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**Christ is Risen!**

**Sunday Grand Drawing**

**Grand Prize:**  
*55" Smart HD TV w/ Home Theater Package*

**Second Prize:**  
*Macbook Pro w/ Retina Display*

**Third Prize:**  
*iPad Air w/Wi-Fi*

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-eight 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 16, 17, and 18 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 53-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 Greek Kitchen, 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 the OLYMPIANS. 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 the Grand Drawing on Sunday evening. The Grand Drawing prize is 55” Smart HD TV w/ Home Theater Package. Second prize is a MacBook Pro w/ Retina Display, Third prize is an iPad Air w/Wi-Fi.



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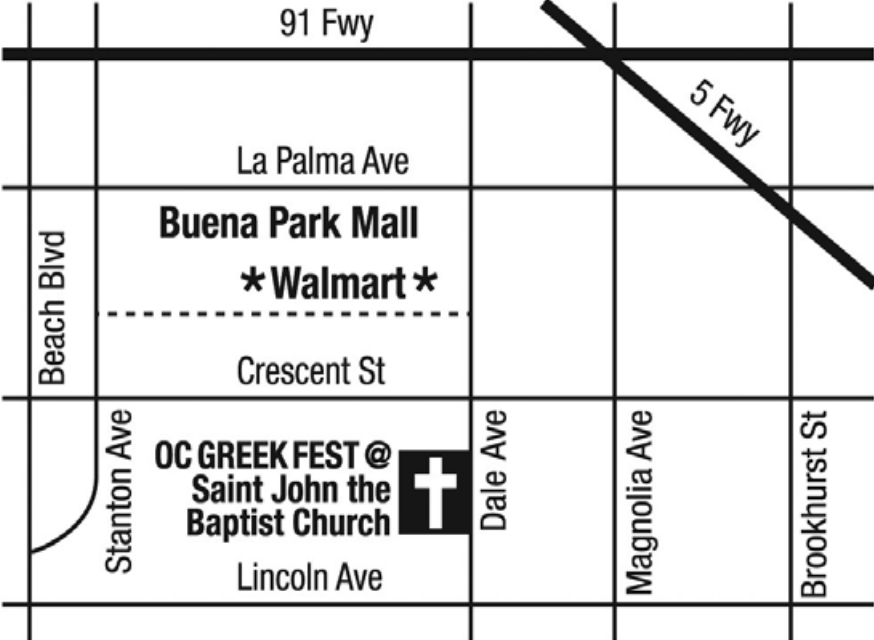
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**Shuttle Bus  
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Buena Park Mall**

Complimentary shuttle bus service to and from the festival grounds is available near the Wal-Mart 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 16<sup>h</sup> beginning at 1 pm, Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10 am. The last bus from the festival grounds to the Wal-Mart parking lot will depart at 11 pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.





2014 OC GreekFest Schedule

(subject to change)

Friday 5/16

3:00 PM Festival Opens / Bands Begins  
5:00 PM Church Tour  
6:00 PM Guest Speaker Mary Hart  
Getty Museum, “Heaven & Earth Art of Byzantium”  
7:00 PM Greek Folk Dance Levendia  
8:00 PM Church Tour  
10:00 PM Festival Closes for the Day

Saturday 5/17

12 Noon Festival Opens / Bands Begins  
2:00 PM Culture Presentation  
3:00 PM Church Tour  
4:00 PM Greek Folk Dance  
Ta Zuzunakia / Ellinika Asterakia  
5:00 PM Church Tour  
7:00 PM Greek Folk Dance  
Atromiti / Dynami  
7:30 PM Culture Presentation  
8:00 PM Church Tour  
10:00 PM Festival Closes for the Day

Sunday 5/18

12 Noon Festival Opens / Band Begins  
2:00 PM Culture Presentation  
3:00 PM Church Tour  
4:00 PM Greek Folk Dance  
Ta Zuzunakia / Elinika Asterakia  
5:00 PM Church Tour  
6:30 PM Greek Folk Dance  
Atromiti / Dynami  
7:00 PM Culture Presentation  
8:00 PM Church Tour  
9:00 PM Grand Award Drawing

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Welcome and Kalos Orisate!

On behalf of our entire community, welcome to the 2014 OC Greek Fest! Every year, volunteer members of our community dedicate numerous 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 traditional Greek music and dancing. Thank you for allowing us to be your hosts again and enjoy your stay with us!

Bill 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 Greek Kitchen

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



PASTORAL MESSAGE

Dear friends and supporters of St. John’s Greek Orthodox 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. Haralambos Fox  
Assistant Priest

Religious Education

Church Sunday School

For over 52years, 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 Haralambos Fox 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 52 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

For over 30 years St John’s Greek Orthodox Church has had an active Greek Folk Dance Program. This Youth Ministry’s 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.

St John’s Greek Dance has four Board members who, under the direction of Fr. John Kariotakis and Fr. Haralambos Fox, oversee the program. The Board members are Georgia Culp, Sabina Giakoumis, Sperry Pappas, Andrea Sdrales.

Our current five dance groups and directors are as follows:

- Ta Zuzunakia – ages 4 & 6 yrs, Directors: Georgia Bogris & Stacy Maniatogiannis
- Ellinika Asterakia– ages 7 – 9 yrs, Directors: Victoria Medenas & Nancy Kantzavelos
- Atromiti – ages 10-12yrs, Directors: Cathy & Anthony Georgopoulos
- Dynami – ages 13-17 yrs, Directors: Paul Mantas & Tony Xilikakis
- Levendia – 18 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. This year 2 of our groups came home with medals. Atromiti won the Founders Special Achievement Award and Dynami won Third Place in the Advanced Junior Division. Every year all 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.

Thank you for coming and supporting our festival the dancers are so excited to perform for you.





Festival Entertainment

OLYMPIANS

When one hears the soulful picking of the Bouzoukia, the rhythmic beat of the drums, the distinct strum of the guitar and the powerful sound of the Clarino you know you are listening to the Olympians. This is a signal to dancers, old and young, that the celebration has started and it is time to dance the night away.

In 1976 three members of the Olympians, all teenagers at the time, were dancing in a Greek Folk Dance group named the Olympian Dancers based in Southern California. While dancing in this group they discovered they shared a mutual interest in Greek folk music. Over the following weeks and months the young teenagers practiced relentlessly and somehow negotiated their first performance at the dance group’s annual Christmas party. They added a drummer to the band and played their hearts out at the Christmas party.  
The rest is history!

Over the next few years, the “word” about this new, energetic and refreshingly innovative Greek band began to spread. They soon developed a notorious reputation for their ability to energize a party and keep the dance floor full! As a result, the Olympians began playing extensively throughout the Southern California area and soon throughout Northern California as well. It wasn’t long before they not only were a local favorite, but the favorite among many Greek communities across the Western United States.

As the band embarks on their 39th year together, the Olympians and their vast audience look back proudly and with fondness at the unforgettable memories of countless festivals, conventions, dances, weddings, baptisms and so many other milestones and celebrations of Greek life they’ve been a part of. Recently, the Olympians were inducted into the Western Diocese Folk Dance Festival Heritage Hall of Fame. They received this honor for bringing more than 30 years of exciting music, entertainment and kefi to the annual Folk Dance Festival events.

Today, The Olympians combine a versatile arsenal of modern and traditional instrumentation which includes Bouzouki, Baglama, Tzoura, Vocals, Ethnic Clarinet (Klarino), Keyboards, Guitar, Bass, and Doumbek/Drums/Percussion. Over the years The Olympians have developed a vast repertoire of diverse music. From folk (dimotika), island (nisytika), rembetika (underground music of the 1920s), old or modern laika, as well as, the greatest Greek hits from the past six decades the Olympians play it all with a creative style, rhythm and energy that is uniquely their own. They thoroughly enjoy bringing their unique gift of Greek music to new audiences and people all over.

Band Members include:

- Pete “Pandelis” Begakis – Lead Vocals, Ethnic Clarinet (Klarino), Keyboards, Bass
- George “Giorgos” Karidakis - Vocals, Bouzouki, Baglama, Tzoura, Bass Guitar
- Jim “Dimitri” Karidakis - Bouzouki, Baglama, Tzoura
- Jerry “Gerasimos” Thermos – Rhythm & Lead Guitars
- Steve “Stavros” Opdahl – Doumbek, Drums, Percussion







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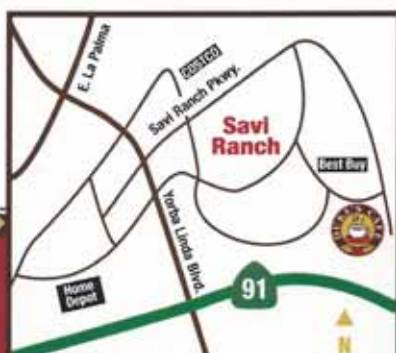
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# 2014 OC Greek Fest

## Food & Beverage 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
Loukaniko	Greek sausage flavored with lemon juice
Loukaniko Sandwich	Greek sausage on pita bread
Paidakia Dinner	Lamb chops, rice, salad, feta cheese and bread
Paidakia ala carte	Lamb chops
Roasted Lamb Dinner	Roasted lamb, rice, salad, feta cheese and bread

**BEVERAGES**

Sodas & Water  
Lemonade  
Iced Cappuccino  
Greek Coffee  
American Coffee  
Beer (Draft)  
Greek Beer  
Metaxa  
Ouzo  
Wine  
Wine Cooler  
Margarita  
Mixed Drinks  
Microbrewery

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multiple locations*

**In our Cultural Hall—St. John’s Greek Kitchen**

Chicken	Grilled chicken seasoned with Greek spices
Araki	Greek style peas
Pilaf	Greek style rice
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
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**Loukoumades**

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sprinkled with cinnamon.

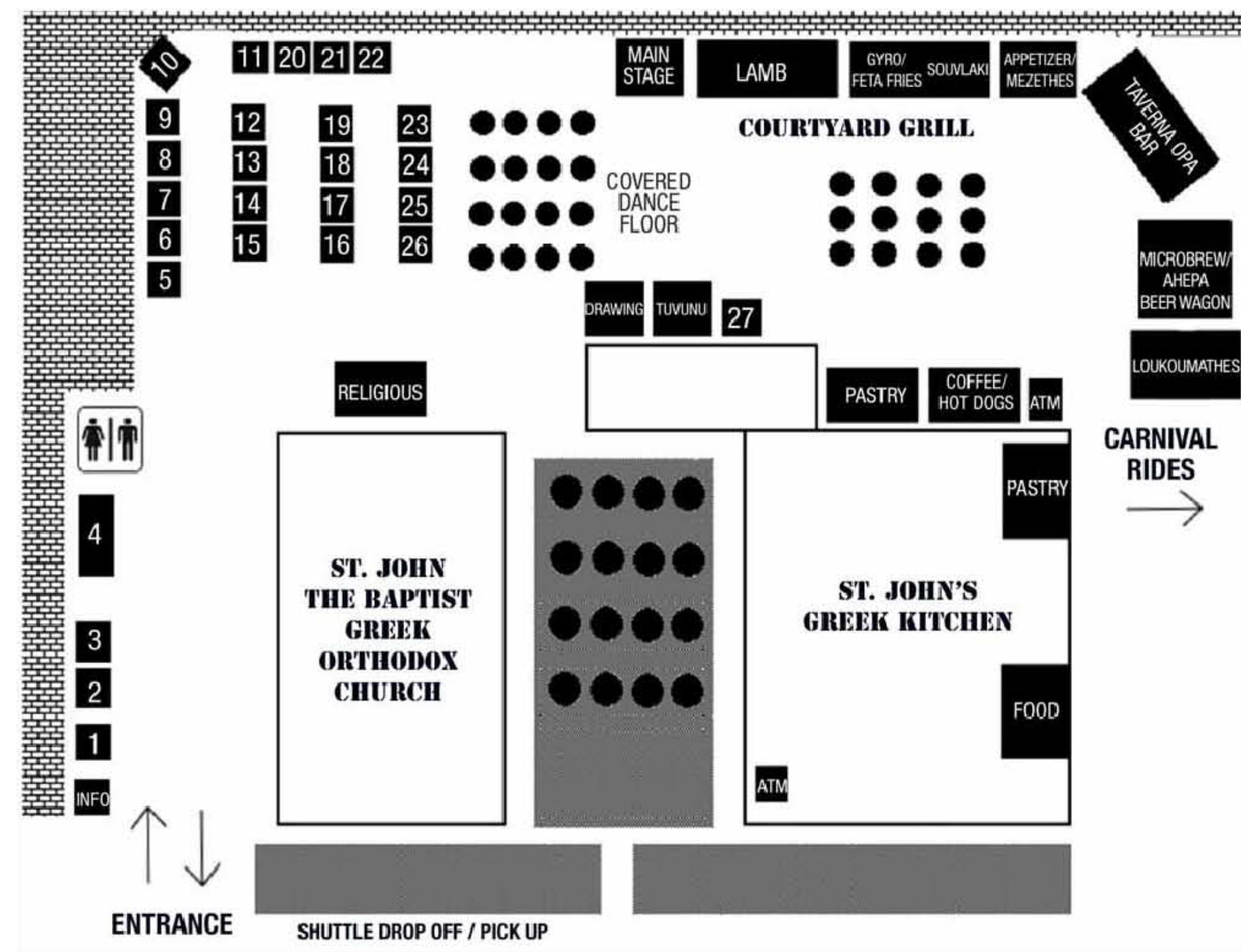
**Our Delicious Greek Pastries**

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

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2014 OC Greekfest Map & Plaka Merchant Locations



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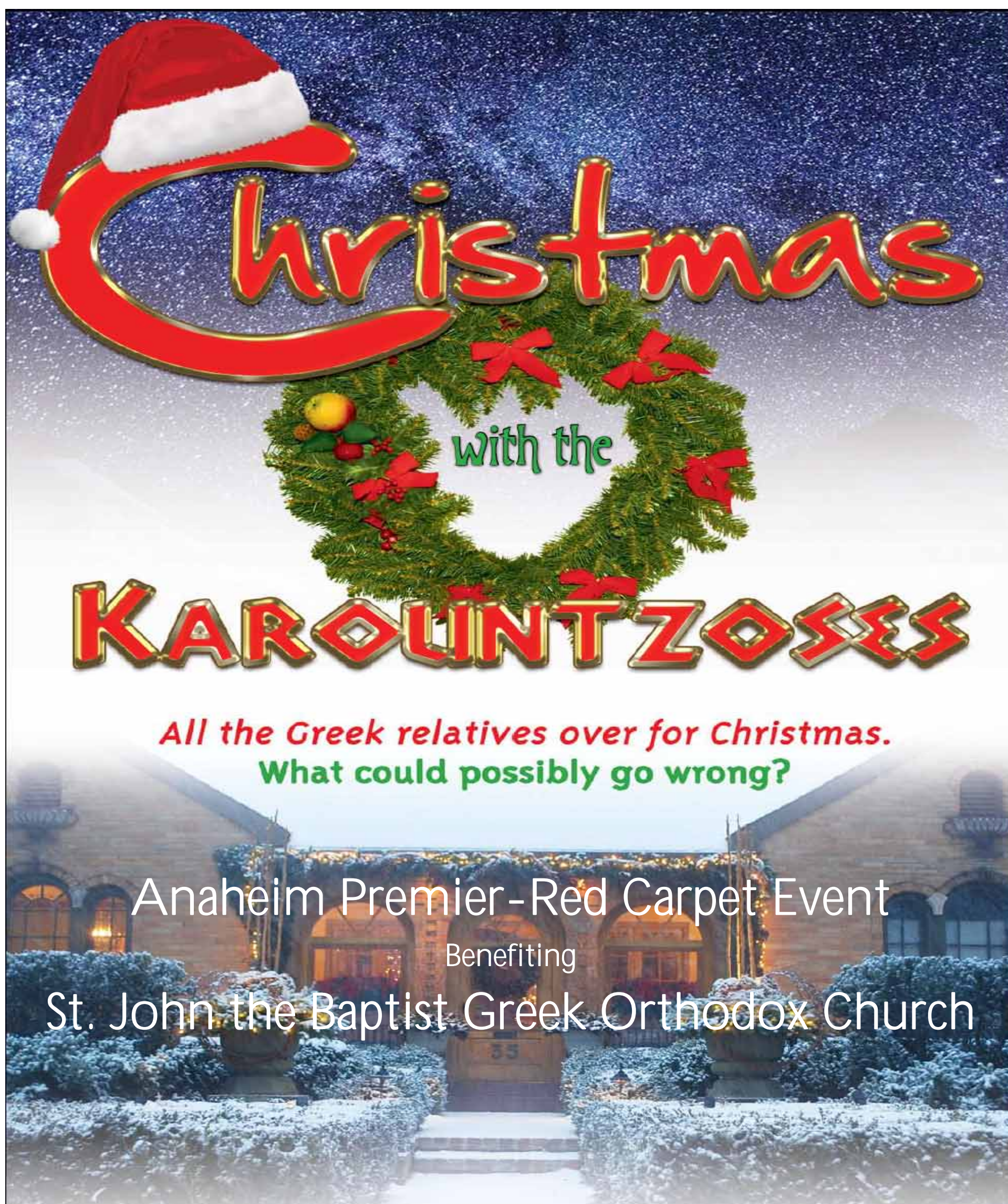
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Booth #

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- 19 Avon
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- 21 Scarf Sisters
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Get your Christmas festivities started early this year and come watch the Anaheim movie premier of Christmas with the Karountzoses on November 8, 2014. Ultra Star Cinema, Anaheim Garden Walk. Tickets will be available in the church office October 1, 2014, Save The Date. VIP After party St. John's Community Center.

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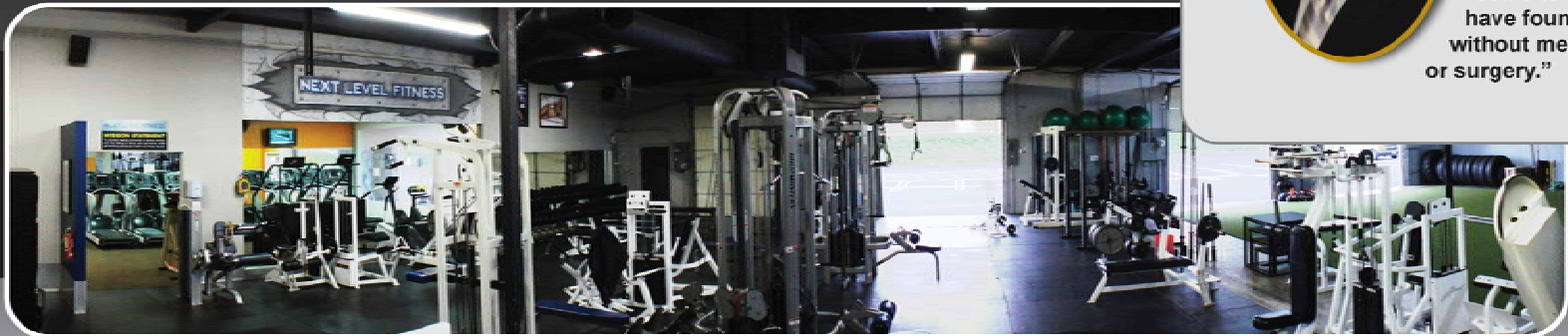
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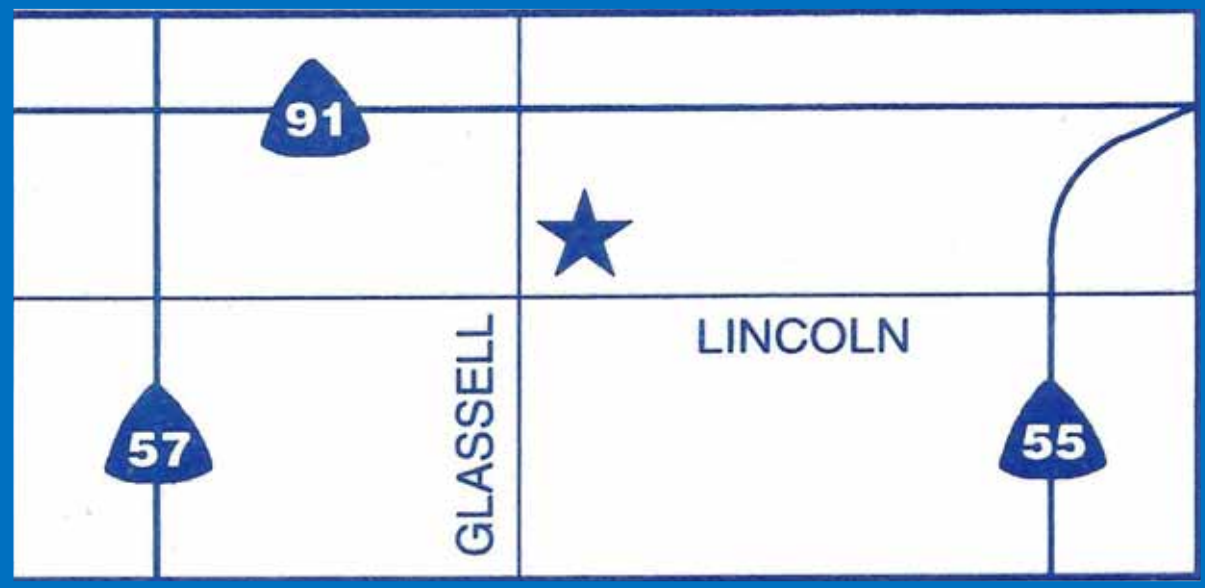


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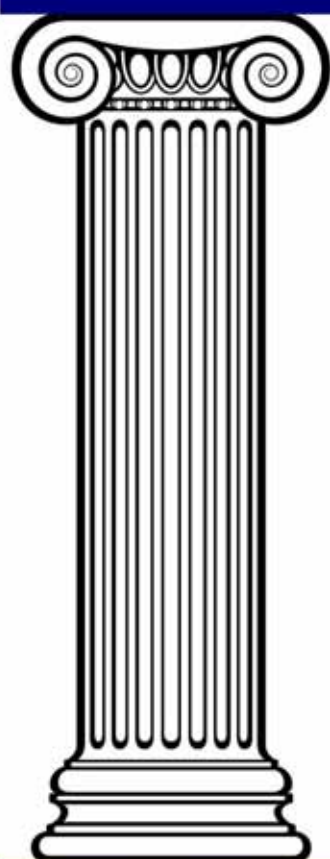
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