

WEEK 13: THE CHERUBIC HYMN, THE GREAT ENTRANCE, & LITANY OF COMPLETION

PRE-K - KINDERGARTEN

GOALS

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LESSON

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Great Entrance at our parish: <https://youtu.be/VAyZMNTH1s?t=6907>

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Are angels and people the same? No, they are not. God created the angels long before he created the earth. You and I have bodies, need food, a place to live, and long for things. Angels do not have bodies and are invisible. They do not need food or a home and do not long for things.

Angels are called messengers. We don't know exactly what they look like, but we try our best to represent them on icons in the best way we know how from what we know about them.

Angels have different types of jobs. Did you know that when you are baptized, every single one of you received a guardian angel that helps to look out for you wherever you go? *(Show guardian angel icon)*

There are also archangels. Two that we hear about often are Archangel Gabriel who brought good news to many people in the Bible and Archangel Michael protects people. *(Show archangel icons)*

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Lesson on the Litany of Completion:

We will ask God to help us with a series of prayers.

If we have multiple clergy serving on the altar, they will exchange the kiss of peace after the series of prayers asking God to help us. *(Show picture)* They do this because it's very important for us to always forgive everyone. They are setting the example for all of us.

If someone takes the toy you want, what should you do? (Share, don't fight with them, ask them if you can play with one of their toys for a little bit too) We should always try to forgive others and be nice to them.







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1ST - 2ND GRADE

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Let's talk about this hymn and learn why we sing it. A hymn is song in honor of God. We are singing this song to remind ourselves to focus on God instead of all of our worries in our day to day life. Cherubim are wise angels. They are often shown in icons with many wings, lots of eyes, and without a body. (*Show cherubim drawing from book*) God is the King of all and He is accompanied by the Divine Hosts, which are the angels.

Review Questions:

Are cherubim angels? (Yes)

Who is the King of all? (God)

Who is invisibly escorting God? (The angels)

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Review Questions:

What is a hymn? (A song in honor of God)

What hymn is being sung during the Great Entrance? (The Cherubic Hymn)

What happens during the Great Entrance? (The priest, deacon, and altar boys will walk in a procession inside the church.)

Lesson on the Litany of Completion:

The deacon will say a series of supplications after the Great Entrance. A supplication is something we ask humbly for from God. These supplications start with:

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Review Questions:

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The procession of the Great Entrance represents more than one event: The entrance of Christ into the world, preceded by prophets, saints, and angels. This is followed by Christ's entrance into the Holy of Holies as the Great Archpriest holding in His hands our life - the gifts of bread and wine. The Precious Gifts are the people and the world, who are being returned to God, through Christ. Additionally, the procession represents the entrance of Christ into Jerusalem. This is why some people like to touch the priest's vestments as he passes them. Finally, it also represents Christ's funeral procession as the gifts are placed on the Holy altar where the epitaphio (a special cloth with a depiction of Christ in the tomb) is laid out.

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