

GREEK COMMUNITY OF TORONTO

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FESTAL CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF PANAGIA

**KOIMISIS OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS**

**14 - 15 August 2017**

The Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Virgin Mary in Toronto celebrates the Feast of the Koimisis (Falling Asleep) of the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, a tradition it has observed for the past 56 years. The Paraklesis Service of Supplications to Panagia is chanted every evening at 7:00 p.m. during the 14 day fast of the Virgin Mary from August 1<sup>st</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to participate in these joyous celebrations in honour of the Blessed Mother of God, whose Translation to the Heavens we commemorate. The Program of Services is the following:

**Monday August 14<sup>th</sup> - Forefeast of the Feast of Koimisis**

**9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Orthros and Divine Liturgy**

**3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Service of Holy Unction  
(Blessing of the Faithful with Holy Oil)**

**7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Great Vespers Service of Koimisis with Artoklasia and Sermon, celebrated by the Orthodox Clergy of Toronto. The Procession of the Holy Epitaphios of Panagia out-doors around the Church will take place at 9:00 p.m.**

**10:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Supplication Service (Paraklesis) & All-Night Vigil**

**TUESDAY AUGUST 15<sup>th</sup> - FEAST OF THE KOIMISIS OF THE THEOTOKOS**

**7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion (for Children, the Elderly, and those with special needs)**

**8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Orthros - Matins of the Feast**

**10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Festal Divine Liturgy & Holy Communion**

**THE ANNUAL PANAGIA BAZAAR & BAKE SALE**

The Cathedral holds its Annual Bazaar and Bake Sale in the Church Hall during the two days of celebration for the Feast of Panagia. All are invited to this joyous celebration in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary!

From the Church Office – For more information, call 416-537-2665