



# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Appearing LIVE Saturday**  
**May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6-8 PM**  
  
**Mike Sakellarides**  
94.7 FM The WAVE  
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**Daily Drawings**  
Friday, Saturday and Sunday  
Visit our Drawing Booth for details  
**Sunday**  
**Grand Drawing**  
**Grand Prize:**  
Free Gas for a Year!  
(Up to \$5,000)  
**Second Prize:**  
\$1,250 Cash  
**Third Prize:**  
\$ 750 Cash

## 47th Annual Greek Festival May 17, 18, and 19

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 of St. John’s, pastries were baked and sold by the Ladies Guild, and the drawing that year featured a portable television! Forty-seven 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 17, 18, and 19 at St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church on the church grounds at 405 N. Dale Ave in Anaheim. This annual Greek food festival is produced and operated by the parishioners of St. John. Thousands of volunteer hours are donated for the preparation of the food and pastries, with many recipes having been handed down by founders of the 52-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 homemade 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 Takis “Kokotas” & friends. 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. For a schedule of events for the weekend, please turn to Page 2.

This family-friendly festival includes Zorba’s Kids Zone, rides and amusements.

Shop at the Plaka! Over 30 merchants in the outdoor marketplace will offer a tantalizing variety of items, jewelry, clothing, household items, artwork, home improvement and Greek novelty items (including, lucky eye jewelry and cookbooks).

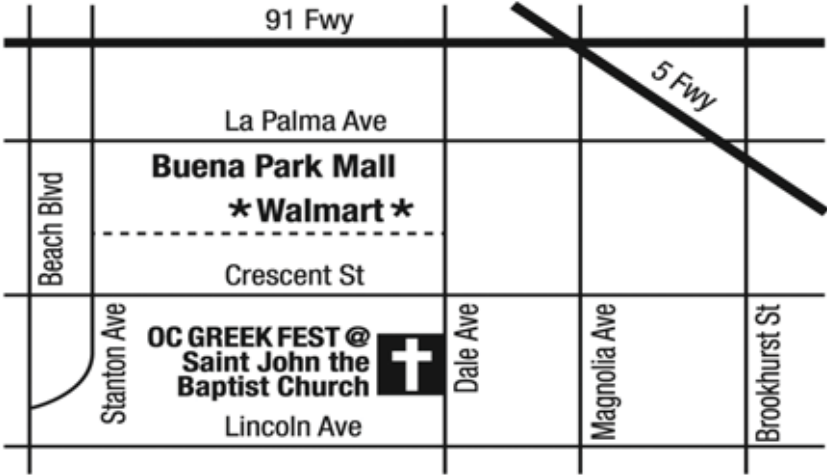
This year there will be daily drawings throughout each day of the festival, leading up to the Grand Drawing on Sunday evening. The Grand Drawing prize is Free Gas for a Year or \$5000 cash. Other drawing prizes include \$1250 cash and \$750 cash!

### SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE SCHEDULE

#### From the Buena Park Mall

Complimentary shuttle bus service to and from the festival grounds is available near the Walmart 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 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1 pm, Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10 am. The last bus from the festival grounds to the Walmart parking lot will depart at 11 pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.



As Featured On

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## 2013 OC GreekFest Schedule

(subject to change)

### FRIDAY MAY 17, 2013

3:00 PM- Opening Ceremony  
3:00 PM Live Greek Music-  
Continuous Greek Music and Dancing -Main Stage  
3:10 PM Plaka Merchants and Food Booths open  
5:00 PM Church Tour  
4:55 PM Prize Drawing-Main Stage  
5:55 PM Prize Drawing-Main Stage  
6:55 PM Prize Drawing -Main Stage  
7:00 PM Greek Folk Dancing  
by Deka Katevata-Main Stage (Young Adult)  
7:55 PM Prize Drawing-Main Stage  
8:00 PM Church Tour  
8:55 PM Prize Drawing-Main Stage  
10:00 PM Festival Closes

### Saturday, May 18, 2012

12:00 PM Festival Opens  
2:55 PM Prize Drawing- Main Stage  
3:00 PM Church Tour  
3:55 PM Prize Drawing-Main Stage  
4:00 PM Greek Folk Dance Ta Pedakia  
(Age 4-5) Ellinika Asterakia (Age 6 to 8)  
4:55 PM Prize Drawing-Main Stage  
5:00 PM Church Tour  
5:55 PM Prize Drawing-Main Stage  
6:00-8:00 PM Mike Sakellarides  
(94.7 The Wave)  
6:55 PM Prize Drawing- Main Stage  
7:00 PM Greek Folk Dancing  
Atromiti/Dynami (Age 9 to 16)  
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 19, 2012

12:00 PM Festival Opens  
12:00 PM Live Greek Music and  
Dancing –Main Stage  
2:55 PM Prize Drawing-Main Stage  
3:00 PM Church Tour  
3:55 PM Prize Drawing-Main Stage  
4:00 PM Greek Folk Dancing  
by Ta Pedakia (Age 4 to 5)/ Elinika Asterakia  
(age 4 to 8)  
5:00 PM Church Tour  
5:55 PM Prize Drawing-Main Stage  
6:30 PM Greek Folk Dancing Atromiti/Dynami  
6:55 PM Prize Drawing-Main Stage  
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 2013 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. 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!

Vasili Lambropoulos  
Festival Chairman

Stacy Sotos Lanyi  
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. New this year; louccanico gyro!



### 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.



### Loukaniko

Greek sausage flavored with lemon juice.



## 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 baked chicken, seasoned with lemon, oregano and Greek spices.



### Roast Beef

Greek - seasoned beef roast

### Moussaka

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

### Pastitsio

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

### Dolmathes

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 with feta cheese and Greek olives.

### Greek Olives, Feta Cheese, Bread

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PASTORAL MESSAGE

Dear friends and supporters of St. John’s Church,

Christos Anesti! Christ is Risen!

It is in this post-Paschal spirit of celebration that we welcome you once again to the annual celebration of our Hellenic culture and cuisine. This is an opportunity for fellowship, old friendships, and creating new ones in a fun filled atmosphere while enjoying our delicious 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 dances from 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 share with you the treasures of our Orthodox faith.

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

Fr. John Kariotakis  
Ieratkos Proistamenos

Fr. Nicholas Andrews  
Associate Pastor

Religious Education

Church Sunday 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 a group of dedicated and devoted teachers, the Church School continues to be involved in many activities including the Saturday of Lazarus Retreat, Christmas Program, 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 parish.

Philanthropic

Ladies Philoptochos Society



The Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc., is the philanthropic heart of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese. Philoptochos means “friend of the poor;” and 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 Autism Speaks; Alzheimer’s Association of Orange County; Habitat for Humanity; the PADRE Foundation (Pediatric Adolescent Diabetes Research and Education); and Blessings in a Backpack. We are committed to the ministry of helping others

Youth

St. John G.O.Y.A. (Greek Orthodox Youth of America)

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.





Festival Entertainment

St John’s Greek Dance

St John’s Greek Dance

For over 30 years St John’s Greek Orthodox Church has had an active Greek Folk Dance Program. Our purpose is to educate our youth in Greek culture and heritage through dance and music along with providing them opportunities for Christian fellowship and building friendships. Greek Dance has three Board members who, under the direction of Fr. John Kariotakis and Fr. Nicholas Andrews, oversee the program. The Board members are Sperry Pappas, Andrea Sdrales, and Sabina Giakoumis.

Our current five dance groups and directors are as follows:

- Ta Padakia – ages 4 & 5 yrs, Director: Spero Mantas
- Ellinika Asterakia – ages 6 – 8 yrs,  
Directors: Victoria Medenas & Nancy Kantzavelos
- Atromiti – ages 9-11yrs, Directors: Cathy & Anthony Georgopoulos
- Dynami – ages 12-16 yrs, Directors: Paul Mantas & Tony Xilikakis
- Deka Katevata – 17 yrs – young adults, Organized by Vicky Hioureas

Our groups participate in various events throughout the year including our annual church festival and dance exhibitions. We also participate in the annual Folk Dance Festival. This is a competitive event sponsored by the Metropolis of San Francisco. Every year our groups make us proud.

Lastly, our dancers participate in the Diakonia Project, a philanthropic organization through FDF that encourages the dancers to become involved with charitable organizations.





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.

About the Artists

**Takis "Kokotas" Stathoulis** is the most sought-after entertainer in the Greek music scene today. With his passionate vocals, charismatic persona and fun loving nature, Takis energizes the audience every time he performs. This is also evident on the latest CD Album release "Tragoudia Yia Filous" translated "Songs For Friends". A compilation of Greek classic songs that stem from an era where lyrics and music came from the heart. A reflection of the Greek spirit that we hold unto today. The album features long-time friends, bouzouki virtuoso Alekos Galas, composer- pianist, Dimitris Papakostas and Greek recording artist- vocalist, Voula Karahaliou. The new double edition also features tracks never released from his 1988 recording sessions in Athens, Greece.

Takis performances are supported by the best session musicians from the music industry capital of Los Angeles. Performing nationally for festivals, weddings and celebrity events. Also including appearances on several television shows. As an entertainment promoter Takis has worked with Dick Clark, Jan and Dean, Chuck Berry, The Shirelles, Crowded House and many others. His most memorable performances were for Telly Savalas, Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson's wedding and appearances as a Greek singer on Ripley's Believe It Or Not, Sabado Gigante, Animal Planet, WWE and The Osbornes Reloaded.



Featured Guest

Radio Personality Mike Sakrellarides

We Greeks know the trials of introducing our multi-syllable names to others. Our pride in our heritage requires patience and perseverance. So, it has been for 94.7 FM “The WAVE” personality Mike Sakellarides. A decade before Melina Kanakeredes, George Stephanopoulos, and Zach Galifianakis became household words Mike became Southern California’s most popular midday host accompanied by harmonious jingles singing his name for 25 years!

Mike has hosted the red carpet at the annual Los Angeles Greek Film Festival with luminaries including movie actress Nia Vardalos, and supports Greek-Americans in Hollywood as well as the Greek Heritage Society of Southern California.

These days Mike is best known for hosting vacation and weekend shows on L.A.'s smoothest place on the radio: 94.7 FM The WAVE. Great artists and the smoothest songs on the radio are just two reasons why you should ‘relax and unwind’ with Mike Sakellarides weekends on 94.7 FM The WAVE.

Mike’s love of family, culture, community, music, and irresistible home-style Greek cooking are just a few of the reasons Mike is thrilled to be invited to the OC Greek Festival in Anaheim. Mike will be featured at the festival on Saturday, May 18 from 6 pm to 8 pm. Stop by Mike’s booth in the Courtyard and say hello!



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# 2013 OC Greek Fest

## Food & Beverage Menu



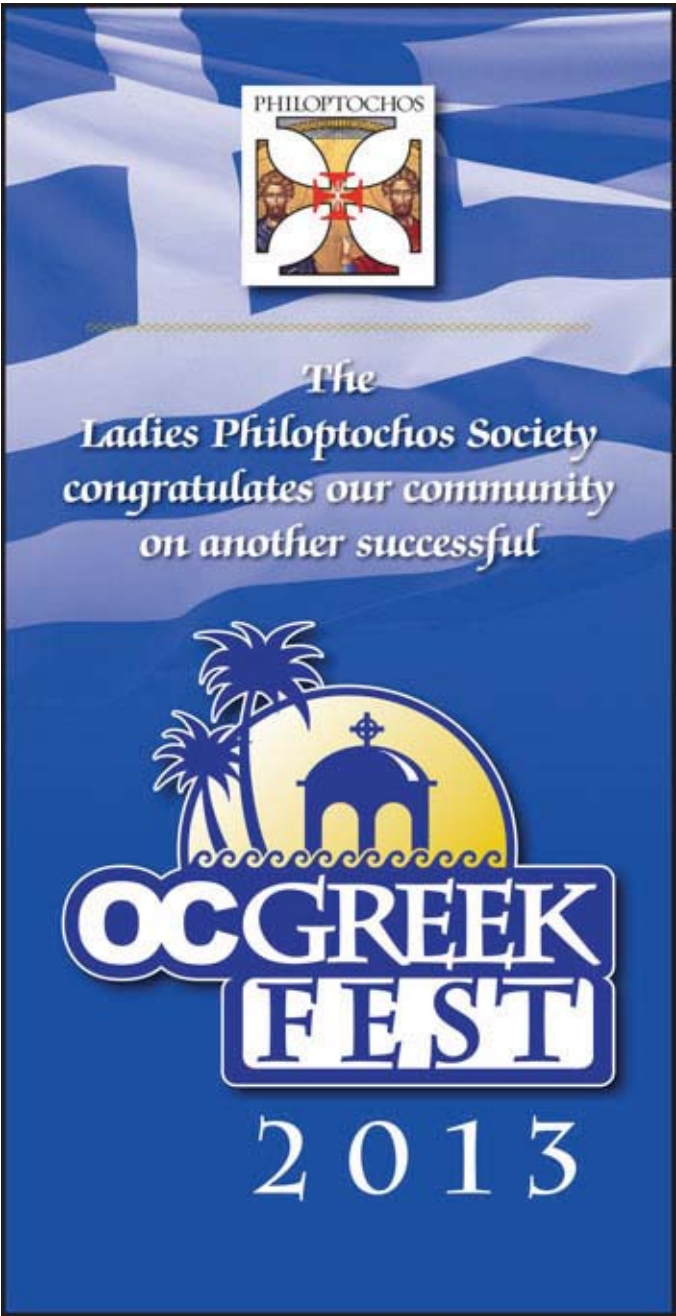
**In our COURTYARD**

Gyro	Lamb/beef blend in pita with tzatziki/tomato/onion
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
Loukaniko	Greek sausage flavored with lemon juice
Loukaniko Pita	Greek sausage on pita bread
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
Mezedes	Assorted Greek appetizers

**In our Cultural Hall—St. John’s Bistro**

Chicken	Baked chicken seasoned with Greek spices
Greek Beef Roast	Beef roast smothered with Greek seasoning
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 with meat & rice
Greek Salad	Tossed salad with feta cheese and Greek olive
Green Beans	Greek-style green beans

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



**Treats for the kids**

.....	Hot Dogs
.....	Cotton Candy
.....	Sodas & Water



**Healthy Treats**

**Visit our new  
Greek Yogurt  
booth!**

**Loukoumades**

Pastry puffs dipped in  
honey syrup and  
sprinkled with cinnamon  
& sugar

**Our Delicious Greek Pastries**

Baklava	Layers of filo with ground walnuts baked & topped with honey syrup
Diples	Twisted sheets of pastry dipped 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
Kourambietes	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
Revani	Light sponge cake with delicate syrup, sprinkled with powdered sugar & almonds
Trigona	Layers of filo shaped into a triangle, filled with ground walnuts, dipped in chocolate
Yia-Yia’s Cookies	..... Delicious baked cookies, filled with “Grandma’s Love”

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Greek Beer

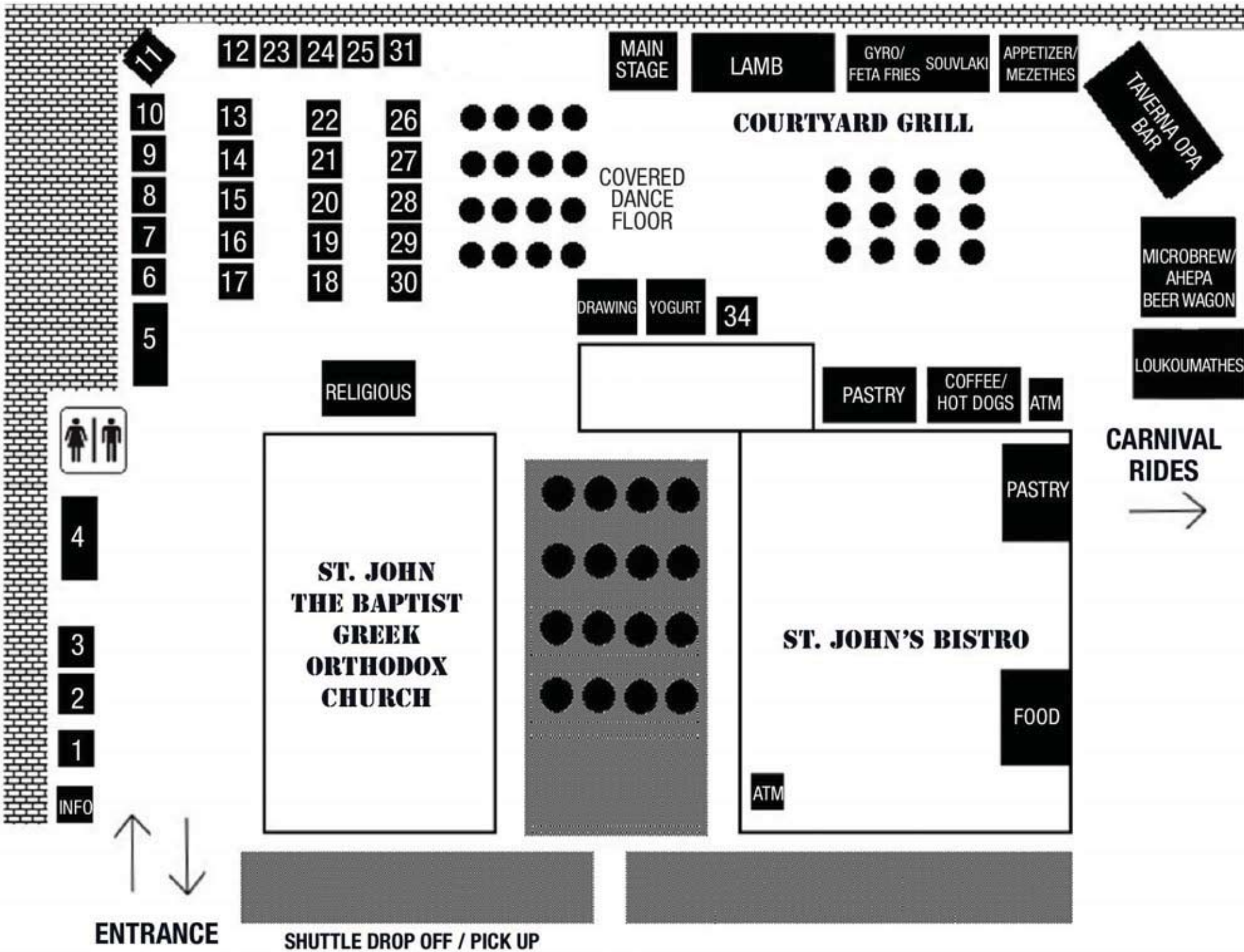
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Wine  
Wine Cooler

Margarita  
Mixed Drinks  
Microbrewery

*Beverages available in multiple locations*



2013 OC Greekfest Map & Plaka Merchant Locations



Booth #	
2/3	Anaheim Fire Department
4	Anaheim Police
5	Holy Honey
6	Valentine Fashion
7	Sameera Salon
8	Marketing Solutions/Travel
9	Non Surgical
10	Worldwide Art
11	Caremore
12	Scarf Sisters
13	Bistro Blends
14	Beyond Bella
15	Sheet Guys
16	Avon

Booth #	
17	Damner Shutters
18	Gemworks
19	Copper and Fire
20	Unique Creations
21	A Bit of Culture
22	Mel's Coutoure
23/24	Travel Media
25	Farm Fresh to You
26	Greek Envy
27	Ghada Fashions
28	Diamond Resorts
29	Marine Exports Jewelry
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<b>Baklava</b> – Estella Vlachos	<b>Tiropita</b> – Peter and Marcia Melanitis	<b>Salad</b> – The Chryssogelos Family
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<b>Ravani</b> – Chris & Susan Mellas	<b>Grand Drawing Third Prize</b> – Bill Lambropoulos	<b>Gyro Booth</b> – Nick & Angela Siokos, Nikoforos & Georgia Valaskantjis
<b>Pasta Flora</b> – Ann Arvanitis & Family	<b>Friday Top Prize</b> – Leah & Mark Marincovich, Tiffany, Amanda & Brittany	<b>Kataifi</b> – Antonios & Mercina Vitakis
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## YiaYia’s Pastitsio Recipe

### Ingredients:

- 1 lb greek macaroni (elbow or penne)
  - 2 lbs ground beef or chuck
  - 1 small onion finely chopped
  - 1 small can tomato paste
- 2 cups grated mezithra (or romano) cheese
  - 2 sticks butter
  - 1 ½ cups flour
  - 8 cups milk
- 8 eggs room temperature, separated
  - 3 tbsp cooking oil for pasta
  - Cinnamon (1 stick or 1 tsp powder)
  - 1 tsp nutmeg (more to sprinkle on top)
  - Salt & Pepper

### Pastitsio

Cook macaroni in salted boiling water with oil until almost tender; drain well & cool

Beat 8 egg whites & 2 egg yolks in large bowl (save 6 yolks for cream topping)  
Add macaroni and 1 ½ cup mezithra or romano to egg mixture & mix well  
Cover set aside

In skillet, add chopped onion to browned & drained ground chuck & brown until tender  
Add can tomato paste (dilute with 2 cans water), cinnamon & pepper to taste and simmer until liquid is absorbed  
Remove cinnamon sticks (if used) from meat mixture  
Add macaroni; mix well & let cool  
Put macaroni/hamburger mixture in buttered 11x 17 pan, cover and set aside

### Crema for Pastitso

In dutch oven melt 2 sticks of butter (don’t let it get brown) & add 1 ½ cup flour to make a roux; add 1 teaspoon nutmeg. Mix well & brown

In saucepan scald 8 cups of milk  
Add 4 cups of scalded milk to roux using a ladle while beating with hand mixer to keep smooth. When well mixed, combine in saucepan with remaining 4 cups of scalded milk  
Beat 6 egg yolks in medium bowl  
Add half of the scalded mixture into yolks very slowly while mixing yolks  
Then add yolks back into hot mixture & continue beating until smooth  
Cook over low flame while continuing to mix until it thickens  
When done add ½ cup of mezithra cheese & mix

Pour crema over top of macaroni  
Sprinkle top with cinnamon & nutmeg  
Bake 350 45- 50 min.  
Allow to set for one hour  
before cutting; yields 35- 40 pieces



## Thea’s Melomakarona Recipe

### Dough:

- ½ cup unsalted butter
  - 1 cup sugar
  - 1 ½ cups olive oil
  - 1/4 cup brandy/cognac
- ¾ cup orange juice
  - Zest of orange
  - 7 cups flour
  - 1 tsp baking soda
  - 2 tsp baking powder

**Dough:**  
Mix butter & sugar, then add olive oil a little at a time  
Add brandy, orange juice and orange zest  
Combine flour, baking soda, and baking powder and add flour by hand to butter mixture. Dough should not be sticky  
Pinch some dough, roll in a ball and then into a log shape. Place on lightly greased cookie sheet and bake in a 350 oven for 15 minutes. Remove to cooling racks and let cool



### Honey:

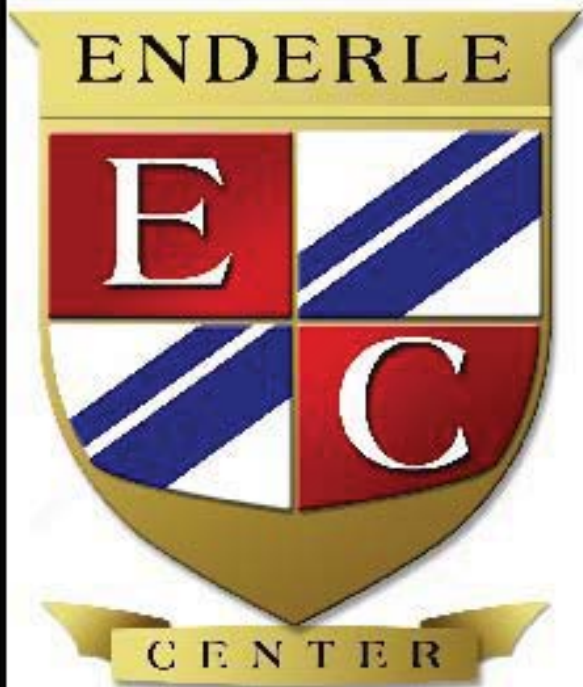
- 2 cups honey
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups water
- Lemon

**Honey:** Combine honey, sugar, water and lemon in a 2 qt saucepan and heat until honey is loose and runny. Place 4-5 cookies into pan and gently mix with a slotted spoon in the honey mixture until some of the honey has been absorbed into the cookies  
Remove cookies from saucepan and place cookies on a plate until cool. Continue until all cookies have been soaked in the honey.  
**Walnut mixture:**  
Blend walnuts, sugar, cinnamon and clove in food processor until very fine pieces & sprinkle on cookies

### Walnut Mixture:

- 2 cups walnuts
- ¼ c sugar
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon ground clove





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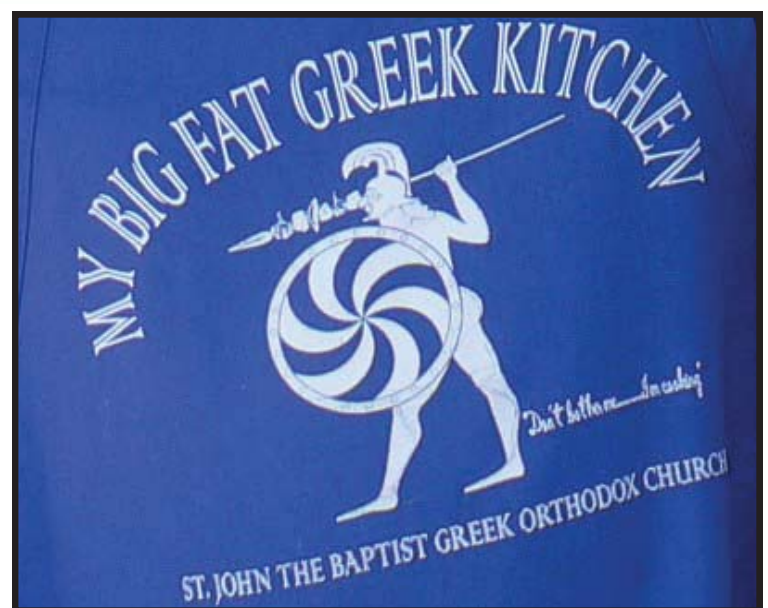


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