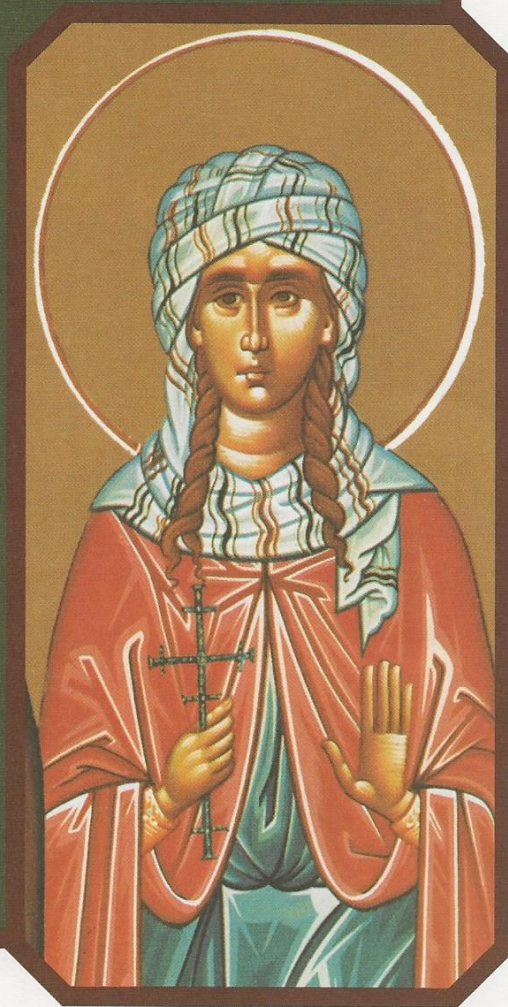


*A Beloved  
Christian Couple*

Holy Martyrs  
ADRIAN  
& NATALIA





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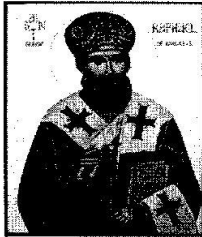
**E**very husband and wife enter their married lives with great expectations. Sometimes, however, hopes and dreams for a long and prosperous life together are dashed by some unforeseen tragedy. Such was the case for the **HOLY MARTYR ADRIAN** and **NATALIA**, his beloved wife.

The saintly couple were both born into wealthy families. Their marriage was to last for only a little over a year. Tradition has it that the wicked Emperor Maximian visited their home town of Nicomedia, determined to seek out every Christian in the village and put them to death. 23 Christians were found hiding in a cave and were taken before the local magistrate.

Adrian, who was not yet a Christian (Natalia secretly was), questioned these faithful followers about their motivation for their willingness to suffer for Christ. He was so impressed with their sincerity that he boldly proclaimed before the Emperor: "I AM A CHRISTIAN AS WELL." Natalia then ministered to her husband and fellow Christians while they were in prison. Adrian finally succumbed to the severe tortures inflicted upon him. His grieving wife was permitted to take his remains to Constantinople for burial.

While in Constantinople, Natalia had a vision of her husband Adrian, who appeared to her bathed in light. He assured her that God would soon be calling her home as well and that they would then be together in the Kingdom of Heaven. A few days later, Natalia peacefully fell asleep in the Lord, commending her soul into His Divine Hands.

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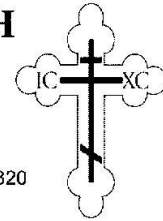
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**SUNDAY, AUG. 22, 2021 - 9<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 8.**  
**Afterfeast of the Dormition. Martyr Agathonius of Nicomedia.**

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK	<i>Please join us after Divine Liturgy for a Coffee Fellowship in Myrrhbearers Hall Confessions - Ask Fr. Sergious for a time</i>	DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS
Sat: Great Vespers 4:00 PM		Mon: Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28, 1 Corinthians 15:12-19, Matthew 21:18-22
Sun: Reading of The Hours 9:45 AM Divine Liturgy Afterfeast of Dormition 10:00 AM		Tue: 1 Corinthians 15:29-38; Matthew 21:23-27
Thu.: Akathist to St. Herman 4:00 PM		Wed: 1 Corinthians 16:4-12, Matthew 21:28-32
		Thu: 2 Corinthians 1:1-7, Matthew 21:43-46
		Fri: 2 Corinthians 1:12-20, Matthew 22:23-33
		Sat: Solomon 3:1-9; 4:7-15; 5:15-6:3, Matthew 11:27-30, Galatians 5:22-6:2, Luke 6:17-23, Romans 15:30-33, Matthew 17:24-18:4

**+EPISTLE+ (Corinthians 3:9-17) Brethren: For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.**

***Choir Practice Sunday at 9 AM and Monday 2:30 PM***

**+GOSPEL+ (Matthew 14:22-34)** Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God." When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

<p><b>THE GIFTS - AUG. 15</b></p> <p>Attendance 30</p> <p>Regular Offerings 372 Candles 74 Charity - St. Raphael Myrrhbearers Hall Renovation 100</p> <p>.....</p> <p><i>We sincerely thank and bless Charles and Lou Ellen Davis for their ongoing generous donations.</i></p>		<p><b>VIGIL CANDLES - AUGUST 15</b></p> <p><u>Dolores Lichatz</u> - Health of Joan. Anne - 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. <u>Zina Juskin</u> - Memory of husband Vladimir Juskin. <u>Lydia Wilcox</u> - Health and Salvation of Elijah Borek. Salvation of Jeremy. Health and Salvation of Aydan &amp; Anna. <u>Nancy Kinley</u> - Health of Bill, Julianna &amp; Family, Andrew &amp; Family, Mary Ann H., Patricia, Patty, Joel, Pat &amp; Nick, Judy, Judith. Memory of Raymond. <u>Nick Borick</u> - Health of Olga, Mary Ann H., Ryan, Richard, Nick &amp; Pat.</p>
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