

## **The Nine Choirs of Angels according to Catholic Tradition**

The angels are divided into three hierarchies. Each hierarchy consists of three choirs. Each angel belongs to one of these choirs. The demons once were members of these choirs, but have fallen from heaven. They retain, however, their angelic nature. The choirs are as follows, listed from the highest to the lowest, with the scriptural basis for their names:

**Seraphim:** Isaiah 6:1-7

**Cherubim:** Gen 3:24; Ex 25:22; Ez 10:19-20; Rev 4-6

**Thrones:** Ps 80:2; Col 1:16

**Dominions:** Col: 1:16; Eph 1:12

**Virtues:** Eph 1:21

**Powers:** Col 1:21, 3:10; Col 1:16; Rom 8:32; 1 Pet 3:22

**Principalities:** Eph 3:10; Rom 8:38

**Archangels:** 1Thess 4:15, Jude 1:9; Rev 12, etc.

**Angels:** Rom 8:38; 1 Pet 3:22