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The Holy Angels in our Lives

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For Edification and Consolation

Her Guardian Angel Appeared to Her and Said:

“Be Patient, as I Am Patient with You!”*

“She was never alone.”

A pious old woman lived by herself in Piraeus. Her only son had followed the path of monasticism, dedicating his life to God.



She accepted the fact with glorification to God for the honor He had bestowed on her child and on herself, even though it meant that she was left alone.

What is more, she was not in good health: she had asthma and many times was at death's door.

She struggled on for several years in this way.

At one point, rewarding her faith and her dedication to Him, God permitted the eyes of her soul to be opened momentarily, and she was vouchsafed to see the Guardian Angel of her soul!



The radiance and divine sweetness of the Angel filled the devout old woman with celestial joy.

Now she saw with her own eyes that in fact she was never alone. Thus, she began to pray with even greater faith and fervor.

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With time, however, her illness took a turn for the worse.

Out of human weakness, at one point she broke down, shedding abundant tears in her pain.

Then, at that difficult moment, her Guardian Angel appeared to her again with a smile, ready to strengthen her.

But the elderly woman anticipated him, crying out with pain:

“My Holy Angel, beseech the Lord to take me! I can stand it no longer!”

He replied tenderly, yet firmly:

“You must be patient a little longer.”

Since she had difficulty accepting that, he added:

“I also have been patient all these years, staying by your side and being deprived of the joy of Heaven! Be patient a little longer, you too!”

Upon hearing these words, she was overwhelmed, and said from the depths of her soul:

“May the Lord's Will be done!”

The Holy Angel did not reappear after that, but his apparition and words left in the old woman an unending calmness and divine consolation.

- She recounted this occurrence to her son when he visited her once from the Holy Mountain.



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Indeed, what great love the Holy Angels have for mankind!

The Lord Himself, moreover, said that when one sinner repents and turns to the path of salvation, there is joy in Heaven among the Saints and the Angels...



(*) *Messages from Heaven* (Holy Monastery of the Panagia Varnakova: Dorida, 2015), pp. 116-117. ● Translated from the Greek.

