

## **MARTYRS ADRIAN AND NATALIA OF NICOMEDIA**

The Martyrs Adrian and Natalia were married in their youth for one year prior to their martyrdom, and lived during the time of emperor Maximian (305-311). Maximian promised a reward to anyone informing on Christians to bring them to trial. The denunciations began, and 23 Christians were captured in a cave near Nicomedia. They were tortured, urged to worship idols, and brought before the Praetor, to record their names and responses. Adrian, head of the praetorium, watched as they suffered with courage for their faith. He asked: "What rewards do you expect from your God for your suffering?" The martyrs replied: "Such rewards as we are not able to describe, nor can your mind comprehend." St. Adrian told the scribes, "Write my name down also, for I am a Christian and I die gladly for Christ God.

St. Natalia, knowing that her husband was to suffer for Christ, rejoiced, since she was a secret Christian. She hastened to the prison and encouraged him. "You are blessed because you have believed in Christ. You have obtained a great treasure. Do not regret anything earthly, neither beauty, nor youth, nor riches. Everything worldly is dust and ashes. Only faith and good deeds are pleasing to God."

On the pledge of the other martyrs, they released St. Adrian from prison to tell his wife about the day of his execution. At first St. Natalia thought he had renounced Christ and been set free, and she did not want to let him in. He persuaded her that he had not fled from martyrdom; rather he came to give her news of the day of his execution.

They tortured St. Adrian cruelly. The emperor advised the saint to have pity on himself and call on the gods, but the martyr would not. St. Natalia continued to encourage her husband. She also asked him to pray to God for her, that they would not force her into marriage with a pagan after his death.

The executioner ordered the hands and legs of the saints to be broken on the anvil. St. Natalia feared her husband would hesitate on seeing the sufferings of other martyrs and asked the executioner to begin with him, and to permit her to put his hands and legs on the anvil herself. They wanted to burn the bodies, but a storm arose and put out the fire. Many of the executioners were struck by lightning.

Soon an army commander asked the emperor's approval to wed St. Natalia, who was both young and rich. But she hid herself away in Byzantium. St. Adrian appeared to her in a dream and said that she would soon be at rest in the Lord. In fact, worn out by her sufferings, she soon fell asleep in the Lord.

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**BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
*August 29*

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## ***THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

*Martyrs Adrian and Natalia and 33 companions, of Nicomedia;*

*Ven. Adrian, Abbot of Ondrusov; Bl. Maria of Divéyev;*

*Meeting of the "VLADIMIR" Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos;*

*and "OUR LADY OF TENDERNESS" Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos at Pskov-Pechersk*

"You took to heart the words of your pious and devoted wife, O holy Adrian, embracing martyrdom at her side with all your heart, so that the two of you received the crowns of victory together."

Kondakion, Tone IV

## ***THE BEHEADING OF THE HOLY GLORIOUS PROPHET, FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST, JOHN***

*Wednesday, August 29*

"The beheading of the Forerunner was indeed a dreadful crime, somehow fitting into the plan of God, for John thereby became the herald of the Savior's visit to those in Hades. As for you, Herodias, cry your eyes out, bewail your deed, for you preferred murder to the law of God, rejecting eternal, everlasting life, for a false and passing one."

Kondakion, Tone V

TODAY'S EPISTLE: I CORINTHIANS 16:13-24

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:33-42

### **HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:**

Tuesday, August 28	6:00 p.m. Vespers
Wednesday, August 29	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - <b>Beheading of St. John the Baptist</b>
Saturday, September 1	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

### **Daily Scripture Readings**

Monday, August 27	II Corinthians 12:10-19	Mark 4:10-23
Tuesday, August 28 (St. Job)	II Corinthians 12:20-13:2	Mark 4:24-34
Wednesday, August 29	Galatians 5:22-6:2	Luke 6:17-23
Thursday, August 30	Acts 13:25-32	Mark 6:14-30
	II Corinthians 13:3-14	Mark 4:35-41
	Galatians 1:1-10,20-2:5	Mark 5:1-20
Friday, August 31	Galatians 2:6-10	Mark 5:22-24,35-6:1
	I Corinthians 4:1-5	Matthew 23:1-12
Saturday, September 1 (St. Simeon)	I Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 4:16-22
	Colossians 3:12-16	Matthew 11:27-30

**COMING EVENTS**

**AUGUST:**

26, TODAY Parish Picnic

**SEPTEMBER:**

9, Sunday First day of Church School classes

14, Friday 7:30 p.m. Konevets Quartet concert

21, Friday 1:00 p.m. Golf Scramble Benefit for St. Vladimir Camp

**PARISH PICNIC:**

Join the HTOC parish family at our picnic following the Divine Liturgy today!

**ONGOING WORK AT CHURCH:**

Work has begun on the installation of metal siding around the drums of the cupolas. This is an extensive and expensive project, but a very needed and very prudent project which will save us considerable expense in the future. Although the Parish Council is not initiating a separate and special appeal drive, we are encouraging parishioners to consider increasing their weekly donations during the course of this work, which will probably take six weeks.

**KONEVETS QUARTET:**

The Konevets Quartet male vocal ensemble from St. Petersburg, Russia, will visit HTOC on Friday, Sept. 14. They will sing the festal Divine Liturgy of the Elevation of the Cross at 9:00 a.m. and present a concert of sacred and secular music that evening at 7:30 p.m. A free-will offering will be appreciated.

**GOLF BENEFIT FOR ST. VLADIMIR CAMP:**

There is a Golf Scramble on Friday, Sept. 21; 1:00 pm. at Sugar Bush Golf Club in Garrettsville, to raise funds for St. Vladimir Camp in Farmdale, Ohio. Details and entry forms are in the Fellowship Hall.

**TRINITARIAN COVERS AND FLOWERS:**

The covers and flowers today are offered by Jerry Petrykowski in memory of Daria Petrykowski.

**ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL:**

Photos, presentations and videos from the recent 19th All-American Council are online on the website of the Orthodox Church in America. There is much to choose from and much to learn. Parishioners are encouraged to take a look. Go to: [www.oca.org](http://www.oca.org)

**UPDATING HTOC E-MAILS; ROBOCALLS:**

If you have not been receiving email notifications from the parish and would like to, please submit your name and email to Parish Secretary, Janene Hatch ([jmhatch8@gmail.com](mailto:jmhatch8@gmail.com)). Also, if you would like to receive phone or cellphone messages from the parish (regarding cancellations and important events), submit your phone number to Janene.

**DORMITION SHROUD:**

We have received, just in time for the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos, a beautiful Icon-Shroud of the Feast. This is a gift from the family and friends of our departed parishioner, Thomas Bohurjak. The Holy Shroud is similar to the Shroud of the Buried Lord, Jesus Christ. While the Shroud of the Lord is brought out on Good Friday for just a little more than twenty-four hours, the Dormition Shroud will remain for veneration until the end of the month.

**ST. ELIZABETH BOOK CIRCLE:**

The Book Circle will meet Monday, October 8, at 12:30. We will complete reading Chapters 6-7 of Exodus. Further information will be announced on our new book in the week or two before our meeting.

**THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE**

REGULAR COLLECTION, AUGUST 19	\$ 2265.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	61.00
BUILDING FUND	125.00
MORTGAGE FUND	60.00
CANDLES	170.00
DONATION FROM ST. POKROVA	1000.00
IN MEMORY OF ALICE RETA	1453.00



## ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

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### Welcome, Bishop Paul



This weekend our parish is honored to welcome His Grace, the Right Reverend, Bishop Paul. His Grace has been our Diocesan bishop for the last four years. He was born in 1953 in Detroit. As an infant, he was baptized with the name Apostolos, in honor of the holy Apostle Paul. He graduated from Detroit's Cooley High School, where he was a member of the National Honor Society, in 1971, after which he enrolled in Wayne State University as a history and psychology major. After his graduation in 1976, he worked with emotionally and physically abused children. He furthered his education at Wayne State, from which he received a Master of Social Work degree in 1980 and continued to work in his chosen field.

He began theological studies in 1991 at Saint Vladimir's Seminary, from which he received his Master of Divinity degree summa cum laude and served as valedictorian in 1994. He was ordained to the priesthood by His Eminence, the late Archbishop Job of Chicago and the Midwest, on June 25, 1994, and was assigned to Saint Thomas the Apostle Church, Kokomo, IN, after which he resided at Saint Gregory Palamas Monastery, Hayesville, OH until May 2006. He briefly served parishes in St. Louis, MO and Desloge, MO before his transfer to the OCA's Bulgarian Diocese and assignment as Dean of Saint George Cathedral, Rossford, OH in 2007. On October 21, 2014, the Holy Synod elected him to fill the vacant See of Chicago and the Diocese of the Midwest, consecrated on December 27, 2014.

His Grace has been with us several times before, and his visits are always special moments in the life of our parish. We pray that Our Lord, Jesus Christ give him continued blessings of health to "rightly divide the word of God's truth."

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# SEPTEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1 Church New Year</b>  5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
<b>2 14th Sunday after Pentecost</b> Martyrs Mamas Theodotus and Rufina	3	4	5	6	7  6:00 p.m. Vigil of the Nativity of the Theotokos	<b>8 Nativity of the Theotokos</b> 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
<b>9 15th Sunday after Pentecost</b>  First day of Church School classes	10  7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting	11	12	13  6:00 p.m. Great Vespers	<b>14 Elevation of the Cross</b> 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 7:30 p.m. Konevets Quartet concert	15  5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
<b>16 16th Sunday after Pentecost</b> Greatmartyr Euphemia	17	18	19	20	21  1:00 p.m. Golf Benefit for St. Vladimir Camp	22  5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
<b>23 17th Sunday after Pentecost</b> Conception of St. John the Baptist	24 Cooking for St. Herman's House	25	26 Serving dinner at St. Herman's House	27	28	29  5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
<b>30 18th Sunday after Pentecost</b> Hieromartyr Gregory  5:00 p.m. Vespers	<b>October 1 Protection of the Theotokos</b> 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy					