

THEKAPENTAVGOUSTO SERVICE SCHEDULE

+ ASCENSION OF OUR LORD GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH +
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FOLLOWING IS THE SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE FIRST 15 DAYS OF AUGUST
(THEKAPENTAVGOUSTO) LEADING TO THE FEAST OF THE FALLING ASLEEP OF THE THEOTOKOS.

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AUGUST 1	FAST OF THE THEOTOKOS BEGINS ORTHROS 8 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY 9 A.M. 5 P.M. VESPERS
AUGUST 2	ORTHROS 8:15 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY 9:30 A.M.
AUGUST 3	SMALL PARAKLESIS 7 P.M.
AUGUST 4	GREAT PARAKLESIS 7 P.M.
AUGUST 6	TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD ORTHROS 8 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY 9 A.M.
AUGUST 7	SMALL PARAKLESIS: 7 P.M.
AUGUST 8	VESPERS 5 P.M.
AUGUST 9	ORTHROS 8:15 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY 9:30 A.M.
AUGUST 10	SMALL PARAKLESIS 7 P.M.
AUGUST 11	GREAT PARAKLESIS 7 P.M.
AUGUST 12	HOLY UNCTION 6:30 P.M.
AUGUST 13	GREAT PARAKLESIS: 7 P.M.
AUGUST 14	7 P.M. GREAT VESPERS @ ASSUMPTION CHURCHES IN CHICAGO, HOMER GLEN, HEGEWISCH AND RACINE, WI
AUGUST 15	FALLING ASLEEP OF THE THEOTOKOS



What is Paraklesis?

Paraklesis is the Greek word used for a service of a supplicatory canon. The Paraklesis Service is a service of supplication for the welfare of the living. It is addressed to the Most Holy Theotokos or a Saint whose intercessions are sought through the chanting of a supplicatory canon and other hymns. The most popular Paraklesis Service is that in which the supplicatory canon and other hymns are addressed to the Most Holy Theotokos. To supplicate or intercede, means to ask something on behalf of someone else. During the Supplicatory Canon we are asking the Theotokos, or Mother of God, to intercede for us before God.

When is the Paraklesis to the Most Holy Theotokos celebrated?

Though it may be celebrated at other times during the year (in time of particular need or at the request of one of the faithful), it is traditional that the Paraklesis Service, with the chanting of either the Small or Great Supplicatory Canon to the Most Holy Theotokos, be celebrated on evenings during the Dormition Fast (August 1st through 14th) except on Saturday evenings, on the eve of the Transfiguration (August 5th), and on the eve of the Dormition (August 14th) when no Paraklesis is celebrated.

(Adapted texts from the Archdiocese and Antiochian Archdiocese Websites)