



Excerpt from *Christ Our Pascha*

4. *The Fall of the Angels*

The fall of the angels was a consequence of pride – self-assertion in opposition to God and in the desire to become his equal. The angels faithful to God spoke out against those who fell: “Who can be equal to God?” “Who is like God?” (*in* Hebrew, Michael). In the liturgical tradition, the Archangel Michael who led the battle against the fallen spirits, is called *Archistrategos Theou*, “the chief commander of God’s army.” The Church commemorates the feast of the Archangel Michael and other bodiless powers on November 8/21, and also dedicates to them the Monday of every week. (#143)