

ARCHANGEL MICHAEL PATRON SAINT OF KYIV AND ALL UKRAINE



WHO IS ARCHANGEL MICHAEL?

- His name means "like unto God"
- He is the leader of the angels and has the title of "Supreme Commander of the Heavenly Hosts"

WARRIOR AND PROTECTOR

- He led the angels in removing Lucifer from Heaven.
- Archangel Michael has appeared throughout history to protect and defend those in need.
- In the Old Testament, he protected the Israelites in the Red Sea, appeared to Joshua as he led his people before the battle of Jericho, and walked with the Three Holy Youths in the fire.

CONNECTION TO UKRAINE

- Archangel Michael was chosen as the patron saint of Rus, the ancient land that Ukraine now sits in, as well as the city of Kyiv.
- Look at the beautiful monastery on the next page. It is located in Kyiv and is dedicated to St. Michael. It stood for centuries after it was built in 1108 AD. The current structure was rebuilt when Ukraine regained her independence from the USSR.
- The image of Archangel Michael has appeared on everything from the uniforms of Ukraine's soldiers to postage stamps.