

August 26th

Martyrs Adrian & Natalie of Nicomedia

Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone 8
Special melody: *O strange wonder*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih
from various sources

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1) When thou be - cam - est o - be - di - ent un - to the

voice of thy Lord, thou didst cast far a -

G↓ C G↓

- way from thee, O most no - ble A - dri - an,

C

all de - light that is in the world; and on thy

G↓

shoul - ders thou took - est up the Cross

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and didst par - take of His ho - ly suf - fer - ings.

Tru - ly, through both these things thou wast tried and prov - en

Un. G↓

true. Where - fore, to - day we the faith - ful hon - or

C

thy di - vine me - mo - ri - al.

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2) O most staunch and steadfast Adrian, though thou wast
 ceaseless - ly tossed on a wild sea of
 punishments, thou hadst thy wife Nat - a - lie
 wisely steering thee like a ship; and she di -
 - rected thee to a tranquil port
 and led thee straight to the city in the heights.
 As thou now dwell - est there, O all - laud - ed Mar - tyr
 Un. in - ter - cede, we pray, in behalf of us who
 laud thee as we sing thy praise.

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3) Hav - ing re - sis - ted te - na - cious - ly, e - ven to
 rack - ings and bonds and the sev - er - ing
 of your limbs, ye de - liv - ered up your souls
 un - to Him that cre - at - ed you; and ye re -
 ceived tru - ly ev - er - last - ing rest
 and loft - y bless - ed - ness nev - er wax - ing old.
 O the di - vine re - ward that ye have ob - tained from
 Christ in rec - om - pense! O ye Mar - tyrs great in
 glo - ry and most ven - 'ra - ble.