

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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Glory Forever!
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26 August 2012: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
The Holy Martyrs Adrian and Natalia. Our Blessed Mother Mariam Bawadi.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat. Aug. 25 **5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil**
+George & Lenora Malinich requested by Pamela, Sam, Shannon, Ben, Scott, Jen, and Emily

Sun. Aug. 26 **9:30 AM: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost:** For Our Parishioners

Sat. Sept. 01 **5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil**
Health & Well-Being of Jonathan & Marsha Osif requested by Martin, Dorothy & Tina Osif

Sun. Sept. 02 **9:30 AM: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost:** For Our Parishioners

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Acolytes

Readers

Ushers

Sat. Aug. 25	M. Mihalko	M. Hulyk	J. Kontir, R. Garber
Sun. Aug. 26	D. Cianciotti	L. Cianciotti	B. Knouse, J. Knouse
Sat. Sept. 01	M. Mihalko	D. Cholock	J. Snitzer, D. Mihalko
Sun. Sept. 02	R. & E. Hess	J. Hess	D. Hess, J. Overdorff

Collection: 08/19/12: Adult \$730; Student \$ 4; Candles \$45; Holy Day \$280;

Total: \$ 1059



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 Prætor, in order to record their names and responses. Adrian, the head of the prætorium, watched as these people suffered with such courage for their faith. Seeing how firmly and fearlessly they confessed Christ, 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.**" The scribes reported this to the emperor, who summoned St 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." St 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, St 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 saying: **"You are blessed, my lord, because you have believed in Christ. You have obtained a great treasure. Do not regret anything earthly, neither beauty, nor youth (Adrian was then 28 years of age), 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 that he had renounced Christ and thus had been set free, and she did not want to let him into the house. The saint persuaded his wife that he had not fled from martyrdom, but rather had come to give her the 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 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?"** St 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. St Natalia, fearing that her husband would hesitate on seeing the sufferings of the other martyrs, asked the executioner to begin with him, and permit her to put his hands and legs on the anvil herself. They wanted to burn the bodies of the saints, but a storm arose and the fire went out. Many of the executioners even were struck by lightning. St Natalia took the hand of her husband and kept it at home. 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. The martyr, worn out by her former sufferings, in fact soon fell asleep in the Lord.

Blessed Mariam Baouardy (Bawadi) The Little Arab and the Lily of Palestine (5 January 1846 – 26 August 1878) was a Melkite Greek Catholic Carmelite nun. She was born on January 5, 1846 in Ibillin. In April 1878 she played an important role in the identification of the Biblical Emmaus thanks to a private revelation. She died on August 26, 1878 in Bethlehem. She was beatified by Pope John Paul II on 13 November 1983. In Ibillin a kindergarten, the Miriam Bawardi Elementary School and a junior high school are named after Mariam Baouardy.



- ❑ **SEPTEMBER 9th, SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY WILL BE SERVED AT 10:30 AM.**
- ❑ **ECF classes resume on September 23rd.**
- ❑ Thank you to **Barbara Chirdon** and **Lisa Cianciotti** for donating baked goods to our bingo this past week.

- ❑ **The Sisters of St. Basil the Great warmly invite you to the 78th Annual Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sept. 1 & 2, 2012.** This year's theme, *Theotokos, Guide on the Journey of Life*, is a fitting expression of the nature of Pilgrimage. During this Pilgrimage, we look to Mary to guide us on the right path, the path to the Source of Life, her Divine Son. We Sisters invite you once again to join us for the annual Pilgrimage during Labor Day weekend at Mount St. Macrina. Together we can reflect upon Mary's great role in guiding us successfully through the days of our earthly journey. Together we will await the overflowing of the Lord's cup. The Sisters of St. Basil invite you to share in the many blessings of Pilgrimage and offer their prayers for a spiritually fruitful journey of the heart. Pick up a **schedule** in the Narthex.

- ❑ **Cantor Institute classes for 2012 – 2013. ***Basic course ---** this one-year course offered over 5 Saturdays covers the essentials of singing the Sunday Divine Liturgy. This year all classes will not be at our seminary in Pittsburgh as in past years, but at **SAINTS PETER AND PAUL BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN PORTAGE, PA**, on the following **Saturdays: 29 September, 10 November, 1 December, 2 February, and 9 March.** Any parishioner who would like to join our fine choir is encouraged to attend this one-year course. New members are always welcome. «*He who sings well, prays twice!*» says Saint Augustine, Bishop of Hippo. See Father for additional details or if you have any questions.

