

Vesper Propers, August 26

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

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 podoben: Jako doblja**

Be-hold-ing the all-hon-ored suf-fer-ing and the val-iant deeds of the

mar-tyrs, O glo-rious one, of your own free will

you gave your-self o-ver to strug-gles with a strong mind,

tak-ing no pit-y on your flesh for the sake of di-vine love. You

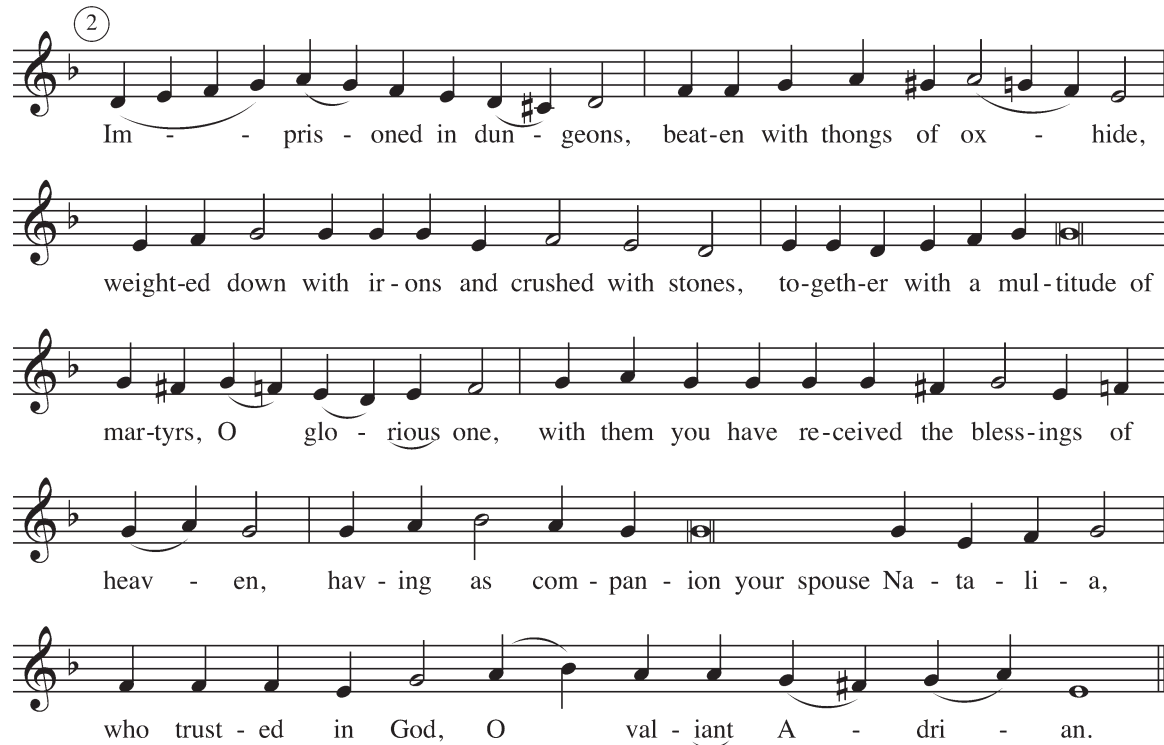
there-fore passed through valorous strug-gles, lay-ing low the pride of the

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)

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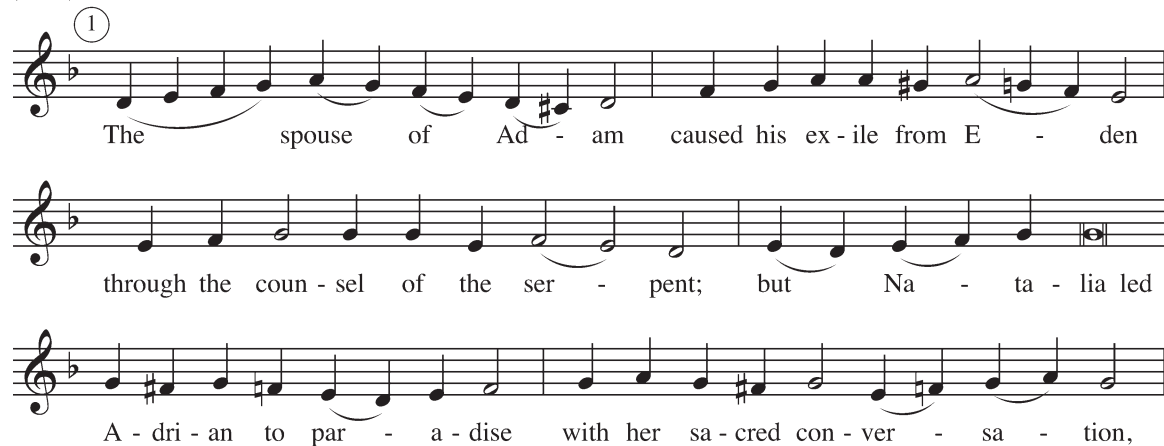


Im - pris - oned in dun - geons, beat-en with thongs of ox - hide,  
weight-ed down with ir - ons and crushed with stones, to-geth-er with a mul-titude of  
mar-tyrs, O glo - rious one, with them you have re-ceived the bless-ings of  
heav - en, hav - ing as com - pan - ion your spouse Na - ta - li - a,  
who trust - ed in God, O val - iant A - dri - an.

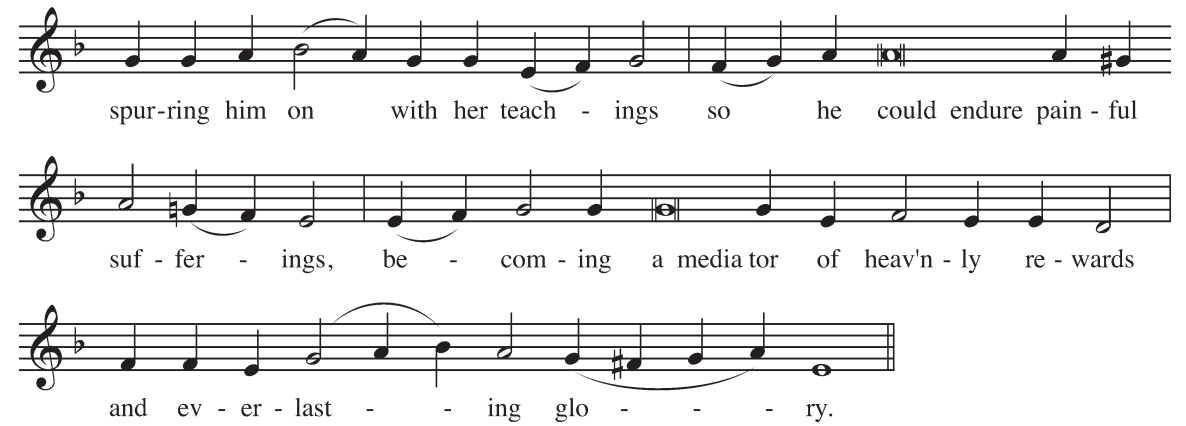
**Cantor:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faithful forever.

(on 1)

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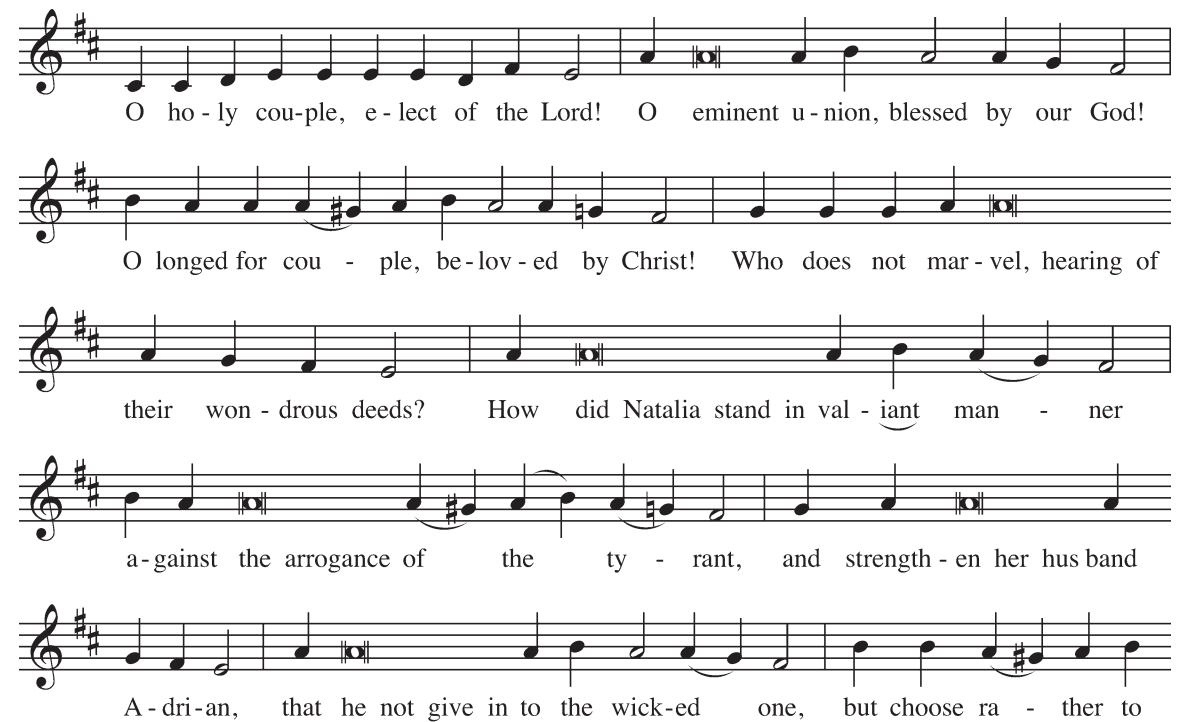
The spouse of Ad - am caused his ex - ile from E - den  
through the coun - sel of the ser - pent; but Na - ta - lia led  
A - dri - an to par - a - dise with her sa - cred con - ver - sa - tion,



spur-ring him on with her teach - ings so he could endure pain - ful  
suf - fer - ings, be - com - ing a media tor 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