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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: AUGUST 24th – AUGUST 30th, 2026

<u>Mon.</u> 8/24	The Holy Bishop-Martyr Eutyches	6.00 pm	Akathist to St. Michael
<u>Tue.</u> 8/25	The Return of the Relics of the Holy Apostle Bartholomew The Holy Apostle Titus	6.00 pm	Vespers
<u>Wed.</u> 8/26	The Holy Martyrs Adrian and Natalie	9.00 am	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (+ Sharon Benjamin)
<u>Thu.</u> 8/27	Our Venerable Father Pimen	6.00 pm	Vespers
<u>Fri.</u> 8/28	Our Venerable Father Moses the Ethiopian Our Holy Father Augustine, Bishop of Hippo	6.00 pm	Great Vespers with Litia
<u>Sat.</u> 8/29	THE BEHEADING OF THE HOLY PROPHET, FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN	5.00 pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
<u>Sun.</u> 8/30	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Post-festive Day of the Beheading of the Holy Baptist John Our Holy Fathers Alexander, John, and Paul the Younger, Patriarchs of Constantinople	9.45 am 10.00 am 11.15 am	Third Hour Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom Holy Rosary

HOLY CONFESSION is available on Saturday from 4 pm to 4:45 pm or by appointment.

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF ST. MICHAEL'S:



Fr. Michael Evanick, Ann Libak, George Batcha, Edward Ivanyo, Casimir Laczkowski, Barbara Fedorchak, Susan Hlebasko, George Primich, John Olenik, Victoria Berch, Anthony Slinker, Jackie Petyo, Jacob Soderlund, Veronica Bodak, Elisabeth Babich, Rosemarie Stith, Nora Bloch, Nicholas Cuban, Nicholas Cuban Sr.,

Jennifer Adamo, Carol Zakutansky, Austin Gaydos, Todd Wert, Ed Moncada, Bridget Bowman, Matthew Malyj, Gary Lazor, and Roger Libke.

The Holy Martyrs Adrian and Natalia

Commemorated on August 26

The Martyrs Adrian and Natalia were married in their youth for one year prior to their martyrdom and lived in Nicomedia during the time of the emperor Maximian (305-311). The emperor promised a reward to whomever would inform on Christians to bring them to trial. Then the denunciations began, and twenty-three Christians were captured in a cave near Nicomedia.

They were tortured, urged to worship idols, and then brought before the Praetor, in order to record their names and responses. Adrian, the head of the praetorium, watched as these people suffered with such courage for their faith. Seeing how firmly and fearlessly they confessed Christ, 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." Saint Adrian told the scribes, "Write my name down also, for I am a Christian and I die gladly for Christ God."

The scribes reported this to the emperor, who summoned Saint Adrian and asked: "Really, have you gone mad, that you want to die? Come, cross out your name from the lists and offer sacrifice to the gods, asking their forgiveness."

Saint Adrian answered: "I have not lost my mind, but rather have I found it." Maximian then ordered Adrian to be thrown into prison. His wife, Saint Natalia, knowing that her husband was to suffer for Christ, rejoiced, since she herself was secretly a Christian. She hastened to the prison and encouraged her husband.

They tortured Saint Adrian cruelly. The emperor advised the saint to have pity on himself and call on the gods, but the martyr answered: "Let your gods say what blessings they promise me, and then I shall worship them, but if they cannot do this, then why should I worship them?" Saint Natalia did not cease to encourage her husband. She asked him also 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 the legs of the saints to be broken on the anvil. They wanted to burn the bodies of the saints, but a storm arose, and the fire went out. Many of the executioners were even struck by lightning. Saint Natalia took the hand of her husband and kept it at home. Saint Adrian appeared to her in a dream and said that she would soon be at rest in the Lord. The martyr, worn out by her former sufferings, in fact soon fell asleep in the Lord.



Parish Support

August 15 & 16

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Candles.....54.00
Dormition.....405.00
Total.....\$2,047.00



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Wisdom from the Bishop of Lyons

One should not seek among others the truth that can be easily gotten from the Church. For in her, as in a rich treasury, the apostles have placed all that pertains to truth, so that everyone can drink this beverage of life. She is the door of life.

He who shall preserve the life bestowed upon him, and give thanks to Him Who imparted it, shall receive also length of days forever and ever. But he who shall reject it, and prove himself ungrateful to his Maker, inasmuch as he has been created, and has not recognized Him Who bestowed the gift upon him, deprives himself of the privilege of continuance forever and ever. And, for this reason, the Lord declared to those who showed themselves ungrateful towards Him: 'If you have not been faithful in that which is little, who will give you that which is great?' (cf. Lk. 16:11) in-

dicating that those who, in this brief temporal life, have shown themselves ungrateful to Him Who bestowed it, shall justly not receive from Him length of days forever and ever.

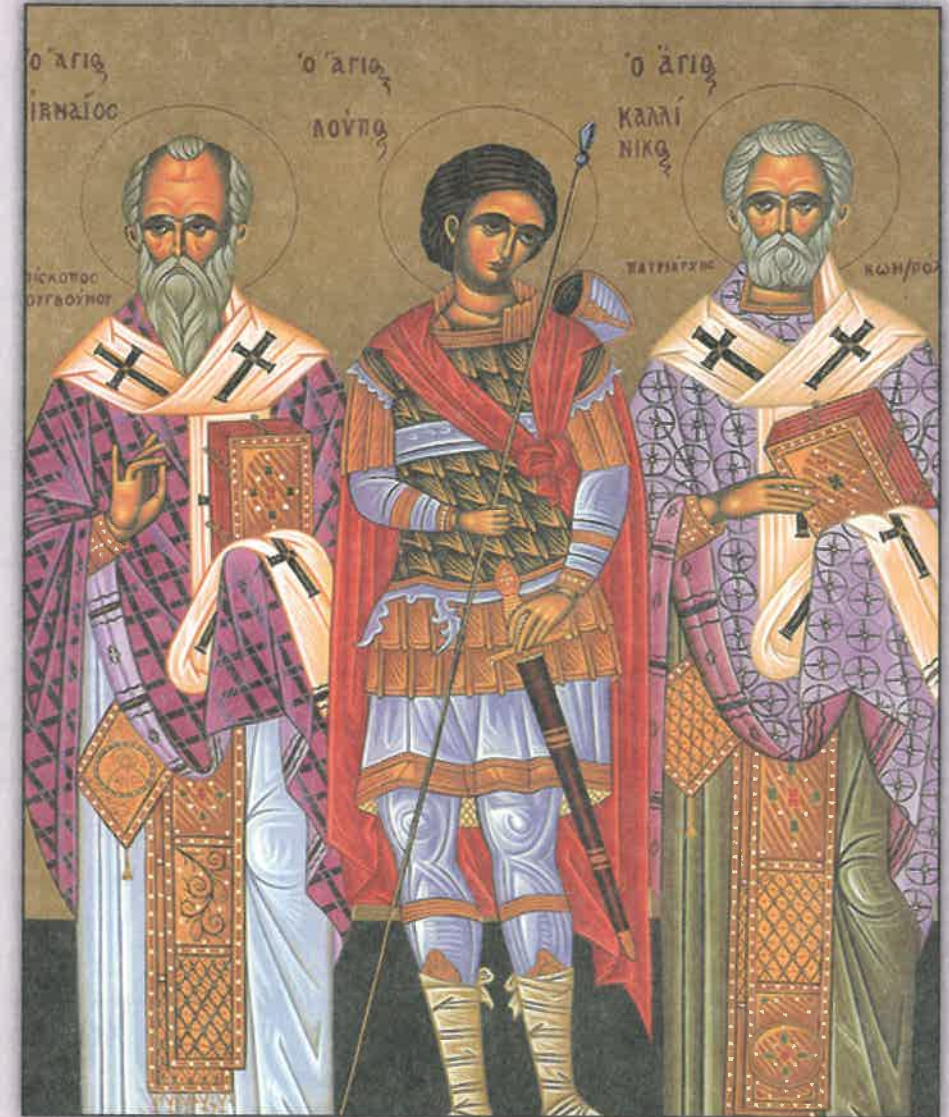
We have learned the plan of our salvation from no one else other than from those through whom the gospel has come down to us. For they did at one time proclaim the gospel in public. And, at a later period, by the will of God, they handed the gospel down to us in the Scriptures—to be the 'ground and pillar of our faith.'

He who was the Son of God became the Son of man, that man ... might become the son of God.

The glory of God is the human person fully alive.

St. Irenaeus of Lyons

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saints Irenaeus, Lupus and Callinicus -- August 23rd