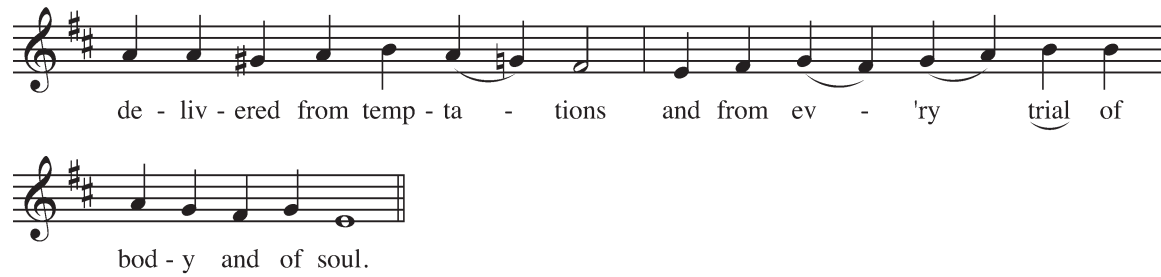


Vesper Propers, August 26



de - liv - ered from temp - ta - tions and from ev - 'ry trial of
bod - y and of soul.

Cantor: (Tone 4) Now and ever...

Dogmatikon, Tone 4, page 64

Aposticha, Tone 4, page 65

The holy martyrs Adrian and Natalia were both of noble families in Nicomedia, and had been married only thirteen months before their martyrdom. They were tortured during the persecution of the emperor Maximian.

Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006
Tone of the Week: Tone 4 (begins on page 58), stichera 10 - 4.

Cantor: (Tone 4) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

Stichera of the Martyrs - Tone 4 samohlasen



Be - holding the all-hon ored suf - fer - ing and the valiant deeds of the mar - tyrs,
O glorious one, of your own free will you gave yourself over to struggles with
a strong mind, tak - ing no pit - y on your flesh for the sake of di - vine love.
You therefore passed through val or - ous strug - gles, lay - ing low the pride of the
ad - ver - sar - y, O pa - tient - heart - ed A - dri - an.

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! **Psalm 116**
(on 2)



Im - pris - oned in dun - geons, beat - en with thongs of ox - hide,

weight-ed down with irons and crushed with stones, to - geth-er with a multitude
of martyrs, O glo-rious one, with them you have received the bless ings of
heav - en, hav - ing as companion your spouse Na - ta - li - a,
who trust - ed in God, O val - iant A - dri - an.

Cantor: (on 1) Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faithful forever.

The spouse of Adam caused his exile from E - den through the coun sel of the
ser pent; but Natalia led Adri an to par - a-dise with her sa cred con ver-sa - tion,
spur-ring him on with her teach - ings so he could endure pain-ful suf-f'rings,
be - com - ing a mediator of heav'n - ly re - wards and ev - er - last-ing
glo - - - ry.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon of the Martyrs - Tone 6 samohlasen

O ho - ly cou-ple, e - lect of the Lord! O eminent u - nion, blessed by our God!
O longed for cou - ple, be - lov - ed by Christ! Who does not mar - vel, hearing of
their won - drous deeds? How did Natalia stand in val - iant man - ner
a - gainst the arrogance of the ty - rant, and strength - en her hus band
A - dri - an, that he not give in to the wick-ed one, but choose ra - ther to
die for the Faith? O! the di - vine - ly woven words of the all - wise Na - ta - li - a!
O the divine teachings which transcend the heav - ens and which set Adrian before
he throne of the Great King he ac-knowl - edged! O ho - ly couple, pray to
God for us, who keep with love your ho - ly mem - o - ry, that we be