



46th Annual Greek Festival May 18, 19 and 20

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In 1966, St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church's OC Greek Fest started as an annual picnic. The menu featured Greek-style barbequed chicken grilled by the men, pastries were baked and sold by the Ladies Guild, and the drawing that year featured a portable television! Forty-six years later, the OC Greek Fest has grown to be a premiere cultural event in Southern California highlighting Greek culture. This year's festival is being held the weekend of May 18th, 19th and 20th at St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church on the church grounds at 405 N. Dale Street in Anaheim. This annual Greek food festival is produced and operated by the parishioners of St. John. Thousands of volunteer hours are donated to the preparation of the food and pastries, with many recipes having been handed down by founders of the 51-year-old parish.

Many foods from Greece will be featured in the Courtyard Grill, including souvlaki and lamb dinners, Greek sausage (loukaniko), gyro wrapped in pita and feta fries. In St. John's Bistro, you will find home-made tiropita (cheese wrapped in filo dough), spanakopita (spinach and cheese wrapped in filo dough), grilled chicken seasoned with Greek spices, and Greek salad.

The selection of ever-popular Greek pastries includes, but is not limited to, baklava (walnuts layered in filo, soaked in a honeyed syrup) and galactobouriko (creamy egg-rich custard encased in filo, coated in a honeyed syrup). The loukoumades booth, located in the Courtyard Grill, is a must-have stop for fans of the delicious pastry puffs dipped in honeyed syrup and sprinkled with cinnamon.

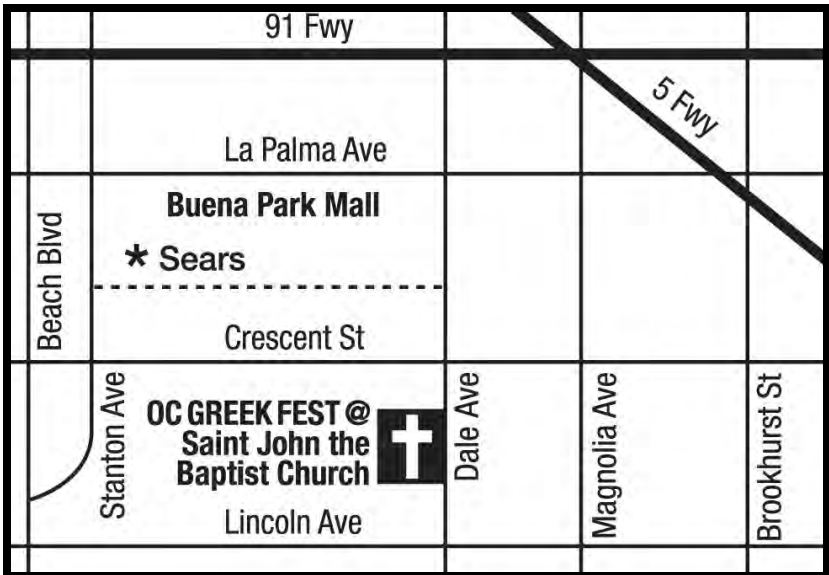
Greek music is being played live throughout the weekend by talented band SYNTHESI. The beautiful sound of the bouzouki playing will serenade festivalgoers, while exhibitions of traditional Greek folk dancing are provided by the youth of St. John's. To kick off the weekend-long celebration, there will be a Happy Hour on Friday from 4 to 8 pm. For a schedule of events for the weekend, please turn to Page 2.

This family-friendly festival includes Zorba's Kids Zone, a rock climbing wall, rides and amusements. Shop at the Plaka! Over 30 merchants in the outdoor marketplace will offer a tantalizing variety of items for sale: jewelry, clothing, household items, artwork, home improvement and Greek novelty items (including greeting cards, lucky eye jewelry and cookbooks).

This year there will be daily drawings throughout each day of the festival, leading up to the Grand Drawing on Sunday evening.

The Grand Drawing prize is a two-year lease on a Fiat 500! Other drawing prizes include \$1500 cash, an Apple iPad 3, dozens of movie tickets, Angels tickets—and more! The drawing booth is in the courtyard.

Shuttle Bus Service Schedule from Buena Park



Complimentary shuttle bus service to and from the festival grounds is available near the Sears parking lot at the Buena Park Mall. Directional signs will guide you to the designated parking area.

Buses depart approximately every 15 minutes throughout each day.

Shuttle start times:
Friday, May 18th beginning at 1 pm, Saturday May 19th and Sunday, May 20th beginning at 10 am.

The last bus from the festival grounds to the Sears parking lot will depart at 11 pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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2012 OC Greekfest Schedule

Friday, May 18, 2012

- 3:00 PM Opening Ceremony
- 3:00 PM Live Greek Music & Dancing-Main Stage
- 3:10 PM Vendor and Food Booths open
- 4:00 PM Happy Hour begins at *Taverna OPA!*
- 4:55 PM Prize Drawing-Main Stage
- 5:00 PM Church Tour
- 5:55 PM Prize Drawing-Main Stage
- 6:55 PM Prize Drawing -Main Stage
- 7:00 PM Exhibition Folk Dancing by Metamorfosi-Main Stage
- 7:55 PM Prize Drawing-Main Stage
- 8:00 PM Happy Hour ends
- 8:00 PM Church Tour
- 8:55 PM Prize Drawing-Main Stage
- 10:00 PM Festival Closes

Saturday, May 19, 2012

- 12:00 PM Festival Opens
- 12:00 PM Live Greek Music & Dancing-Main Stage
- 2:00 PM Folk Dancing by Elenika Asteraki-Main Stage
- 2:55 PM Prize Drawing- Main Stage
- 3:00 PM Church Tour
- 3:55 PM Prize Drawing-Main Stage
- 4:55 PM Prize Drawing-Main Stage
- 5:30 PM Folk Dancing-Atromiti/Dynami-Main Stage
- 5:55 PM Prize Drawing-Main Stage
- 6:00 PM Church Tour
- 6:55 PM Prize Drawing- Main Stage
- 7:30 PM Folk Dancing Metamorfosi
- 7:55 PM Prize Drawing-Main Stage
- 8:00 PM Church Tour
- 8:55 PM Prize Drawing-Main Stage
- 10:00 PM Festival Closes

Sunday, May 20, 2012

- 12:00 PM Festival Opens
- 12:00 PM Live Greek Music & Dancing-Main Stage
- 2:00 PM Folk Dancing by Elinika Asterakia
- 2:55 PM Prize Drawing-Main Stage
- 3:00 PM Church Tour
- 3:55 PM Prize Drawing-Main Stage
- 4:00 PM Folk Dancing by Atromiti/Dynami
- 5:55 PM Prize Drawing-Main Stage
- 6:00 PM Church Tour
- 6:55 PM Prize Drawing-Main Stage
- 7:30 PM Folk Dancing Metamorfosi
- 7:55 PM Prize Drawing-Main Stage
- 8:00 PM Church Tour
- 8:55 PM Grand Prize Drawing-Main Stage
- 10:00 PM Festival Closes

Welcome and *Kalos Orisate!*

On behalf of our entire community, welcome to the 2012 OC Greek Fest! Every year, volunteer members of our community (*thank you!*) dedicate countless hours to throw a great *glendi* (party) for our thousands of guests: you. We invite you to celebrate with us the many sights, sounds and flavors of our ancestral homeland during your visit. Enjoy the authentic Greek food and homemade Greek pastries, stroll through the *Plaka* (marketplace), or simply relax and be entertained by the sounds of traditional Greek music and the dancing on display. We thank you for allowing us to be your host this weekend and we hope you enjoy your stay with us!

Bill Lambropoulos

Stacy Sotos Lanyi

Festival Chairman

Festival Co-Chairman

Courtyard Grill

Lamb or Lamb Kabob Dinner

Lamb or lamb kabob barbequed to perfection and served with rice pilaf, salad, feta cheese and bread. Also available a la carte.

Chicken Kabob Dinner

Delicious skewers of seasoned grilled chicken, served with rice pilaf, salad, feta cheese and bread. Also served a la carte.

Gyro

One of the most popular foods at the OC Greek Fest. A blend of lamb and beef, the gyro includes tomatoes, onions, & tzatziki sauce (yogurt & cucumber), and is presented in pita bread.

Feta Fries

Instant hit when introduced in 2007! Greek-style fries topped with crumbled feta cheese and herbs.

Souvlaki

Delicious skewers of spiced pork or chicken on a stick. Served with bread.



Loucanico

Greek sausage flavored with lemon juice.

Calamari

A seafood lover’s delight. This deep fried Greek delicacy is served with lemon wedges.

Beverages:

Taverna Opa!,

Beer Wagon & Microbrewery

The ultimate meeting place to socialize with friends and family.

Kafenio– Beverage Bar

Enjoy a variety of coffees including Greek Coffee, goes great with loukoumades!

St John’s Bistro

Chicken

Tender grilled chicken, seasoned with oregano and Greek spices.



Moussaka

Layers of ground beef & eggplant, with a béchamel sauce topping.

Pastitsio

Deliciously seasoned ground beef, pasta and béchamel sauce baked to perfection

Dolmathes-Vegetarian or Beef

Grape leaves stuffed with seasoned rice (vegetarian) or with a seasoned beef filling.

Tiropita

Selected cheeses between layers of buttered filo dough.

Spanakopita

Fluffy filo pastry with spinach and cheese filling.



Roasted Potatoes

Savory Greek-seasoned oven-roasted potatoes.

Green Beans

Greek-style green beans, sautéed in tomato sauce and seasonings.

Pilaf

Greek-style rice.

Greek Salad

Tossed salad with feta cheese and Greek olives.

Greek Olives

Feta Cheese

Bread

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Pastoral Message

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the annual celebration of our Hellenic culture and cuisine. As you know, good food, drink, and fellowship go hand in hand and we hope that you will enjoy the Hellenic experience this weekend. That is, the opportunity to renew old friendships, as well as create new ones, in a fun filled atmosphere while enjoying our homemade Greek food and pastries.

In order to enhance the festive environment, members of our youth group, dressed in traditional costumes, will showcase the various regional dances of Greece. As usual, we will be offering our traditional church tours, in order to afford you the opportunity to view our temple, as well as familiarize yourself with our Orthodox faith.

We thank you for your continuous support of our parish throughout the years.

Fr John Kariotakis
Ieratikos Proistamenos

Fr Nicholas Andrews
Associate Pastor

Religious Education

Church School

For over 50 years, St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church School has been providing Orthodox religious education to school-aged students. It is currently under the direction of Kally Attard and Patricia Bangos. With the spiritual guidance of our parish priest, Father John Kariotakis, along with Father Nicholas Andrews and our dedicated and devoted teachers, the Church School continues to be involved in many activities including the Saturday of Lazarus Retreat, Christmas Program, Youth Choir, Bible Bowl, and Myrrhbearers. Philanthropic activities include various collections of food and clothing for needy families and fundraising for Orthodox charities.

Our Church School is also involved in the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival. Sponsored by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, the oratorical contest provides Greek Orthodox youth the opportunity to learn, write and speak about their faith. The student selects a topic from a provided list, prepares a speech, and presents it. It is judged by a panel of qualified judges. Top speakers in the Junior and Senior Division advance to the district level, where the top speakers there will be chosen to participate in the Archdiocese Finals. Scholarships are awarded to the top three speakers in each division at the Archdiocese level. A scholarship to Hellenic College is also awarded to the top Senior Division speaker from each par-



Philanthropic



Ladies Philoptochos Society

The Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc., is the philanthropic heart of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese. For over 50 years, St. John the Baptist's Ladies Philoptochos Society has been committed to caring for and helping the poor and offering help wherever there is a need. We are proud to have been able to support a variety of charities including the PADRE Foundation (Pediatric Adolescent Diabetes Research and Education); YWCA Hotel for Homeless Women; Alzheimer's Association of Orange County; Habitat for Humanity; and Autism Speaks.

Youth

St. John G.O.Y.A.

The St. John's Greek Orthodox Youth Association (GOYA) is the youth ministry of the Church. GOYA is run by five elected youth officials, two adult advisors, and a Parish Priest. It's not just fun playing basketball or going river rafting. GOYA is dedicated to the pursuit of four principles: Faith, Fellowship, Worship and Witness. Through activities, events and community service, we instill in our members the values of giving back and serving their community. They have helped build and paint the Church, gym, and classrooms. Over the years GOYA has raised and donated tens of thousands of dollars to the parish of St. John's. They have been involved in Paint Your Heart Out Anaheim and many other community events. The most recent community service is the ongoing feeding of the needy at a local Anaheim shelter through an Orthodox Charity called FOCUS.



Building Expansion Underway



St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church has embarked on an ambitious expansion project which, when completed, will more than double the size of our existing building space. The project will create a new Educational & Cultural Center, Administration Building and Community Center.

This project is necessary because St. John’s is growing! Our ministries and organizations are challenged to find space for meetings and activities. Our Church School classrooms are overcrowded. With Church School enrollment growing, these challenges will continue until we upgrade our facilities to accommodate our growing parish.

The first phase of this project, the Educational & Cultural Center and Administration Building, is under way, with work already completed on the building pads and surrounding areas. In the near future, we are looking forward to completing these buildings and then moving to the second phase of the project: our new Community Center.

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Festival Entertainment

The Music of Greece

The music of Greece is as diverse and celebrated as its history. Greek music has two separate parts: Greek traditional music (which you will enjoy at the main stage) and Byzantine music (which you can learn about during the church tours). Music is a significant aspect of Greek culture, both within the borders of Greece and with Americans of Greek decent.

Live musical entertainment at the 2012 OC Greek Fest is being provided by SYNTHESI. The bouzouki is an instrument with a distinct sound, and the beautiful tone of the bouzouki will serenade festival-goers throughout the weekend. A mainstay of modern Greek music, the front of the body of the bouzouki is flat and is usually inlaid with mother of pearl. The instrument is played with a plectrum and has a sharp metallic sound, reminiscent of a mandolin but pitched lower.

About the Artists

Peter Deneff

Peter Deneff grew up listening to Greek music. After starting his professional life playing in a Greek wedding band at the age of fifteen, Peter became interested Latin jazz. Deneff has performed at various venues, such as the Greek Theatre, the Playboy Jazz Festival, the Los Angeles Street Scene, Greek Street at the Orange International Street Fair, Universal Studios, and the NAMM Show. In addition to performing, Peter has also taught at the Musician’s Institute, Orange County High School of the Arts, and Cypress College, where he continues to teach classical and jazz piano.

Danny Papakalos

Bouzouki artist Danny Papakalos began his musical studies at four years old. His father gave him daily lessons and Danny quickly became good enough to begin performing with his family’s band. He made his professional debut at the age of seven and cut his first recording album at age ten. Danny has performed all over the world with some of the biggest names in Greece, including Rita Sakellariou and Stamatis Kokotas, among others. Danny has also performed extensively in Hollywood, including music for television shows such as *Perfect Strangers* and *Full House*.

St John’s Greek Dance

For over 30 years, St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church has had an active Greek Folk Dance Program. The purpose of the dance program is to educate our youth in Greek culture and heritage through dance and music, as well as to provide them opportunities for Christian fellowship and building friendships. The Greek Folk Dance Program has three board members who, under the direction of Fr. John and Fr. Nicholas, oversee the program. Current board members are Sperry Pappas, Andrea Sdrales and Michelle Selberis.

Dance groups and directors:

Ellinika Asterakia – ages 5–7 yrs, Director: Victoria Medenas

Atromiti – ages 8–10yrs, Directors: Cathy & Anthony Georgopoulos

Dynami – ages 11–15 yrs, Directors: Paul Mantas & Tony Xilikakis

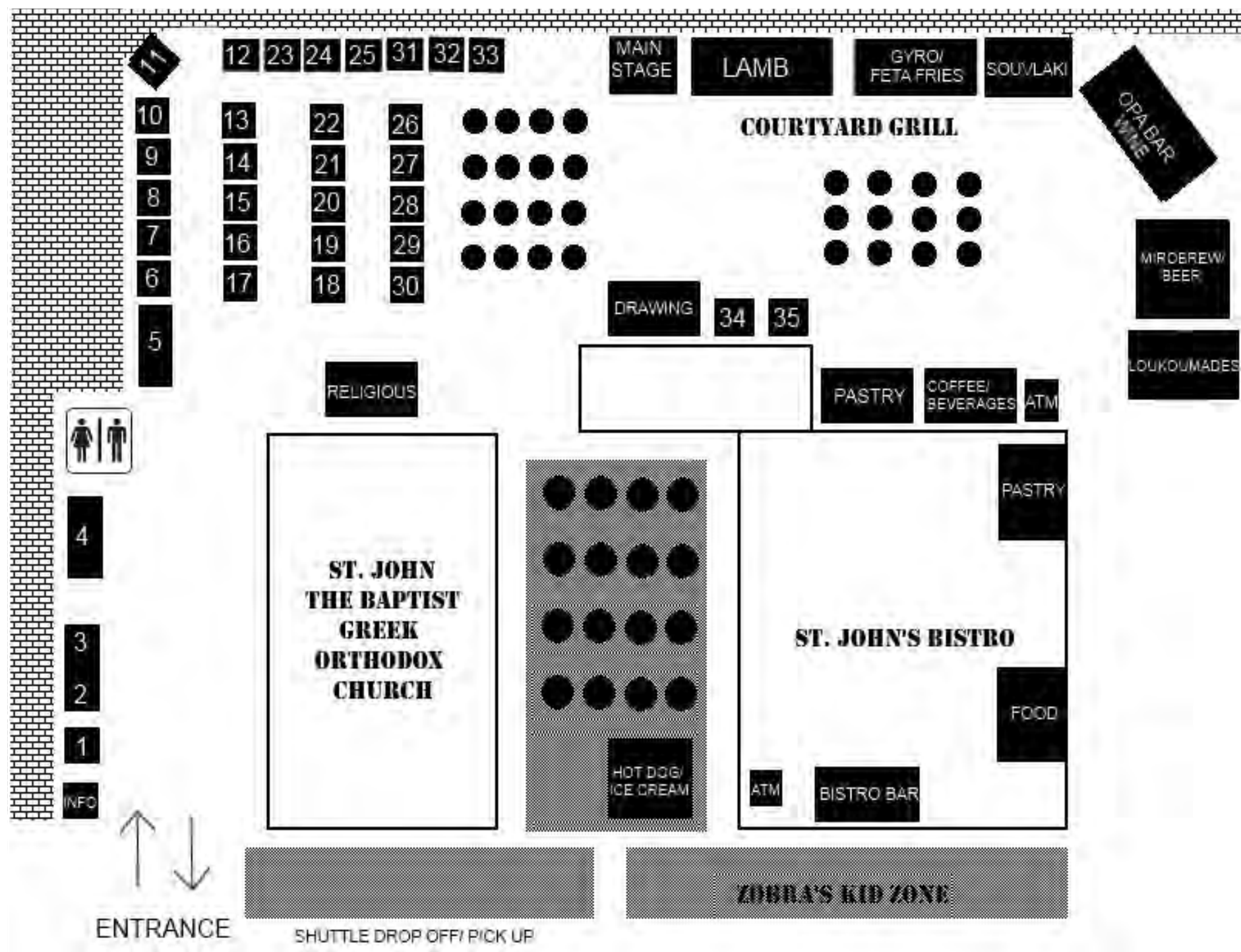
Metamorfosi – 16 yrs–young adults, Director: Athanasia Medenas

The dance groups participate in various events throughout the year, including performing at our annual church festival. The groups also participate in the Annual Folk Dance Festival, a competition sponsored by the Metropolis of San Francisco that draws hundreds of young dancers from parishes throughout the western United States to participate in traditional Greek dancing, music, and singing. At this year’s competition, all of St. John’s competing groups were recognized with awards.

St. John’s dancers also participate in the *Diakonia Project*, a philanthropy that encourages Orthodox youth to become involved with charitable organizations. This year St John’s Greek Dance Groups contributed to “Blessings in a Backpack” with both in-kind donations and with their time.



2012 OC Greekfest Plaka Merchants



Booth #	
2/3	Rock Climbing
4	City of Anaheim
5	Holy Honey/Bella Lou
6	Z Artist
7	Silver Egypt
8	Tupperware
9	Unique Creations
10	So Cal Contractors
11	Chrysanthemum Society
12	World Wide Art
13	Russian Traditions
14	RAQSA Ancient Egypt
15/16	Wyndham Vacation Resorts
17	Shakeel Concepts
18	Gemworks
19	Copper and Fire

Booth #	
21	Migliore Gourmet Foods
22	Greek Envy
23	Julie's Jewelry
24	Beyond Bella
25	Sheet Guys
26	Scentsy Wickless Candles
27	A Bit of Culture
28	Alpaca by Karim
29	Marine Exports Lucky Eye
30	Popi's Athenian Cuisine
30	Everything Greek
31	Masashi's Art
32	Ghada Fashions
33	Lincoln Discount
34	American Hellenic Council
35	Farm Fresh To You

OC Greekfest Menu

In our COURTYARD

Gyro	Lamb & beef blend with trimmings in a pita
Feta Fries	Greek style fries with spices and feta cheese
Pork Souvlaki	Delicious skewers of spiced pork
Chicken Souvlaki	Delicious skewers of grilled chicken
Chicken Kabobs	Delicious skewers of seasoned grilled chicken
Chicken Kabob Dinner	Chicken kabobs, rice, salad, feta cheese and bread
Loucanico	Greek sausage flavored with lemon juice
Calamari	Greek seafood delicacy
Lamb Kabobs	Delicious skewers of spiced lamb
Lamb Kabob Dinner	Lamb kabobs, rice, salad, feta cheese and bread
Grilled Lamb Dinner	Grilled lamb, rice, salad, feta cheese and bread

In our Cultural Hall—St. John’s Bistro

Tiropita	Select cheeses between layers of buttered filo dough
Spanakopita	Fluffy filo pastry with cheese & spinach filing
Moussaka	Layers of ground beef & eggplant with cream sauce
Pastitsio	Seasoned ground beef, pasta and béchamel sauce
Dolmathes	Stuffed grape leaves
Greek Salad	Tossed salad with feta cheese and Greek olives
Chicken	Grilled chicken seasoned with Greek spices
Roasted Potatoes	Greek-style oven roasted potatoes
Green Beans	Greek-style green beans

Greek Olives . . . Feta Cheese . . . Greek Rice



Our Delicious Greek Pastries

Baklava	Layers of filo with ground walnuts baked & topped with honey syrup
Diples	Twisted sheets of pastry dripped in honey syrup & sprinkled with cinnamon
Galactobouriko	Creamy custard between layers of filo & covered with honey syrup
Karidopita	Rich walnut spice cake with a delicate honey syrup
Kataifi	Shredded pastry with ground walnuts & topped with honey syrup
Koulourakia	Delicious twisted butter cookies
Kourambiethes	Delicate butter cookies generously coated with powdered sugar
Melomakarona	Delicate flavored cookies dipped in honey syrup, sprinkled with walnuts
Plasta Flora	Butter pastry topped with ripe apricot jelly
Poutinga	Walnut cake with custard & coconut topping

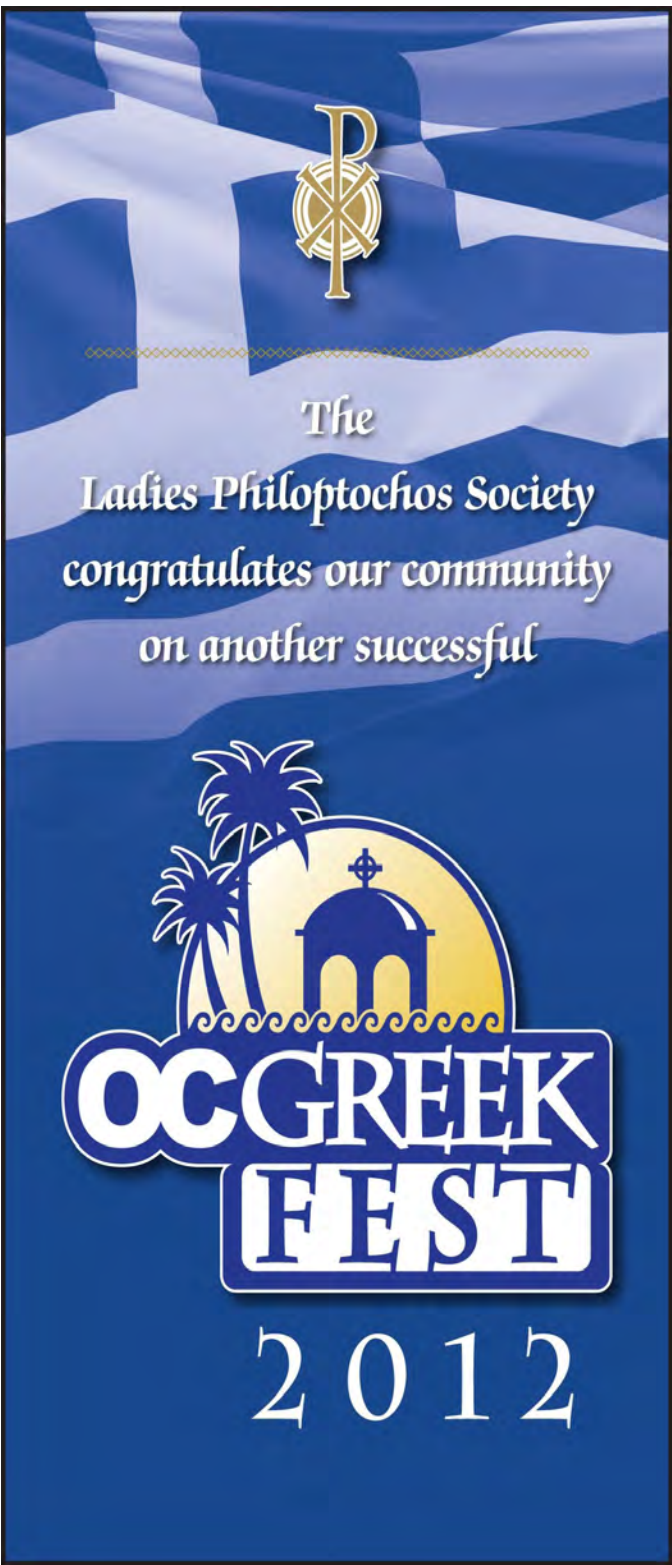
Beverages

Beverages available in multiple locations)

- Sodas & Water
- Lemonade
- Iced Cappuccino/
- Greek Coffee/American Coffee
- Beer (Draft)/Greek Beer/
- Microbrewery
- Metaxa
- Ouzo
- Wine
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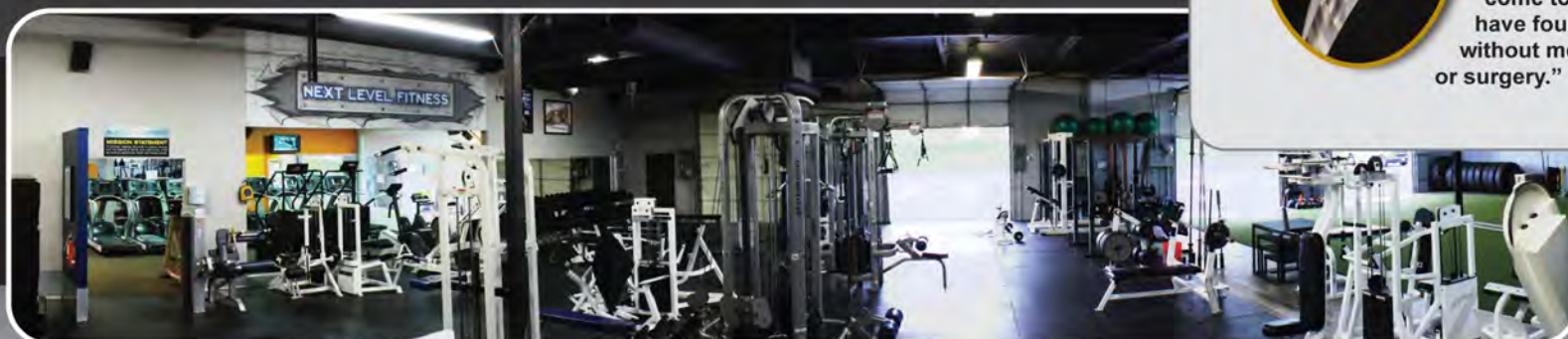
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Community



St. John's is a proud supporter of the City of Anaheim's Hi Neighbor initiative. The Hi Neighbor initiative is centered on three platforms: community building, community policing, and emergency preparedness. The fundamental goal of Hi Neighbor is to encourage Anaheim residents to get to know their neighbors, and to create an environment where neighbors help their neighbors, thus creating a more resilient community. When emergencies or adverse situations strike a community, it's neighbors who are first on the scene and able to help one another while emergency personnel strive to respond to the communities impacted the most. The Hi Neighbor website offers tools on how residents can become better neighbors and better prepared for emergencies: www.anaheim.net/neighbor.

Best Wishes for a Successful OC Greek Fest!



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Diples-John & Vaso Petropoulos
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Karidopita-Dino & Katherine Glavas
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Religious Booth-Helen D. Winder
Religious Booth-Foula Vanikiotis
Feta Cheese St. John’s Bistro-Michael & Michelle Akkerman
Koulourakia-Geroge & Katina Chatzis
Third Prize-Bill Lambropoulos
Fifth Prize-Leah & Mark Marincovich, Tiffany, Amanda, & Brittany
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Poutinga-Foula Vanikiotis, Ann Lewis,
Georgia Stavrakes, Georgia Soles
Mary Sargologos, Helen Vest,
Alexandra Lambropoulos
Galactobouriko-Chris & Maria Bonorris
Galactobouriko-Nick & Eleni Anas
Cappuccino-Lincoln Discount
Kourambiethes-Maria Massouris
Diples-Freda Chrest
Diples-Katherine Tavoularis
Olive Oil-Alexander D. Soles
Mega Booth Feta-Morris Basdakis
Microbrew-Oggi’s Pizza & Brewing Co.
John, George & Dora Hadjis
YiaYia’s Cookies-Evangelos & Vasiliki Bernardis
Pasta Flora-Ann Arvanitis & Family in memory of
Vasilios Arvanitis
Friday Shuttle Bus-Mr. & Mrs. Dean Marinos
Saturday Night Band-The Foskaris Family
Greek Beer-Cretans Omonoia of Orange County
General Donation-Philoptochos Society
General Donation-Cindy Kezos
General Donation-Pete Poulis
General Donation-Robert & Stacy Lanyi
Fourth Prize-Nick & Electra Christ
Citrus City Grill
Anaheim White House
Starlight Cinemas



Komboloi –Greek Worry Beads

“Worry beads,” *komboloi*, are a part of Greek culture. Used to relieve stress, keep hands and fingers occupied and generally pass the time, *komboloi* are considered a symbol of Greek culture. The Greek *komboloi* are unique in the sense that the string of beads has absolutely no religious or ceremonial purpose, and are simply used for relaxation and enjoyment.

Greek *komboloi* generally have an odd number of beads and usually have a “head” composed of a fixed bead (termed the “priest”) and a shield to separate the two threads and help the beads flow freely.

Komboloi can be handled in many different ways. The most common is a quiet method, for indoors, and another noisier method that is acceptable in public places. One quiet method is to start at one end of the thread or chain, near the shield, and to pull the thread forward using that hand's thumb and the side of the index finger until one of the beads is reached. Then the cord is tipped so that the bead falls and hits the shield. This is repeated until all the beads have been tipped and then the user starts over.

Mati-Lucky Eyes



Lucky Eye beads are believed to bring the person using them peace of mind and prosperity. It is believed that Lucky Eyes can ward off any evil and negativity by sending it back to where it came. It protects you from the “crooked and jealous” eyes of covetous friends, family members and strangers. In addition, Lucky Eyes help cultivate positive thoughts.

Speak a little Greek

Hi! - Yia sou! (singular) Yia sas! (plural)
Good Morning!- KalimEra
Good Night- KaliNihta

Thank you - EfkaristO
I don’t understand - Dhen KatalavEno
Sorry - SigNomi

How are you? - Ti kanete?
Yes - Ne No - Ohi
You’re welcome! - Parakalo



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