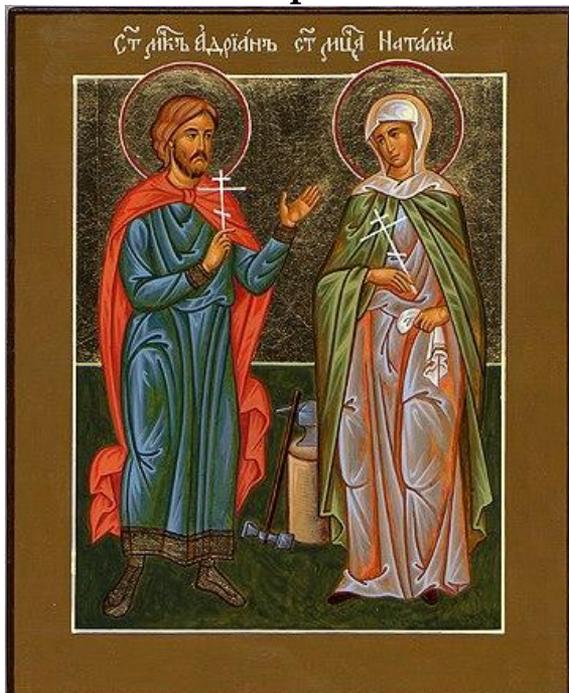




SAINT INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

August 26, 2018

13th Sunday after Pentecost/ Martyrs Adrian and
Natalia and 33 companions with them



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Troparion and Kontakion

Tone 4 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen,// granting the world great mercy!"

Tone 4 Troparion (*for the Martyrs*)

Thy holy martyrs Adrian and Natalia, O Lord, through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God. For having Thy strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.// Through their intercessions, save our souls!

Tone 4 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master,// He has risen on the third day!

Tone 4 Kontakion (*Holy Martyrs*)

Martyr of Christ, Adrian, thou didst keep the words of thy godly and devoted wife Natalia in thy heart.// With her thou didst accept every kind of suffering and obtained the crown of victory!

Epistle and Gospel Readings

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24

¹³ Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. ¹⁴ Let all that you do be done with love. ¹⁵ I urge you, brethren—you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints— ¹⁶ that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us. ¹⁷ I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. ¹⁸ For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men. ¹⁹ The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. ²⁰ All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. ²¹ The salutation with my own

hand – Paul’s. ²² If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! ²³ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. ²⁴ My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Epistle: Matthew 21:33-42

³³ “Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. ³⁴ Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. ³⁵ And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. ³⁷ Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰ “Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?” ⁴¹ They said to Him, “He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons.” ⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord’s doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

Metropolitan Gregory of St. Petersburg (1784-1860). [How to Live a Holy Life](#). p 64-65. Holy Trinity Publications: 2012.

How to Protect Ourselves from the Harmful Effect of Bad Example:

“In the world, we are never without bad example, and bad example is highly contagious: It sometimes produces a sinful contagion in people even after the causes of that contagion are long dead. And this sinful contagion is set in motion not only by some particularly depraved behavior of people, but often only by their glance or their joking and laughter, while they themselves for the most part do not notice or realize it. How can we protect ourselves from contagion by such harmful effects? Here are some ways.

1. Remove yourself in every way possible from all circumstances in which you are inescapably forced to see and hear a lot of bad

things. There is company in which bad conversations are a usual or even a favorite way to pass the time. There are amusements in which the tendency to sensual pleasure finds the most plentiful nourishment.

2. When you encounter bad examples unexpectedly or must encounter them by necessity, then try to make the evil that you see create in you a revulsion to it, which it naturally creates and should create in all of us. Besides this, turn immediately to the Lord God with the heartfelt prayer: "All-merciful God! Preserve me that I may never do such evil and that even the memory of it may be obliterated from my memory."
3. To preserve yourself from the harmful effect of bad example, try to provide yourself ahead of time with good rules and information about examples of true virtue.
4. In all occurrences of bad example, look immediately to Jesus Christ, who has the full right to demand that we follow his example, and then look to the millions of people who had previously been more or less sinners like us, but then became holy in Christ and worthy of imitation by their imitation of His life.

Many Years!

Birthdays

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Eric Olsen

Announcements for Sunday, August 26, 2018:

- We will be hosting Sister Teresa Sullivan from the Daybreak program for the homeless after Liturgy and taking a collection and accepting in kind donations.

We welcome all visitors to our Divine Liturgy this morning.

There are green service booklets in the entrance area of our Church that will help you follow along with the service if you like. While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the cross and receiving the Holy Bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

Please join us for coffee hour in the Parish Hall!