August 26th

Martyrs Adrian & Natalie of Nicomedia

Stichera at the Praises

1) When thou becamest obedient unto the voice of thy Lord, thou didst cast far away from thee, O most noble Adrian,

all delight that is in the world; and on thy shoulders thou tookest up the Cross and didst partake of His holy sufferings.

Truly, through both these things thou wast tried and proven true. Wherefore, today we the faithful honor thy divine memorial.

2) O most staunch and steadfast Adrian, though thou wast ceaselessly tossed on a wild sea of punishments, thou hadst thy wife Natalie wisely steering thee like a ship; and she directed thee to a tranquil port and led thee straight to the city in the heights.

As thou now dwellest there, O all lauded Martyr intercede, we pray, in behalf of us who laud thee as we sing thy praise.
3) Having resisted tenaciously, even to racknings and bonds and the severing of your limbs, ye delivered up your souls unto Him that created you; and ye received truly everlasting rest and lofty blessedness never waxing old.

O the divine reward that ye have obtained from Christ in recompense! O ye Martyrs great in glory and most venerable.