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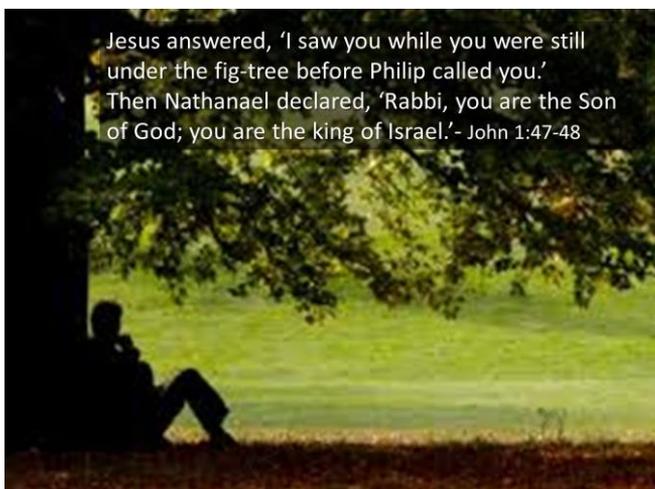
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Lessons and Gospel

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SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

The Collect

Everlasting God, thou hast ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as thy holy angels always serve and worship thee in heaven, so by thine appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lesson is written in the twenty-eighth Chapter of the Book of Genesis beginning at the tenth verse

Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

Genesis 28:10-17

Psalm 103

- 1** Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
- 2** Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,
- 3** who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
- 4** who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- 5** who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- 6** The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.
- 7** He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.
- 8** The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- 9** He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.
- 10** He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- 11** For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- 12** as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
- 13** As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
- 14** For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.
- 15** As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field;
- 16** for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.
- 17** But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,
- 18** to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.
- 19** The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.
- 20** Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!
- 21** Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!
- 22** Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

The Lesson is written in the twelfth Chapter of the Book of the Revelation of Saint John beginning at the seventh verse

Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world--he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

Revelation 12:7-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John

† Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

St. John 1:47-51