



ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

HOUSTON, TEXAS

presents

The Original
**GREEK
FESTIVAL**



EST. 1966

October 3,4,5 2024

3511 Yoakum Boulevard — 713.526.5377

greekfestival.org

Thursday, October 3

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

Friday, October 4

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

Saturday, October 5

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.

AUTHENTIC GREEK FOODS - ALL HOMEMADE!

Greek Cheese Plate \$15

4 types of cheese, greek olives, crackers

Greek Sausage on a Stick \$7

Seasoned chicken with spinach and Feta

Souvlaki \$15

Seasoned and marinated beef tenderloin with onions, grilled over open flame

Classic Dinner Plate \$20

Fixed dinner plate includes:

*1 -Pastitsio 1 -Tiropita 1 -Spanakopita 2 -Keftedes 1- Dolmades
no substitutions*

Food Line / A La Carte

Pastitsio \$9

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

Keftede \$1 each

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) \$8

Wine (bottle) \$35/\$45/\$55

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 booth)

Rich 'n' creamy rice pudding topped with cinnamon

Almond Cookies \$3 each

Desserts

Loukoumades \$10

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, 9:30 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

Meltemi White- Moaitis Winery (\$8/glass-\$35/bottle)

Notes: Flower, exotic fruit and citrus aromas. Rich and harmonious on the palate with a refreshing acidity.

Retsina (\$8/glass - \$35 bottle)

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

Plano Malagousia - Wine Art Estate (\$45/bottle)

Estate-Plano Malagousia White Grape 100% (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.

Nostos Assyrtiko - Manousakis Winery (\$55 /bottle)

Grapes: Assyrtiko 100% (Ah-seér-tee-ko)

Notes: Aromas of ripe, fleshy, white fruit, and fresh citrus. A wonderful full-bodied, dry white wine from Crete with a complex mouth feel and intense flavor of citrus, mineral and herbaceous notes Compares to: Light Chardonnay or Sauvignon Blanc.

Mediterranean Red

Meltemi Red - Palivou Winery (\$8/glass-\$35/bottle)

Notes: Red fruit aromas, well-structured with gentle tannins on the palate and a spicy aftertaste.

Mavrodaphne (\$8/glass- \$35/bottle)

Port like sweet wine tawny flavor and has an intense aroma of black currants, black cherries, coffee and mocha

Estate Nemea - Palivou Estate (\$45/Bottle)

Grape: 100% Agiorgitiko (Ah-yor-yeé-ti-ko) Notes: 12 months in French Oak Barrels, Rich and aromatic in character, This dry red wine has aromas of cherries, plums and spices.

Paros Red Reserve - Moraitits Winery (\$55/Bottle)

Grapes: 75% Mandilaria (Ma-dee-la-ya') 25% Monemvassia Notes: Chocolate-covered black cherry with notes of vanilla and ripe plums. Rich on the palate with a creamy texture and a serious structure and a peppery finish.

La Vie En Rose - Palivou Estate (\$45 Bottle)

A dry, light pink color rosé. Wonderful aromas of pomegranates, plums, raspberries and nice floral tones

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

Saturday - 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 5:00(Great Vespers), 6:30

Athenian Playground

Thursday/Friday 6 - 9:00pm Saturday 12pm - 9:00pm

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

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

