

O the divine teachings which tran-scend 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 5) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, page 76).*

*Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, page 77).*

*Troparion and theotokion in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, page 81).*

## Vesper Propers, August 26, 2018 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**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*

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, p. 69), 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 holy martyrs Adrian and Natalia - 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, **Psalm 116**  
 (on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!

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

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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 - frings,

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 holy martyrs Adrian and Natalia - 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!