## A Brief History of the Greek Pantheon and Creation Myth

In the beginning came to be or was. From the void came the Darkness ( FREBUS), as well as Night ( NYX) and
her daughter Day ( <u>HEMERA</u> ). Attraction ( <u>EROS</u> ) kept these primordial forces together and shaped the Universe.
From this union was born the Sky (URANUS) and the Earth (GAIA).
From the Earth and the Sky came the Titans who were led by
CRONUS and RHEA produced The Olympians.
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Rule of the Olympians (Gods and Goddesses – Generation 2)
King Queen
(ZEUS) (HERA)
(HADES) (POSEIDON) (DEMETER) (HESTIA) The Original 6 Olympians
( APOLLO )( ARTEMIS )( ATHENA )( ARES )( HERMES )( HEPHAESTUS )( APHRODITE)
( DIONYSUS )  *Replaces Hestia after she agrees to step down for the sake of keeping peace.  (HADES /PERSEPHONE)  *Even though his mother was mortal his legendary feats of strength earned him a spot in Olympus.  *Usually not counted amongst the 12 Olympians since they ruled their "own" world – the Underworld.

<sup>\*</sup>As reward for helping defeat The Titans (\_\_\_PROMETHEUS\_\_) was not imprisoned with the rest of his brethren.
\*\*When Rome adopted the Greek Pantheon, many of the Gods and Goddesses were renamed.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Depending on the year, and the source, at times there were more than 12 gods living in Olympus.