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Commemoration of Apostles of the Seventy: Silas & Silvanus

THIS WEEK:

TUESDAY – 6:30 Confessions
7:00 Paraklis to the Theotokos
beginning of the Dormition Fast

especially remember all those in need of her help during this service.

Please see the bulletin board where you can list those in need of prayer.

During the upcoming Dormition Fast, (begins Aug. 14) we will celebrate each week the beautiful **Paraklis** service. The Paraklis is a service of supplication and comfort in which we ask for the intercession and help of the Blessed Virgin in all our needs. We will

Dormition Fast begins on Tuesday for Monongahela faithful.

Why this fast? We are to struggle to emulate the Blessed Virgin in her obedience to the Lord and as the first disciple of her Son. So then, our death will be a peaceful “falling asleep” as was hers.

During the Dormition Fast, we especially ask for the prayers and intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for all of our needs. Include these prayers in your daily prayer time:

We humble sinners now diligently run to the Birthgiver of God, and in repentance prostrate ourselves calling from the depths of our souls: O Lady, having compassion, help us. Hurry, for we perish from the multitude of sins. Do not turn away from your struggling servants, for as Mediatrix, we have only you.

O Birthgiver of God we the unworthy, shall never cease glorifying you. For if you would stop praying for us, who would deliver us from our many misfortunes? Who would keep us free from sin? We shall not leave you, O Lady, for you alone are blessed and always save your people from all misfortunes by your prayers.

O gentle Protectress of Christians, unfailing Mediatrix before the Creator, do not despise the prayerful voices of sinners but in your goodness hasten to assist us who trustfully cry out to you. Inspire us to prayer and hasten to hear our supplication. Intercede always O Mother of God, in behalf of us who honor you.

– from the Paraklis



Sunday, August 27 - Blessing of Students as they begin their academic year

Sunday, Sept. 2 - Liturgy reverts back to 10 a.m.

Sunday, Sept. 9 – Sunday School begins

Confessions This Dormition fast is an appropriate time to approach Holy Confession if you have not done so since Lent/Pascha. If you faithfully attend the Divine Liturgy each week and are not conscious of any grave sin, we should approach Holy Confession at least 3 times a year: during the Nativity Fast, Great Lent and the Apostles Fast or Dormition Fast.

A reminder: we should not approach the Holy Chalice if we have been absent from the Divine Liturgy without a serious reason.

In our parishes there are few serious reasons since we have the opportunity to participate in the Divine Liturgy on Saturday evening or Sunday morning.

