

The Archangel Michael is one of the main archangels, a warrior angel described in the canonical books of the Bible as a powerful defender who wages spiritual battles and opposes evil spirits and kingdoms. The word “archangel” means “angel of the highest rank,” and “commander-in-chief.” Archangel Michael is one of the most revered biblical characters among believers, who is the patron of soldiers who fight for just causes.

Since the times of Kyiv Rus, St. Michael has been considered the heavenly guardian of the city of Kyiv. St. Michael’s Golden-Domed Cathedral, built in 1108 by Kyiv Rus Prince Sviatopolk (whose Christian name was Mykhailo), is named after this saint.

The first images of this saint in Kyiv appeared on seals in the eleventh and twelfth centuries. From that time, it became a symbol of Kyiv princes. In the Cossack period, a coat of arms with the archangel was placed next to the family coats of arms of hetmans and on Cossack flags. During the Ukrainian Revolution, the Archangel Michael retained his special significance in the

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heraldic tradition. The combination of his image with a golden lion symbolized the unity of Ukrainian lands. In 1995, the figure of St. Michael was returned to the Kyiv coat of arms.

The main building of the National Bank of Ukraine is also symbolically guarded by the powerful archangel, who stands on the ceiling of the Operations Hall in the armor of a Roman general, holding a fiery sword and shield.

The Archangel Michael is the personification of heavenly protection and the fight against evil, and is extremely important to the people of Ukraine. The issuance of a commemorative coin dedicated to the heavenly patron is a symbol of faith in the victory of good and support for Ukraine’s defenders. Ukrainians sincerely believe in their defenders and know that ...THE SOULS OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE POWER OF THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL ARE WITH US!

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ARCHANGEL MICHAEL

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Metal

silver

Diameter

38.6 mm

Quality

special uncirculated

Edge

smooth with
incised
inscriptions

Mintage

up to 10,000

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