Jesus on the Last Day (Matt. 16:27).

Angels are very bright, fast and wise. They can move faster than the spaceship. In a moment they can move from Heaven to earth.

In Heaven we will look like the angels (Mark 12:25).

When you and I pray during the Divine Liturgy, the angels come and praise God with us. In Heaven you 13



and I will praise God with the angels.

In the Heaven we will see many ranks of angels, among them are:

The Seraphim and the Cherubim who bear the throne of God. They have six wings, and have many eyes (Isaiah 6:2).

The Principalities, the Dominions, the Thrones, the Lordships and the Powers, the Archangels and angels praise God.

St. Michael, the Archangel, and his angels fight against Satan and his bad angels, and guard us from them (Revelation 12:7).

We will not see the evil angels in Heaven, for they disobeyed God.

There is a church named St. Michael's built on the roof of every Coptic monastery. St. Michael is the guardian angel of the monasteries.

You and I ask the angels to pray to God for salvation of the whole world.

On the 12th day of every Coptic month you and I celebrate the Feast of St. Michael. In this feast the rich men offer food and alms to the poor. The angels love us, and we also love our poor brothers and sisters.

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