



### **CHURCH TOURS**

Ask the Priest: 2:00pm

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 Presents

Detroit Greektown: Honoring Legacy, Shaping Tomorrow

Revisit Greektown's history through the photo journals and recorded history. Relive the past while viewing the future plans for a new Greektown. Become part of Greektown's history by commemorating a granite street paver that will become part of the new streetscape.

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

#### **FRIDAY**

12:00pm Grand Opening - Chris Macres, M.C.

Fr. Michael Varlamos

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

Tony Marchiori, Achilles Papkonstantinou, Tom Giftos

National Anthem: Niko Varlamos

**Honored Guests** 

2:00pm-3:30pm Quintessential Band

4:00pm Alpha & Omega Dancers

4:30pm Assumption Senior Dancers

5:00pm-7:00pm Enigma Detroit Greek Band

**7:00pm** Hellenic Society for the Performing Arts (Epirus Dances)

**7:30pm** Junior Hellenic Society

8:00pm Hellenic Society for the Performing Arts (Cretan Dances)

8:15pm-11:00pm Open Greek Dancing with Enigma Detroit Greek Band

#### SATURDAY

1:00pm-3:00pm Devin Scillian and Arizona Son

3:00pm Brynn Cummings – America's Got Talent Ventriloquist

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# MENT SCHEDULE 2025

#### SUNDAY

- 12:00pm Alpha & Omega Dancers
- **12:30pm** Assumption Senior Dancers
- 1:00pm Brynn Cummings America's Got Talent Ventriloquist
- **1:30pm** Hellenic Society for the Performing Arts (Epirus Dances)
- **2:00pm** Junior Hellenic Society
- **2:30pm** Hellenic Society for the Performing Arts (Cretan Dances)
- 3:00pm-7:00pm Open Greek Dancing with Enigma Detroit Greek Band
- 6:00pm GRAND RAFFLE DRAWING

#### KIDS AREA ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

#### **FRIDAY**

- 4:30pm Crazy Craig Juggling Show
- **5:15pm-7:45pm** Crazy Craig Strolling Stilts & Juggling
- 8:00pm Crazy Craig Juggling Show

#### **SATURDAY**

- **3:00pm** Brynn Cummings America's Got Talent Ventriloquist (Mainstage)
- 4:00pm Baffling Bill Magic Show
- 5:30pm Baffling Bill Magic Show

#### **SUNDAY**

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- 3:00pm Crazy Craig Juggling Show
- 3:45pm-4:45pm Crazy Craig Strolling Stilts & 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, magic shows, stilt walker, jugglers, and more!

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# **GREEKFEST MENU**

	DINNER	<b>ALA CARTE</b>
LAMB SHANK	\$27	
CHICKEN KABOB	<b>\$18</b>	\$ 9
SOUVLAKI	<b>\$18</b>	\$ 9
SPINACH PIE	\$18	\$8
TIROPTA (CHEESE PIE)	\$18	\$8
<b>DOLMATHES</b> (STUFFED GRAPE LEAVES)	<b>\$18</b>	\$ 9
GYRO DINNER	\$18	\$9
PASTITSIO (GREEK LASAGNA)	\$18	\$9
COMBINATION PLATE	\$27	\$17

(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	\$14	
SAGANAKI	\$10	
FRIES	\$4	
CHEESE FRIES	\$5	
CHILI FRIES	\$5	
CHILI FRIES W/CHEESE	\$5	
GREEK FRIES W/FETA CHEESE	\$5	
CONEY ISLAND	\$5	
HOT DOG	\$4	
GREEK SALAD	\$6	
RICE PUDDING	\$ 5	

BAKLAVA BEVERAGES KIDDIE MENU

HOT DOG \$8

FRIES/BEVERAGE

CHICKEN TENDERS \$8

CHICKEN TENDERS \$9

(ALA CARTE)

# GREEKFEST EXPRESS STATION CARRYOUT 2025

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15TH	12PM-8PM
SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH	11AM-8PM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH	12PM-6PM

	DINNER	<b>ALA CARTE</b>
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GREEK SALAD	\$6	

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

CHICKEN TENDERS \$9
(ALA CARTE)

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Special thanks to our team leaders and all who volunteered countless hours to make our Assumption Festival a success.

We regret the omission of any donors who provided support after our printing deadline.

Omitted names will be published in our Church Epistle.

Co-Chairs: Tom Thomas, George Dallas, Bob DeWaele, Niko Moschouris, Tony Marchiori, Achilles Papkonstantinou, Tom Giftos

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