

ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

HOUSTON, TEXAS

presents

The Original
**GREEK
FESTIVAL**



EST. 1966

October 6, 7 & 8 2022

3511 Yoakum Boulevard — 713.526.5377

greekfestival.org

Thursday, October 6

5 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Friday, October 7

11 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 8

11 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

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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 Original Greek Festival have helped many people through donations to various charitable organizations, such as Annunciation Orthodox School (AOS Grant Program), ASPIRE, Bridges to Life, Camp HOPE, Casa de Esperanza, Children's Assessment Center Foundation, Covenant House, EAC (Emergency Aid Coalition), Houston Orthodox Clergy Association, Harris County Constable Precinct 1 Reserve Command, Harris County Sheriff's Office Reserve Command, Parents of Murdered Children Houston Chapter, School for Young Children, Shield Bearer Counseling Center, SEARCH (Service of the Emergency and Resource Center for the Homeless), Star of Hope, The Beacon, Trinity Foster Care and WAMM (Westheimer / W. Alabama / Montrose / Mulberry Civic Association).

We thank you for your patronage.

Cathedral Tours

Learn the symbolism of our beautiful Byzantine-style Cathedral

Thursday - 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30

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

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

Athena Playground

Thursday, 5-9 Friday 303-9:30 Saturday 11-9:30

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

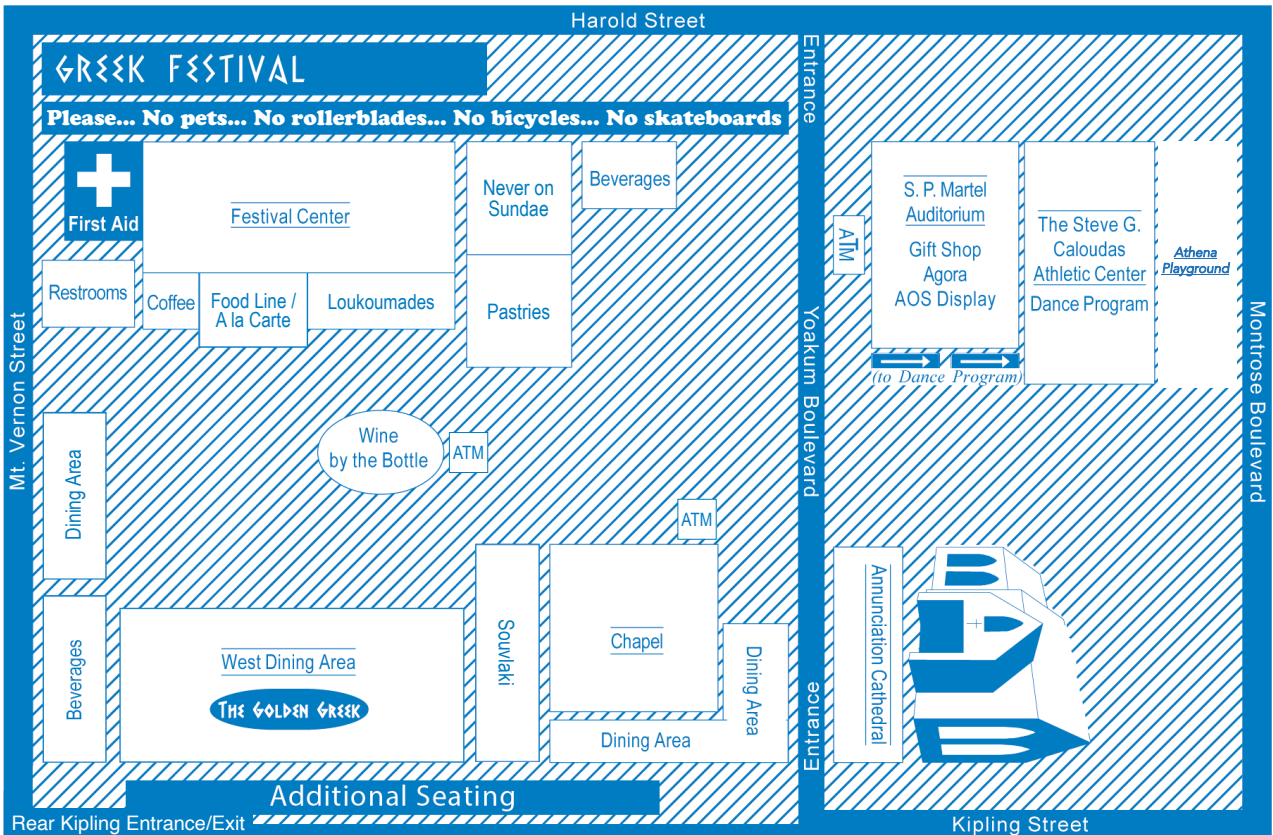
Agora

Imported Greek foods

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



AUTHENTIC GREEK FOODS - ALL HOMEMADE!

Greek Sausage on a Stick \$7

Seasoned chicken with spinach and Feta

Souvlaki \$10

Seasoned and marinated beef sirlion cubes with onions, prepared over burning coals

Food Line / A La Carte

Pastitsio \$8

Baked macaroni with beef filling and Romano cheese topped with béchamel sauce

Tiropita \$3

Triangular shaped cheese filled filo

Spanakopita \$3

Spinach and Feta cheese rolled in filo

Dolmades \$3

Grape leaves stuffed with ground beef and rice

Keftedes 2 for \$3

Spiced meat balls

Greek Salad \$10

Lettuce with tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, Greek olives, Feta cheese, Greek salad dressing

Beverages

Soft Drinks \$4

Bottled Water \$3

Texas Coffee \$3

Greek Coffee \$3

Iced Coffee Frappé \$5

Beer \$7

Craft Beer \$9

Wine (glass) \$7

Wine (bottle) \$35/\$40/\$45

Pastries

Baklava - \$3

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

Kourambiedes \$3

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

Finikia \$3

Sweet honey cookie with various spices, topped with nuts

Koulourakia 6/\$5

Six twisted butter cookies – great for dunking!

Tsoureki \$8

A loaf of famous Greek sweet bread

Thea Mary's Rizogalo \$5 also sold at coffee

Rich 'n' creamy rice pudding topped with cinnamon

Desserts

Loukoumades \$8

Hot honey puffs

Never-on-a-Sundae \$5

Vanilla ice cream topped with baklava sprinkles

50th Anniversary Special Edition

Original Greek Festival Cookbook \$25

GREEK DANCE PERFORMANCES - THE STEVE G. CALOUDAS ATHLETIC CENTER

Adult Dance Program

Thursday and Friday: 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:00 p.m.

Saturday: Begins at 5:00 p.m.

Children's Dance Program

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

Dance Program

The films "Never on Sunday" and "Zorba the Greek" introduced Greek dance to moviegoers around the world. Dance 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!

Greek Wines

Mediterranean White

Anemos White - Palivou Winery (\$7/glass-\$35/ bottle)

Grapes: 30% Moschofilero, 70% Rodit

Notes: This is a crisp and refreshing dry white from a second generation family winery. It has notes of lemon blossoms, pear and apple.

Compares to: Pinot Grigio/Sauvignon Blanc

Retsina (\$7/glass-\$35/bottle)

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

Wine Art Estate (\$7/glass-\$35/bottle)

Wine Art Estate – Plano Malagousia White Grape: 100% Malagousia (Mah-lah-gou-zyá) A full-bodied wine with refreshing acidity and a long aftertaste. The nose is marked by explosive aromas of citrus fruits, honeydew melon, white flowers and bergamot orange.

Paros White - Moraitis Estate (\$45/bottle)

Grapes: 100% Monemvassia

Notes: Pale white-yellow color with green reflections. This dry white wine has aromas of pineapple and citrus along with notes of white pepper. Rich body with crisp ripened acidity – this is not to be missed!

Compares to: Unoaked Chardonnay

Mediterranean Red

Anemos Red - Palivou Winery (\$7/glass-\$35/bottle)

Grapes: 100% Agiorgitiko

Notes: A fresh, easy unoaked Agiorgitiko from the ancient area of Nemea. This dry red wine is aromatic in character with soft tannins. It has a hint of pepper with rich black cherries and blackberries

Compares to: Pinot Noir

Mavrodaphne (\$7/glass-\$35/bottle)

This port-like sweet wine is tawny in color and has an intense aroma of black currants, black cherries, coffee, and mocha.

La Vie En Rosé - Palivou Winery (\$40/bottle)

Grapes: 100% Moschofilero

Notes: A beautiful dry, light pink color Rose' with violent tones. Wonderful aromas of pomegranates, plums, and raspberries and nice floral tones. This is very refreshing Rose, compares to a French Rose

Limneon Red - Domaine Porto Carras (\$45/bottle)

Grapes: 100% Limnio

Notes: Homer and Aristotle wrote about this grape that produced a fantastic dry red wine. This wine has been enjoyed for thousands of years! It has aromas of dark forest fruits, notes of vanilla, leather and black pepper.

Compares to: Light Cabernet

Palivou Estate - (\$7/glass-\$35/bottle)

Estate Nemea Grape: 100% Agiorgitiko (Ah-yor-yeé-ti-ko) Single vineyard selection of 20 – 30 years old vines. This is a benchmark Agiorgitiko from Nemea that is a classic! 12 months in French oak barrels (30% new, 70% used).