

Cathedral Tours

Thursday - 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m.

Friday - 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m.

Saturday - 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 5:00 (Great Vespers), 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m.

Sunday - 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 p.m.

An informative video presentation of the history of Orthodox Christianity. Learn the symbolism of the beautiful Byzantine-style Cathedral. Questions will be answered by Cathedral clergy.

Shops and Displays (S. P. Martel Auditorium)

Gift Shop

Unique gold jewelry, costume jewelry, cookbooks, pottery, imported clothing, buttons, t-shirts, hats, aprons, tote bags, books, artwork, CD's, religious items and Greek Festival souvenirs

Agora

Imported Greek foods

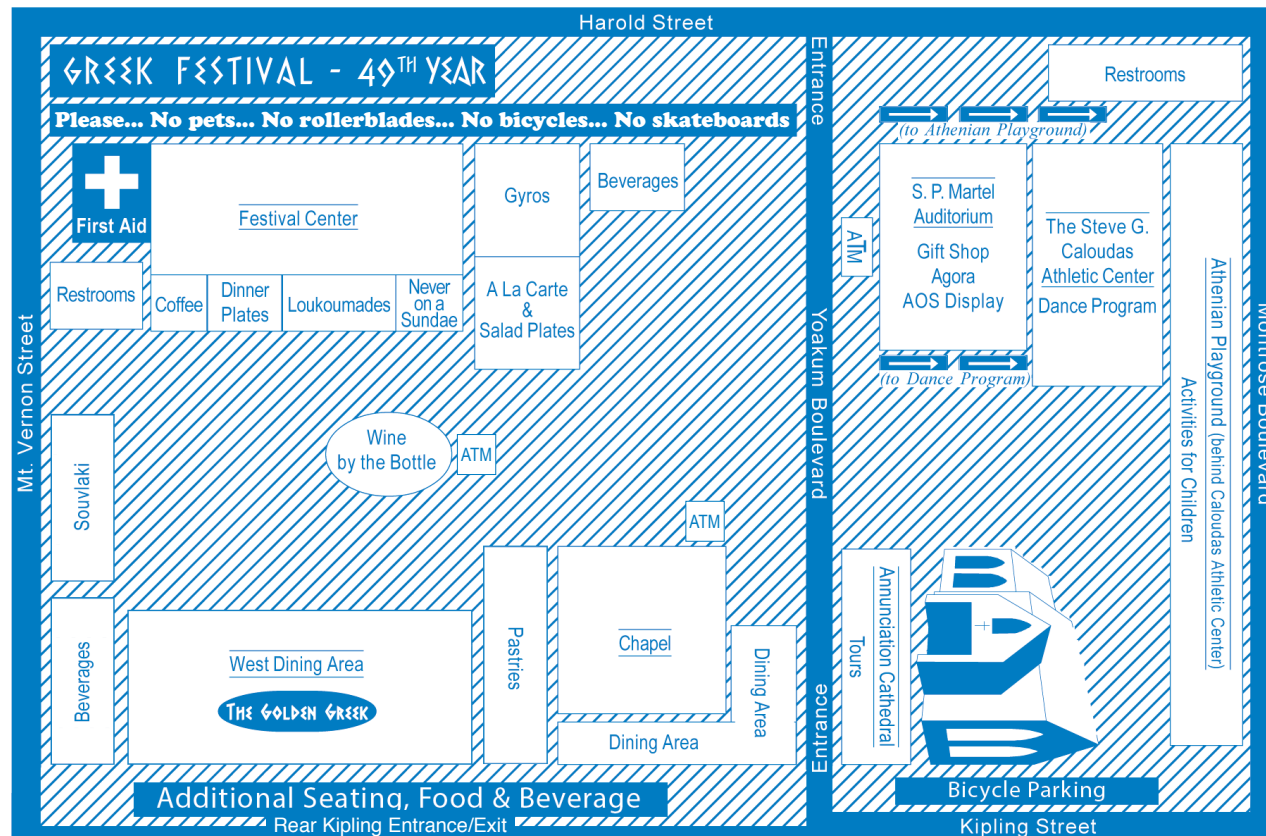
Athenian Playground

Open daily until 9 p.m. (Sunday 5:30 p.m.)- Inflatable play centers and children's refreshments

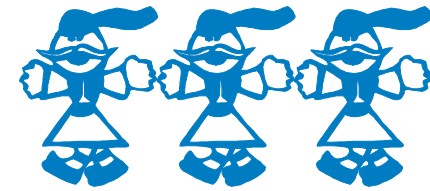
Live Greek Music (Evenings)

Live Greek music provided by THE GOLDEN GREEK, Mr. Alex Kalos

OUR SINCERE THANKS TO WAMM (WESTHEIMER/WEST ALABAMA/MONTROSE/MULBERRY) CIVIC ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR PATIENT, COOPERATIVE, GOOD-NEIGHBOR APPROACH TO THE LOGISTICAL CHALLENGES THAT ACCOMPANY THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF OUR ANNUAL GREEK FESTIVAL



**Please join us again next year
For our 50th Anniversary Celebration
October 6, 7, 8, & 9, 2016**



ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL HOUSTON, TEXAS

presents

The Original GREEK FESTIVAL - 49TH YEAR

October 1, 2, 3, & 4, 2015

3511 Yoakum Boulevard — 713.526.5377

greekfestival.org

Thursday, October 1

5 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Shuttle 5 p.m. - 10:45 p.m.

Friday, October 2

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

5 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Shuttle 5 p.m. - 10:45 p.m.

Saturday, October 3

11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Shuttle 11 a.m. - 10:45 p.m.

Sunday, October 4

12 Noon - 6 p.m.

Shuttle 12 Noon - 6:30 p.m.



In 1917, a handful of Greek immigrants formed what is today one of the largest Greek Orthodox communities in the United States. The vision, foresight and dedication of those few faithful immigrants laid the groundwork for what exists today. From its original location in downtown Houston (what is now Tranquility Park) to the sprawling grounds that border Yoakum Boulevard, Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral has become a major force in the religious and social communities that comprise Houston today. Proceeds from the Greek Festival have helped many people through donations to various charitable organizations, such as Agape Development Ministries, Annunciation Orthodox School Grant Program, Boys and Girls Country of Houston, Inc., Bridges to Life, Camp Aranzazu, Casa de Esperanza de Los Ninos, Child Advocates, Childrens Assessment Center Foundation, Covenant House Texas, Emergency Aid Coalition, Harris County Constable Precinct 1 Reserve Command, Harris County Sheriff's Office Reserve Command, Houston Orthodox Clergy Association, Parents of Murdered Children, Heights Chapter, School for Young Children, SEARCH Homeless Services, Star of Hope, Target Hunger, The Beacon, The Center, The Phoenix School at Southwest Schools, Trinity Houston Foster Care, WAMM Civic Association and Young Learners School.

We thank you for your patronage.

AUTHENTIC GREEK FOODS - ALL HOMEMADE!

Dinner Plate \$14.00

A generous serving of *pastitsio* (baked macaroni with beef filling and Romano cheese topped with béchal-mel sauce); *tiropita* (triangular-shaped cheese-filled rolled filo); *spanakopita* (spinach and Feta cheese rolled in filo); 2 *keftedes* (spicy meat balls); and *salata* (traditional Greek salad with seasonings, vinegar, olive oil and Feta cheese, garnished with olives, tomato and a salad pepper).

Greek Sausage on a Stick \$5.00

Seasoned Chicken with Spinach and Feta

Souvlaki \$7.50

Seasoned and marinated tenderloin cubes with onions, prepared over burning coals

Gyro \$8.50

Succulent slices of lamb and beef served in a hot pita bread with tomato, onions and tzatziki sauce

A La Carte

Tiropita \$3.50

Cheese-filled puff pastry

Spanakopita \$3.50

Spinach and cheese-filled puff pastry

Dolmades \$6.50

Four grape leaves stuffed with ground beef and rice

Greek Salad Plate \$6.00 / \$8.00 w/Gyro Meat

Lettuce with tomatoes, cucumbers, sweet onions, Greek olives, Feta Cheese and a dinner roll

Mezedes Plate \$5.00

Feta cheese, olives, peppers, tzatziki & pita

Beverages

Soft Drinks \$3.00

Bottled Water \$2.00

Texas Coffee \$2.00

Greek Coffee \$3.00

Iced Coffee Frappe \$4.00

Beer \$5.00

Craft Beer \$8.00

Wine (glass) \$5.00

Wine (bottle) \$20.00/\$25.00/\$30.00

Pastries

Baklava - \$2.00

Nuts, butter & spices in layers of filo pastry, topped with honey syrup

Kourambiedes \$2.00

All-butter cookies with toasted almonds, topped with powdered sugar

Finikia \$2.00

Sweet honey cookie with various spices, topped with nuts

Koulourakia \$3.00

Six twisted butter cookies – great for dunking!

Tsoureki \$6.00

A loaf of famous Greek sweet bread

Thea Mary’s Rizogalo \$3.00 - also sold at Coffee Station

Rich ‘n’ creamy rice pudding topped with cinnamon

Desserts

Loukoumades \$6.00

Hot honey puffs

Never-on-a-Sundae \$3.00

Vanilla ice cream topped with baklava sprinkles

GREEK DANCE PERFORMANCES - THE STEVE G. CALOUDAS ATHLETIC CENTER

Adult Dance Program performed every hour each evening

Thursday and Friday: Begins at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday: Begins at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: Begins at 4:00 p.m.

Children’s Dance Program

Saturday: 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m.

Sunday: 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m.

Dance Program

The films “Never on Sunday” and “Zorba the Greek” introduced Greek dance to moviegoers around the world. It remains a living, vital force in the Greek way of life, and its spirit brings people together with a true feeling of camaraderie. It’s a fundamental aspect of Greek religious festivities, national holidays, and family celebrations including weddings and baptisms - events that center on the Church life of Orthodox parishioners.

Our evening dance program showcases the three main types of Greek dances with the added flair Houston has come to know and love. Each dance reflects the culture, customs and traditional costumes of its particular region. A dance is either from the islands (nessiotika); the mainland (demotika); or popular (laika), meaning it is danced throughout Greece. Our Children’s dance program presents our youngest members in their traditional costumes performing dances from all around Greece.

Our dancers spend months leading up to the festival preparing for our show, which allows our young adults to not only showcase their love and respect for their rich heritage and faith, but also the chance to share that excitement and love of dance with our local community who have become our biggest fans throughout the years. We hope you enjoy the show! OPA Houston!

Boutari Wines

Elios White (\$5.00/glass - \$20.00/bottle)

Crisp white wine with citrus and melon flavors.

Nemea Red (\$25.00/bottle)

Velvety tannins with balanced acidity, ripe cherries, blueberries and chocolate.

Elios Red (\$5.00/glass - \$20.00/bottle)

Smooth red with blackberry, plum and mocha flavors.

Retsina (\$5.00/glass - \$20.00/bottle)

A traditional wine that masterfully combines the finesse of the Savatiano grape with pine resin. High acidity with the refreshing taste of eucalyptus.

Moschofilero White (\$25.00/bottle)

A refreshing dry white wine with citrus, floral and melon aromas. Well balanced with intense flavor and a long aromatic finish of orange blossom and grapefruit.

Santorini White (\$30.00/bottle)

The island of Santorini’s soil is characteristically dry, which provides the wine its mineral high acidity and citrus characteristics.

Merlot Xinomavro (\$30.00/bottle)

Intense and complex with plum, marmalade of red fruits and berries. Velvety taste with a full-body and a very good balanced flavor of cocoa, coffee and pepper.