



CHURCH TOURS

As you enjoy the festival, take a moment to walk through our church and experience the richness and beauty of the Orthodox Christian Faith. Gaze upon the breathtaking iconography, the vestments of our clergy, and the liturgical items we use in our worship services. There will be videos of our iconographer, Vlasis Tsotsonis, creating the magnificent iconography you see. You will also hear the traditional Byzantine chant that is used in our worship. Additionally, a table will be present with information should you wish to learn more about the history and traditions of the Orthodox Christian Church. Tours are self-guided, but volunteers are present to answer your questions.

We hope you enjoy our food, music, dances, and hospitality, which historically have been important parts of our Greek identity and heritage, but also the reverent beauty of our Orthodox Christian Faith that, from antiquity, continues to edify and inspire the lives of Greeks and millions of others around the world.

VISIT THE HELLENIC ROOM

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Hellenic Museum of Michigan

Art Exhibition Pop-Up: "Odyssey of Colors," celebrates the rich tradition of Greek artistry by local Greek-American Artists.

"Olympic Echoes Pop-Up: Athens 2004 and the Ancient Games Legacy" This mini-exhibition invites you to explore the intertwined histories of the Athens Olympic Games and their ancient predecessors.

Meet Team USA Ice dancers, National Medalists, Four Continents Pewter Medalists, Grand Prix Competitors, Challenger Series Medalists: Emelia Zingas and Vadym Kolesnik

Saturday, August 17 5-7 pm · Sunday, August 18 12-3 pm

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church's annual GreekFest!

We are excited to share our culture with you, a culture that includes our Orthodox Christian faith, ancient language, traditional music, dances, and delicious cuisine. The Assumption church community has been a presence in the metropolitan-Detroit area since 1928 and has always strived to perpetuate our rich Greek heritage and assimilate it with our beloved American culture.

Although half of our parishioners are not of Greek descent, all have embraced and maintained the Greek American culture that prior generations have cherished and that present and subsequent ones will treasure. Greek American culture focuses on valuing the importance of freedom, the dignity of the human person, the sacredness of the family, and the pursuit of excellence and beauty. Greek American culture recognizes that God has given us life in this world along with the family and friends that are needed to sustain it, to comfort us in times of sorrow, and celebrate it in times of joy.

The essence of Greek American culture revolves around two sacred institutions, the Church and the home. In our churches, we worship God and honor His saints, who intercede for us and reveal the beauty of Jesus Christ's teachings in their lives. That beauty is reflected in the care we take in beautifying our churches. In our homes, we gather daily to commune with family and friends with food, music, and dance that not only sustain our lives but bring us joy and thanksgiving.

The annual GreekFest is a microcosm of our Greek American culture, and we are thrilled to welcome you to share it with us! Enjoy our Church and its ancient Orthodox Christian faith. Savor our foods and take pleasure in our music and dancing. In short, celebrate life with us!

With love in Christ, Rev. Dr. Michael Varlamos. PhD

GREEKFEST ENTERTAIN

THURSDAY

5:00pm GRAND OPENING - Chris Macres, M.C.

Fr. Michael Varlamos

Co-Chairs: Tom Thomas, George Dallas, Bob DeWaele,

Niko Moschouris, Achilles Papakonstantinou

National Anthems - Niko Varlamos

Honored Guests

5:30pm Alpha & Omega Dancers

6:00pm Assumption Senior Dancers

6:30pm Hellenic Society for the Performing Arts (Epirus Dances)

7:00pm Junior Hellenic Society

7:30pm Hellenic Society for the Performing Arts (Cretan Dances)

8:00pm-10:00pm Open Greek Dancing

FRIDAY

- 4:00pm Alpha & Omega Dancers
- 4:30pm Assumption Senior Dancers
- **5:00pm** Hellenic Society for the Performing Arts (Epirus Dances)
- 5:30pm Junior Hellenic Society
- **6:00pm** Hellenic Society for the Performing Arts (Cretan Dances)
- 6:30pm-11:00pm Open Greek Dancing with Enigma Detroit Greek Band

SATURDAY

- 1:00pm Quintessential Band
- 3:00pm-5:00pm Michigan Football Legend Braylon Edwards Meet 'n Greet
- 4:00pm Alpha & Omega Dancers
- 4:30pm Assumption Senior Dancers
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SUNDAY

- 1:00pm Alpha & Omega Dancers
- 1:30pm Assumption Senior Dancers
- **2:00pm** Hellenic Society for the Performing Arts (Epirus Dances)
- 2:30pm Junior Hellenic Society
- **3:00pm** Hellenic Society for the Performing Arts (Cretan Dances)
- 3:30pm-7:00pm Open Greek Dancing with Enigma Detroit Greek Band
- 6:00pm GRAND RAFFLE DRAWING

KIDS AREA ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

Thursday

6:00pm Just Joe Magic - Magic Show

7:00pm Just Joe Magic - Magic Show

<u>Friday</u>

4:30pm Crazy Craig - Juggling Show

5:15pm-7:45pm Crazy Craig – Strolling Stilts and Juggling

8:00pm Crazy Craig – Juggling Show

Saturday

1:30pm Just Joe Magic - Magic Show

3:00pm Just Joe Magic - Magic Show

4:00pm Baffling Bill – Magic Show

5:30pm Baffling Bill – Magic Show

<u>Sunday</u>

3:00pm Crazy Craig – Juggling Show

3:45pm-4:45pm Crazy Craig – Strolling Stilts and Juggling

5:00pm Crazy Craig - Juggling Show

Visit our kids tent for face painting, hair braiding, games, popcorn, cotton candy, and slushies.

On the grounds: Inflatables, rides, sidewalk art, magic shows, jugglers, Detroit Parade Company Characters, and more!

GREEKFEST MENU

	DINNER	ALA CARTE
LAMB SHANK	\$25	
CHICKEN KABOB	\$18	\$ 9
SOUVLAKI (2)	\$18	\$ 9
SPINACH PIE	\$18	\$8
TIROPITA (CHEESE PIE)	\$18	\$8
DOLMATHES (STUFFED GRAPE LEAVES)	\$18	\$ 9
GYRO DINNER	\$18	\$ 9
PASTITSIO (GREEK LASAGNA)	\$18	\$ 9
COMBINATION PLATE	\$25	\$15

(SPINACH PIE, PASTITSIO, 3 DOLMATHES)

NOTE: ALL DINNERS INCLUDE GREEK SALAD, RICE, PEAS & PITA BREAD

SUPER SOUVLAKIA SPECIAL = 10 SOUVLAKIA / 5 PITAS \$40

CHICKEN TENDERS, FRIES AND GREEK SALAD		
SAGANAKI	\$8	
FRIES	\$4	
CHEESE FRIES	\$5	
CHILI FRIES	\$5	
CHILI FRIES W/CHEESE	\$5	
GREEK FRIES W/FETA CHEESE	\$5	
CONEY ISLAND	\$4	
Нот Рос	\$3	
GREEK SALAD	\$6	
RICE PUDDING	\$ 5	
BAKLAVA	\$4	
REVERACES	\$3	

CHICKEN TENDERS \$9

(ALA CARTE)

KIDDIE MENU HOT DOG \$8 FRIES/BEVERAGE CHICKEN TENDERS \$8 FRIES/BEVERAGE

GREEKFEST EXPRESS **STATION CARRYOUT 2024**

AUGUST 15TH & 16TH 4PM-8PM **AUGUST 17TH** 11AM-8PM 11AM-7PM **AUGUST 18TH**

	DINNER	ALA CARTE
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CONEY ISLAND	\$4	CHICKEN TENDERS \$	8
Нот Рос	\$3	FRIES/BEVERAGE	
GREEK SALAD	\$6		

RICE PUDDING

BAKLAVA

BEVERAGES

(ALA C	ARTE)	

KIDDIE MENU HOT DOG \$8 FRIES/BEVERAGE CHICKEN TENDERS \$8 FRIES/BEVERAGE

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