

THEKAPENTAVGOUSTO SERVICE SCHEDULE

+ ASCENSION OF OUR LORD GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH +

FOLLOWING IS THE SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE FIRST 15 DAYS OF AUGUST
(THEKAPENTAVGOUSTO) LEADING TO THE FEAST OF THE
FALLING ASLEEP OF THE THEOTOKOS.

+ PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER DURING THIS HOLY PERIOD +

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| AUGUST 1 | FAST OF THE THEOTOKOS BEGINS SMALL PARAKLESIS: 7 P.M. |
| AUGUST 2 | GREAT PARALKESIS: 7 P.M. |
| AUGUST 3 | SMALL PARAKLESIS: 7 P.M. |
| AUGUST 4 | GREAT PARAKLESIS: 7 P.M. |
| AUGUST 5 | 7 P.M. GREAT VESPERS @ TRANSFIGURATION MONASTERY * |
| AUGUST 6 | TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD 8:15 A.M. ORTHROS 9:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY |
| AUGUST 7 | SMALL PARAKLESIS: 7 P.M. |
| AUGUST 8 | GREAT PARAKLESIS: 7 P.M. |
| AUGUST 9 | SMALL PARAKLESIS: 7 P.M. |
| AUGUST 10 | GREAT PARAKLESIS: 7 P.M. |
| AUGUST 11 | HOLY UNCTION: 6:30 P.M. |
| AUGUST 12 | VESPERS: 5 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 8:15 A.M. ORTHROS 9:15 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY |

** WITH THE EXCEPTION OF GREAT VESPERS ON AUGUST 5TH AND AUGUST 14TH, ALL SERVICES WILL TAKE PLACE AT
ASCENSION, 1207 RIVERWOODS RD., LINCOLNSHIRE*

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)

