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Basic Outline for tonight:

- **The Parabolic Prelude.**
- **The Picture and processional of the Ascension .**
- **The Praises of the Angels.**

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Basic Outline for tonight:

- The Angels and Paradise.
- The Church as the Body and Bride of Christ.
- The Wedding Feast of the Lamb.

Glory to God...

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Distinctions within the Angels.

Tradition assigns nine choirs (ranks) of Angels in groups of three:

- **The Supreme Hierarchy (Third Heavens)**
 - **Seraphim** – The “burning ones” who minister at the Throne in heaven
 - **Cherubim** – They bear the throne
 - **Thrones** - Their name suggests they minister at the Throne
- **The Middle Hierarchy (Second Heavens)**
 - **Dominations** – Rule in the heavenly domains?
 - **Virtues** – maintain order there?
 - **Powers** – administer the various powers of the cosmos?
- **The Lower Hierarchy (First Heavens and other Earthly realms)**
 - **Principalities** – oversee earthly princes and kingdoms ?
 - **Archangels** – Oversee the angels on earth
 - **Angels** – assigned to people, organizations, nations and cultures