

O the divine teachings which transcend the heavens and which set Adrian before  
 the throne of the Great King he acknowledged! O holy couple, pray to  
 God for us, who keep with love your holy memory, that we be  
 delivered from temptations and from every trial of  
 body and of soul.

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

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 4, page 64).*

*Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 4, page 65).*

*Troparion and theotokion in the Tone of the Week (Tone 4, page 68).*

## Vesper Propers, August 26 Thirteenth 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.

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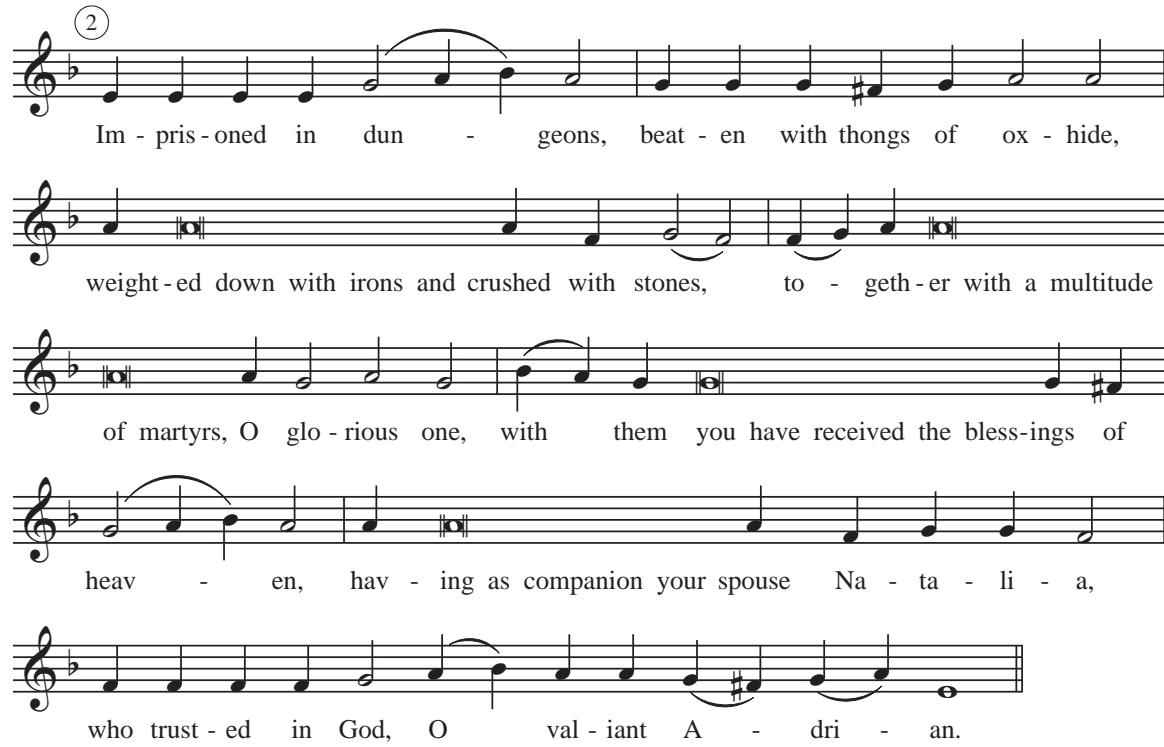
*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 4, p. 58), stichera 10-4.*

**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 holy martyrs Adrian and Natalia - Tone 4 samohlasen**

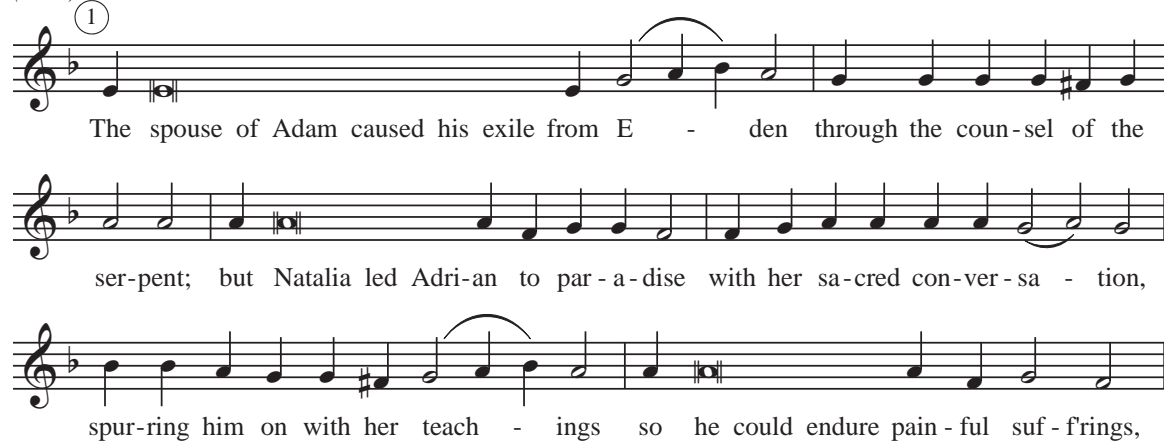
Be - holding the all-honored suffering and the valiant deeds of the martyrs,  
 O glorious one, of your own free will you gave yourself over to struggles with  
 a strong mind, taking no pity on your flesh for the sake of divine love.  
 You therefore passed through valorous struggles, laying low the pride of the  
 adversary, O patient-hearted Adrian.

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

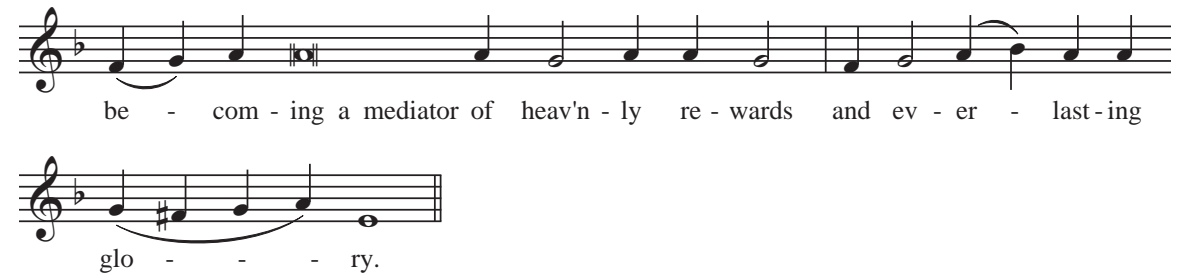


Im - pris - oned in dun - geons, beat - en with thongs of ox - hide,  
weight - ed down with irons and crushed with stones, to - geth - er with a multitude  
of martyrs, O glo - rious one, with them you have received the bless - ings of  
heav - en, hav - ing as companion your spouse Na - ta - li - a,  
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)



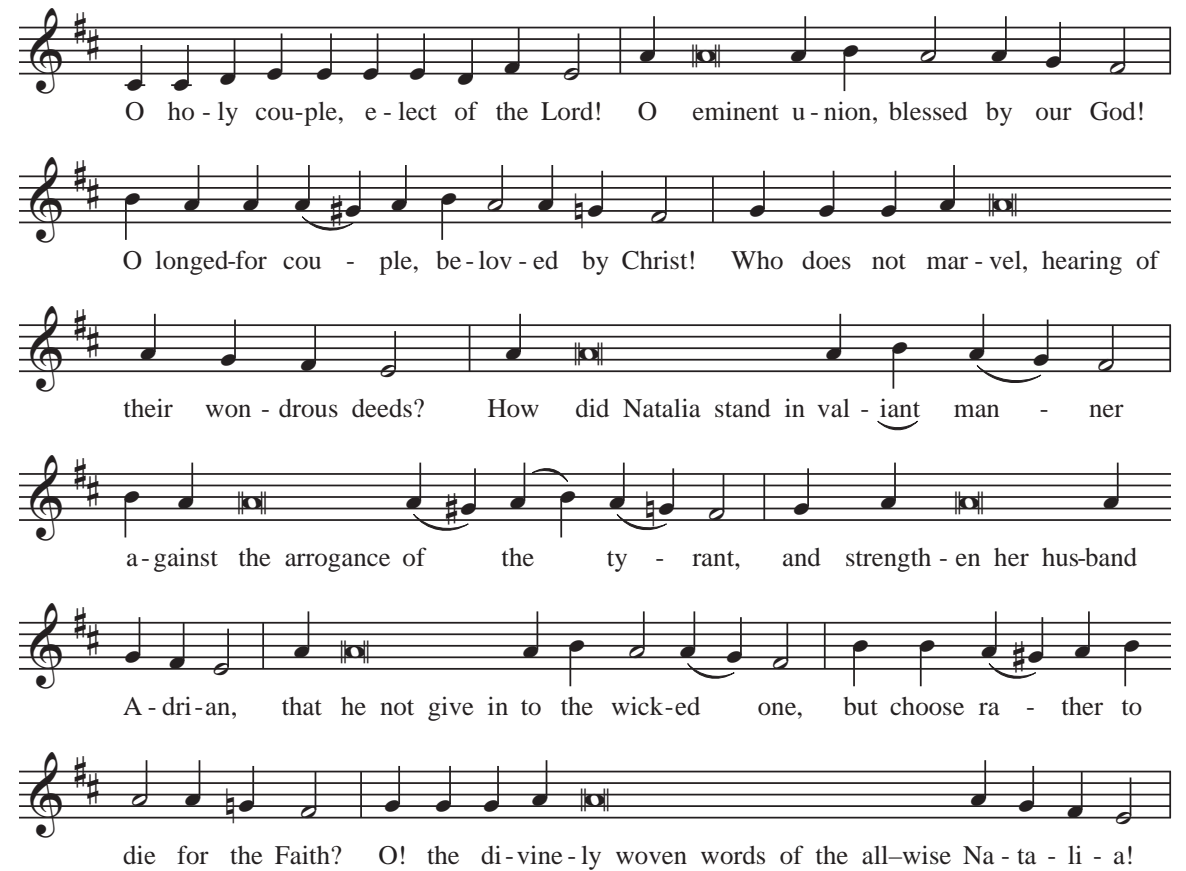
The spouse of Adam caused his exile from E - den through the coun - sel of the  
ser - pent; but Natalia led Adri - an to par - a - dise with her sa - cred con - ver - sa - tion,  
spur - ring him on with her teach - ings so he could endure pain - ful suf - frings,



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!