

## THE SCHEDULE OF THE CHURCH SERVICES

*For September 2019.*

- 01.09. - (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 08.09. - (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 11.09. - **THE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST** (Wednesday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 13.09. - **HOLY NEW MARTYRES OF JASENOVAC**
- 15.09. - (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 21.09. - **NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS** (Saturday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 22.09. - (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 27.09. - **HOLY CROSS DAY** (Friday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 29.09. - (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am

### **ОБАВЕШТЕЊА**

- Канцеларија ЦШО отворена је УТОРКОМ, ЧЕТВРТОМ и ПЕТКОМ ОД 09:00 - 12:00 часова



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## HOLY MARTYRS ADRIAN AND NATALIA

Husband and wife, they were both of noble and wealthy families in Nicomedia. Adrian was the governor of the Praetorium and a pagan, and Natalia was a secret Christian. They were both young, and had lived in wedlock for thirteen months in all before their martyrdom. When the wicked Emperor Maximian visited Nicomedia, he ordered that the Christians be seized and put to torture. There were twenty-three Christians hidden in a cave near the city. Someone handed them over to the authorities and they were cruelly flogged with leather whips and staves, and thrown into prison. They were then taken from prison and brought before the Praetor for their names to be noted. Adrian looked at these people, tortured but unbowed, peaceful and meek, and he put them under oath to say what they hoped for from their God, that they should undergo such tortures. They spoke to him of the blessedness of the righteous in the Kingdom of God. Hearing this, and again looking at these people, Adrian suddenly turned to the scribe and said: "Write my name along with those of these saints; I also am a Christian." When the Emperor heard this, he asked him: "Have you lost your mind?" Adrian replied: "I haven't lost it, but found it!" Hearing this, Natalia rejoiced greatly, and, when Adrian sat chained with the others in prison, came and ministered to them all. When they flogged her husband and put him to various tortures, she encouraged him to endure to the end. After long torture and imprisonment, the Emperor ordered that they be taken to the prison anvil, for their arms and legs to be broken by hammers. This was done and Adrian, along with the twenty-three others, breathed his last under the vicious tortures. Natalia took their relics to Constantinople and there buried them. After several days Adrian appeared to her, bathed in light and beauty and calling her to come to God, and she peacefully gave her soul into her Lord's hands.

## PRAYER TO THE HOLY CROSS

Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered; and let those who hate Him flee from His face. As smoke vanishes, let them vanish; and as wax melts from the presence of fire, so let the demons perish from the presence of those who love God and who sign themselves with the Sign of the Cross and say with gladness: Hail, most precious and life-giving Cross of the Lord, for Thou drivest away the demons by the power of our Lord Jesus Christ Who was crucified on thee, went down to hell and trampled on the power of the devil, and gave us thee, His honorable Cross, for driving away all enemies.

O most precious and life-giving Cross of the Lord, help me with our holy Lady, the Virgin Theotokos, and with all the Saints throughout the ages. Amen.

