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WELCOME

ASSUMPTION GREEKFEST

2026

AUGUST 21,22,23

Church Tours

Friday
4:00pm – 8:00pm
Ask the Priest: 6:00pm

Saturday
1:00pm – 7:00pm
Ask the Priest: 2:00pm & 6:00pm

Sunday
1:00pm – 5:00pm
Ask the Priest: 2:00pm

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.

VISIT THE HELLENIC ROOM

Hellenic Museum of Michigan
Presents
"Hellenic Footprints: Greek Stories from the Midwest and the Legacy of Olympia," presented in collaboration with the Consulate General of Greece in Chicago, offers a powerful exploration of Greek-American life across the Midwest. Through striking photography, video, and deeply personal histories, the exhibition traces the journeys, struggles, and triumphs of communities who carried their heritage across generations while shaping the cultural fabric of the United States. As the nation reflects on 250 years of American independence, "Hellenic Footprints" offers a meaningful perspective on the shared stories that continue to define and enrich the American experience. Complementing this exhibit is "The Legacy of Olympia," an exploration of the origins of the ancients Olympic Games. Visitors will discover how the Games began in ancient Greece, and the traditions and ideals the shaped the competitions.

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church's 2026 GreekFest!

Along with sharing our Greek American culture with you, we invite you to join us in celebrating our beloved United States of America's 250th anniversary of its founding. We are all richly blessed to be a part of this great nation of ours, where freedom, liberty, opportunity, equality under the rule of law, the pursuit of truth and justice, and the pursuit of happiness are among its foundational ideals. Those were ideals first defined about 2,500 years ago by the classical Greeks.

Since its inception, the United States has been called "The Great Experiment" because the Founding Fathers wondered whether they could create a nation based on principles first articulated by the Greeks, later developed by the Romans, and much later by the philosophers of the Enlightenment. They asked, "From what we've learned from the past, can we create a nation?" Their answer was a resounding, "YES!" However, before they could create a nation, the Founding Fathers had to first declare their independence from the British Empire and fight a war to secure their freedom. That Declaration of Independence is what we celebrate this year: 250 years, 1776–2026.

The American Revolution did more than create our nation. In the decades that followed, many other peoples across the globe were inspired to adopt the ideals of the Declaration of Independence to recreate their nations. Among those were the Greeks, who, after 400 years of slavery under the Ottoman Turks, declared their independence, revolted, and fought a bloody war for over eight years (1821–1829) to earn their freedom; the modern Greek nation-state was born. In short, the Greeks primarily inspired the Founding Fathers of our country, and 50 years later, the American Revolution inspired the Greeks to be free.

The ideals of the Declaration of Independence have bound Greeks and Americans for 250 years; the two nations have been closest allies in every military engagement ever since. From 1890–1921, approximately 500,000 Greeks immigrated to the United States. In the 1950s, another 40,000 arrived. During the 1960s and 1970s, an additional 80,000 immigrated to America. Today, there are over 3 million Greeks or citizens of Greek descent living in the United States who are proud to be Greek and fiercely patriotic Americans.

This year's GreekFest celebrates our nation's 250th anniversary and the unique Greek American culture that has successfully assimilated into it. Enjoy our community and its ancient Orthodox Christian faith. Savor our foods. Take pleasure in our music and dancing. Be Greek for a day, and proud Americans forever!

Patriotically yours,
Fr. Michael Varlamos, PhD

Greekfest Entertain

Friday

4:00pm Assumption Alpha & Omega Dancers

4:30pm Assumption Sigma Dancers

5:00pm 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 – Grosse Pointe South Marching Band

Honored Guests

Olympians Emilea Zingas and Vadym Kolesnik

Salute to America - Grosse Pointe South Marching Band

6:00pm-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

Olympians Emilea Zingas and Vadym Kolesnik Meet n' Greet in Hellenic Room

Saturday

1:30pm-5:00pm Aegean Roots *in the Foyer*

2:00pm-3:30pm Devin Scillian and Arizona Son – Salute to America

4:00pm Alpha & Omega Dancers

4:30pm Sigma Dancers

5:00pm-6:30pm Enigma Detroit Greek Band

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

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SUNDAY

12:00pm Alpha & Omega Dancers

12:30pm Sigma Dancers

1:30pm-5:00pm Aegean Roots *in the Foyer*

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 – 6:00 pm Strolling: Crazy Craig (Unicycle &Juggling)

6:00pm: Kids Stage: Crazy Craig (Juggling Show, 30 min)

6:45pm – 8:00 pm Strolling: Crazy Craig (Stilts & Juggling)

8:00pm: Kids Stage: Crazy Craig (Juggling Show, 30 min)

Saturday

3:00pm: Kids Stage: Baffling Bill (Magic Show, 30 min)

4:30pm: Kids Stage: Baffling Bill (Magic Show, 30 min)

6:00pm: Kids Stage: Just Joe (Magic Show, 30 min)

8:00pm: Kids Stage: Just Joe (Magic Show, 30 min)

Sunday

1:00pm: Kids Stage: Just Joe (Magic Show, 30 min)

2:30pm: Kids Stage: Just Joe (Magic Show, 30 min)

3:00pm – 3:30 pm: Strolling: Crazy Craig (Unicycle &Juggling)

3:30pm: Kids Area: Crazy Craig (Juggling Show, 30 min)

3:30pm – 5:00 pm: Strolling: Crazy Craig (Stilts & Juggling)

5:00pm: Kids Area: Crazy Craig (Juggling Show, 30 min)

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!

GreekFest Menu

	Dinner	ALA Carte
Lamb Shank	$29	$20
Chicken Kabob	$19	$10
Souvlaki	$19	$10
Spinach Pie	$19	$10
Tiropta (Cheese Pie)	$19	$10
Dolmathes (stuffed grape leaves)	$19	$10
Gyro Dinner	$19	$10
Pastitsio (Greek Lasagna)	$19	$10
Combination Plate (Spinach Pie, Pastitsio, 3 Dolmathes)	$29	$19

Note: all dinners include:
Greek Salad, Rice, Peas & Pita Bread

Kiddie Menu

Hot Dog Fries/Beverage	$8
Chicken Tenders Fries/Beverage	$8

GREEKFEST EXPRESS
STATION CARRYOUT 2026

Friday, August 21st	12pm – 8pm
Saturday, August 22nd	11am – 8pm
Sunday, August 23rd	12pm – 6pm

Super Souvlakia Special $40
10 Souvlakia / 5 pitas

Chicken Tenders, Fries and Greek Salad	$14
Chicken Tenders (ala carte)	$9
Saganaki	$11
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	$7
Rice Pudding	$5
Baklava	$4
Beverages	$3

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

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

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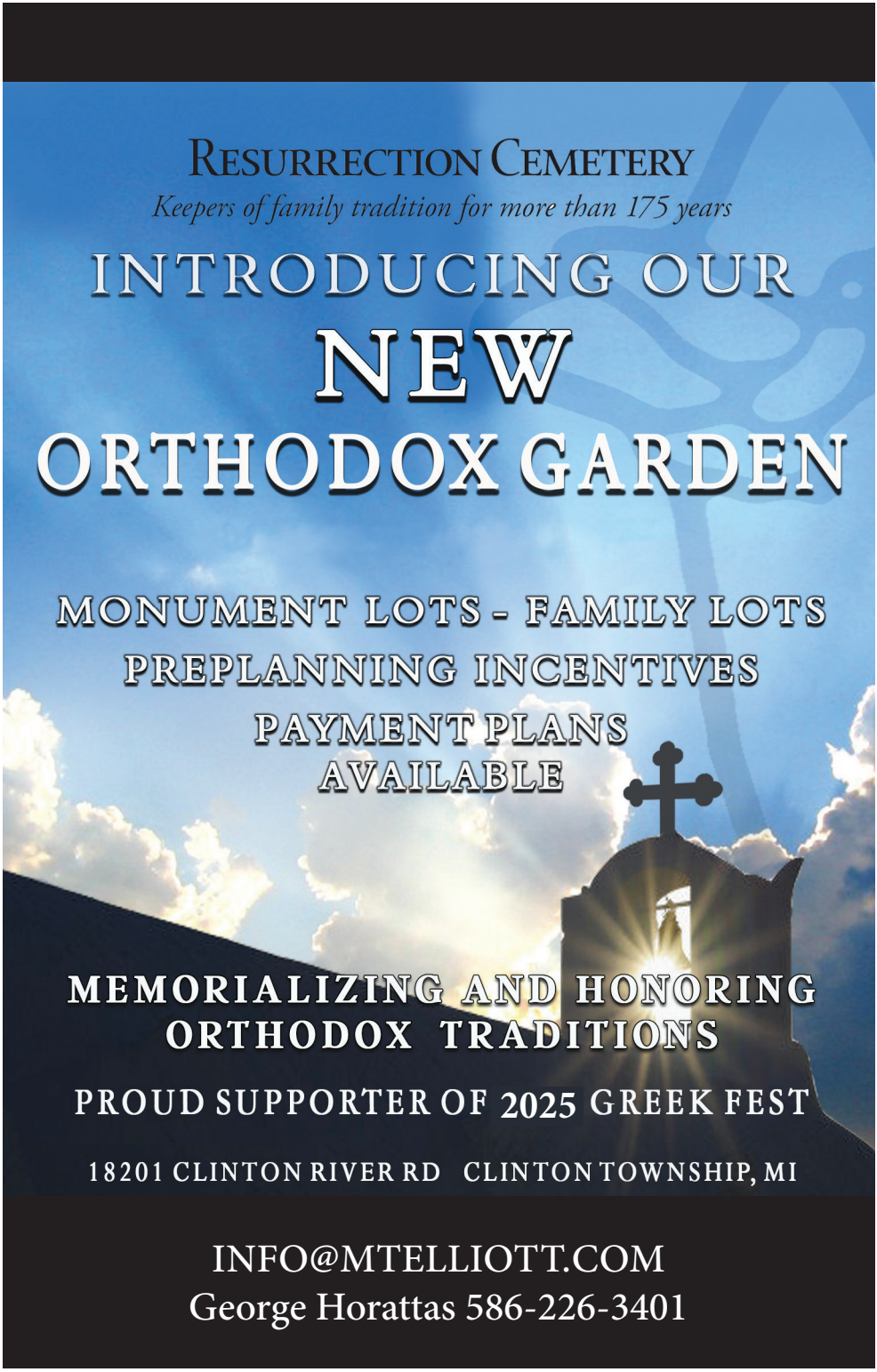
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