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The Visible and Invisible World

In Holy Scripture, angels manifest the presence of God in the world, announcing to human beings the will of God. Holy Scripture refers to some of them by name: Michael (see *Re* 12:7; *Jude* 1:9) Raphael (see *Tob* 12:15), Gabriel (see *Lk* 1:19,26). Angels assist human beings in their spiritual growth (see *Heb* 1:14). The Tradition of the Church teaches that God grants every human being a guardian angel: “You appointed angels as guardians.” The unity of the visible and invisible creation – human beings and angels – becomes manifest in the Divine Liturgy, where the earthly expresses the heavenly, and humans serve together with angels: “Let us who mystically represent the Cherubim and sing the Thrice-holy hymn to the life giving Trinity....” And “Holy, holy, holy, Lord of Sabaoth, heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.” (#117)