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1/ Vladimir Putin is equated to the Archangel Michael in a new prayer book issued by the Russian Orthodox Church (ROC) to Russian troops in Ukraine. The book also frames the Orthodox Cross with Kalashnikov rifles, highlighting the ROC's overt support for Putin's war. ↓



2/ The "We Can Explain" Telegram channel reports that the Russian TV channel Spas has broadcast an interview with a military clergyman who explains that "where the commander has a divine spirit, the company is invincible".

3/ The prayer book was likely presented to Russian soldiers in the Donbas region of eastern Ukraine. It shows an icon of the Mother of God with "Russia" stripes and medals and refers to "Supreme Commander Vladimir" as Russia's "archistrategos."

4/ This is an Orthodox term for the Archangel Michael, who is described as the "head of the holy host of angels and archangels". It alludes to the Book of Revelation, 12:7-8.



5/ "And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,
And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven."

6/ According to "We Can Explain", the title of archistrategos was also awarded to General Alexander Suvarov by Tsar Paul I for his spectacular victories in the 18th century. It's fair to say that Vladimir Putin is no Suvarov, though. /end

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