**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 29 – XXVI WEEK O.T. [C]**

**HOLY ARCHANGELS MICHAEL GABRIEL RAPHAEL**

**And he said to him, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you will see the sky opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."**

**Nathanael was a seeker of God. He knows well that to the God of the Scripture one must always add the God of history. He knows that the God of today gives fullness of truth to the God of yesterday. Without the God of Moses, of Joshua, of David, what would the God of Abraham be? Without the God of Isaiah, Jeremy, Ezekiel, Daniel, what would the God of Samuel or of Nathan be? Without the God of Jesus Christ what would the God of the Old Testament be? He would be a God of yesterday, without today. Now the God of yesterday can never exist without the God of today. This rule of truth is also valid for Christ the Lord. What would the Christ of Peter be, without the Christ of Paul? What would the Christ of Paul be without the Christ of John? What would the Christ of John be without the ecumenical council of Nicaea and Chalcedon and every other that has come in the course of history? This is the beauty of the truth of the God of today. He adds full truth to the truth of yesterday. This is the beauty of the Christ of today: He adds a fuller truth to the truth of yesterday. Every prophecy adds truth to the prophecy. Every truth adds truth to truth. Every Word of light gives full light to the Word. Today must always give fullness to what has been yesterday. Today must never destroy what has been yesterday. It would be neither in the logic nor in the truth of the revelation of our God. The Word is like a big tree: it always adds new branches and new leaves to make the unique tree be more and more majestic. Nathanael is the man seeking God. He seeks Him in the Scripture. He must also seeks Him in history. He lets himself be brought by Philip in history and in history he finds what he sought. As soon as Jesus sees him, He speaks to his heart. He listens and he immediately makes his profession of faith: “Rabbi, you are the Son of God, you are the king of Israel!” Jesus reassures him: “Do not be afraid, Nathanael! You have seen nothing of me yet. History will amaze you again. It will amaze you so much to make you reconsider all your certainties about God. It will convince you that only in me all your truths will find their full, perfect, truth.”**

**Let us read the text of Jn 1,47-51**

**Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Here is a true Israelite. There is no duplicity in him." Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." Jesus answered and said to him, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this." And he said to him, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you will see the sky opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."**

**It is always urgent to add to the God of yesterday the God of today, to the Christ of yesterday the Christ of today, to the Christ of Peter the Christ of Paul, to the Christ of Paul the Christ of John, to the Christ of the saint of yesterday the Christ of the saint of today, to the Christ of the prophet of yesterday the Christ of the prophet of today. This adding, that is necessary, vital, for to truth one must add truth and to science one must add science and to knowledge one must add knowledge, cannot happen out of the Holy Spirit and out of the dwelling of the Christian in the bosom of Christ as Christ is in the bosom of the Father. If the Christian is out of the bosom of Christ, he will also be out of the bosom of the Holy Spirit. He will not add truth to the truth of yesterday, he will add falsity that will destroy the truth of yesterday. With falsity, one does not save the world, one does not redeem man. Falsity is always carrier of death on our earth. Today one sees the truth of yesterday as no longer useful to the salvation of the man of yesterday. One wants to add a great quantity of new truth. What is the danger that might reduce all the truth of yesterday into falsity? The danger is that of not being, the Christian, in the heart of Jesus, in the bosom of the Holy Spirit, in the bosom of the Father, and draw the truth to add not from the heart of Christ, but from his own heart. In this case, one does not add truth to truth, knowledge to knowledge, righteousness to righteousness, holiness to holiness, light to light. One adds falsity to truth and darkness to light. All adding of truth and of light to the truth and to the light of yesterday are providential, one the condition that every adding is drawn from the heart of Christ, in the bosom of the Spirit, on the heart of the Father. Here is what Jesus adds to the confession of Nathanael: He is the true dwelling of God. Whoever enters Him is clothed with his eternal life, filled with his grace and turned into his own mystery. Since the Angels descend only over Christ and return to heaven, only through Christ God descends and we raise until Him. We depart from Christ, we do not enter his dwelling that is his body, heaven remains heaven and earth on earth. In Christ, the true reunification between God and every man happens. Today the Church must cry this truth to the entire world. This obedience has been asked to her. She must give this obedience to her Lord, to her Christ. He alone is the universal Mediator in all the things dealing with God. The Church is obliged to be instrument of Christ in all the things dealing with God, our heavenly Father. The things dealing with men are in the hands of the Father and He is the one who cares about them for all those who are concerned with his divine, eternal things and that deal with his glory. A Church that is no longer concerned with the things dealing with God has betrayed herself, she has denied herself in her mystery. May the Mother of God, Queen of Angels and of Saints, help us for a most pure faith in Christ.**