

**St. Mary's Orthodox Church
(Dormition of the Mother of God)**

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Sunday August 26, 2018

Martyrs Adrian and Natalia and 33 companions of Nicomedia; Martyr Adrian at Nicomedia; Saint Tithoes of the Thebaid, disciple of St. Pachomius the Great; Saint Adrian, Abbot of Ondrusov (Valaam); Blessed Cyprian of Storozhev, former outlaw; Saint Adrian, Abbot of Poshekhonye (Vologda); Saint Ibestion the Confessor, Egyptian ascetic; Saint Adrian of Uglich, disciple of St. Paisius of Uglich; Martyrs Atticus and Sisinnius; Venerable Joasaph, son of St. Abenner the king; Saint Zer-Jacob, missionary in Ethiopia; Saint Pandonia, virgin of Eltsley; finding of the relics of Saint Bassian of Alatry Monastery; commemoration of the meeting of the Vladimir Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos; miraculous renewal of the Vladimir Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos in the hands of Righteous Abbess Rufina in Harbin, Manchuria. **Other events:** repose of Schema-hieromonk Aristocleus of Mount Athos and Moscow

Services for the week of August 26

Wednesday, August 29: 9:00 am Divine Liturgy for the Beheading of St. John the Baptist

Saturday, September 1: 12:00 pm Wedding of Jonathan Lloyd and Emily Broyles.

6:00 pm Great Vespers

Parish News

WELCOME: to all of our guests today. We are so glad that you have come to enjoy our Orthodox worship. We invite you to come for coffee and sweets in our church hall and to enjoy fellowship with us. May God bless you!

OFFERINGS: August 19: \$685.00

WEDDING THIS SATURDAY: Jonathan and Emily will be married this Saturday, September 1, at noon. Let us pray for them and for their future. May God bless them in every way!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Very Rev. Michael Miklos, Very Rev. Jonathan Tobias, Wanda (Martha) Smith, John (Randy) Bailey, Janet Mikel, Martha Akers, Alexander Shostko, the grieving members of the Budarin family (who lost their relative, +Timur) and Kenny Bamber. May God grant them the grace to bear the crosses of illness and sorrow. May His will be done in their lives.

NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL: Anyone in good standing can be nominated to hold parish office including present parish council members.

THE HOLY MARTYRS ADRIAN AND NATALIA

Adrian and Natalia were husband and wife, both of noble and wealthy families from Nicomedia.

Adrian was the head of the Praetorium and a pagan and Natalia was secretly a Christian. Both were young and lived together in marriage for only thirteen months until martyrdom. When the nefarious Emperor Maximian visited Nicomedia, he ordered that Christians be seized and subjected to torture. In a cave near the city, twenty-three Christians were hidden. Someone reported them to the authorities and they were cruelly flogged with oxen whips and rods and then cast into prison. After that they were taken out of prison and brought before the Praetor to register their names. Adrian observed these people, tortured but patient, serene and meek and he made them swear to tell him what they expect from their God for so many tortures endured? They spoke to him concerning the blessedness of the righteous in the Kingdom of God. Hearing this and, again observing these people, Adrian, at once, turned to the scribe and said to him: "Write down my name with these saints, I also am a Christian." When the emperor learned of this, he asked Adrian: "Have you gone out of your mind?" To that Adrian replied: "I have not gone out of my mind but rather I came to my senses." Learning of this, Natalia greatly rejoiced and when Adrian, with the others, sat chained in prison, she came and administered to all of them. When they flogged and tortured her husband with various tortures, Natalia encouraged him to endure to the end. After lengthy tortures and imprisonment, the emperor ordered that an anvil be brought to prison and their legs and hands be broken with a hammer. This was carried out and Adrian, with twenty-three honorably men, gave up the spirit under the greatest of tortures. Natalia took their relics to Constantinople and honorably buried them there. After a few days, Adrian appeared to her all in light and beauty and called her, that, she also come to God and she peacefully gave up her spirit to God.

