



# ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

HOUSTON, TEXAS

presents

*The Original*  
**GREEK  
FESTIVAL**



EST. 1966

**October 5, 6 & 7 2023**

**3511 Yoakum Boulevard — 713.526.5377**

**[greekfestival.org](http://greekfestival.org)**

**Thursday, October 5**

**5 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.**

**Friday, October 6**

**11 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, October 7**

**11 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.**

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In 1917, a handful of Greek immigrants formed what is today one of the largest Greek Orthodox communities in the United States. The vision, foresight and dedication of those few faithful immigrants laid the groundwork for what exists today. From its original location in downtown Houston (what is now Tranquility Park) to the sprawling grounds that border Yoakum Boulevard, Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral has become a major force in the religious and social communities that comprise Houston today. Proceeds from the Original Greek Festival have helped many people through donations to various charitable organizations, such as Annunciation Orthodox School (AOS Grant Program), ASPIRE, Bridges to Life, Camp HOPE, Casa de Esperanza, Children's Assessment Center Foundation, Covenant House, EAC (Emergency Aid Coalition), Houston Orthodox Clergy Association, Harris County Constable Precinct 1 Reserve Command, Harris County Sheriff's Office Reserve Command, Parents of Murdered Children Houston Chapter, School for Young Children, Shield Bearer Counseling Center, SEARCH (Service of the Emergency and Resource Center for the Homeless), Star of Hope, The Beacon, Trinity Foster Care and WAMM (Westheimer / W. Alabama / Montrose / Mulberry Civic Association).

*We thank you for your patronage.*

# AUTHENTIC GREEK FOODS - ALL HOMEMADE!

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## **Greek Sausage on a Stick \$7**

*Seasoned chicken with spinach and Feta*

## **Souvlaki \$10**

*Seasoned and marinated beef tenderloin with onions, grilled over open coals*

## **Classic Dinner Plate**

*Fixed dinner plate includes:*

*1 -Pastitsio 1 -Tiropita 1 -Spanakopita 3 -Keftedes*  
*no substitutions*

## **Food Line / A La Carte**

### **Pastitsio \$8**

*Baked macaroni with beef filling and Romano cheese topped with béchamel sauce*

### **Tiropita \$3**

*Triangular shaped cheese filled filo*

### **Spanakopita \$3**

*Spinach and Feta cheese rolled in filo*

### **Dolmades \$3**

*Grape leaves stuffed with ground beef and rice*

### **Keftedes \$1 each**

*Spiced meat balls*

### **Greek Salad \$10**

*Lettuce with tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, Greek olives, Feta cheese, Greek salad dressing*

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## **Beverages**

### **Soft Drinks \$4**

**Bottled Water \$3**

**Texas Coffee \$3**

**Greek Coffee \$3**

**Iced Coffee Frappé \$5**

**Beer \$7**

**Craft Beer \$9**

**Wine (glass) \$8**

**Wine (bottle) \$35/\$45/\$55**

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## **Pastries**

### **Baklava - \$3**

*Nuts, butter & spices in layers of filo pastry, topped with honey syrup*

### **Kourambiedes \$3**

*All-butter cookies with toasted almonds, topped with powdered sugar*

### **Finikia \$3**

*Sweet honey cookie with various spices, topped with nuts*

### **Koulourakia 6/\$5**

*Six twisted butter cookies – great for dunking!*

### **Tsoureki \$8**

*A loaf of famous Greek sweet bread*

### **Thea Mary's Rizogalo \$5 (also sold at coffee booth)**

*Rich 'n' creamy rice pudding topped with cinnamon*

### **Almond Cookies \$3 each**

## **Desserts**

### **Loukoumades \$8**

*Hot honey puffs*

### **Never-on-a-Sundae \$5**

*Vanilla ice cream topped with baklava sprinkles*

### **50th Anniversary Special Edition**

**Original Greek Festival Cookbook \$25**

# GREEK DANCE PERFORMANCES - THE STEVE G. CALOUDAS ATHLETIC CENTER

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## Adult Dance Program

Thursday and Friday: 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:00 p.m.

Saturday: Begins at 5:00 p.m.

## Children's Dance Program

Saturday: 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m.

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## Dance Program

The films "Never on Sunday" and "Zorba the Greek" introduced Greek dance to moviegoers around the world. Dance remains a living, vital force in the Greek way of life, and its spirit brings people together with a true feeling of camaraderie. It's a fundamental aspect of Greek religious festivities, national holidays, and family celebrations including weddings and baptisms - events that center on the Church life of Orthodox parishioners.

Our evening dance program showcases the three main types of Greek dances with the added flair Houston has come to know and love. Each dance reflects the culture, customs and traditional costumes of its particular region. A dance is either from the islands (nessiotika); the mainland (demotika); or popular (laika), meaning it is danced throughout Greece. Our Children's Dance program presents our youngest members in their traditional costumes performing dances from all around Greece.

Our dancers spend months leading up to the Festival preparing for our show, which allows our young adults to not only showcase their love and respect for their rich heritage and faith, but also the chance to share that excitement and love of dance with our local community who have become our biggest fans throughout the years. We hope you enjoy the show! OPA Houston!

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## Greek Wines

### Mediterranean White

#### Anemos White - Palivou Winery (\$8/glass-\$35/bottle)

Grapes: 30% Moschofilero, 70% Roditis

Notes: This is a crisp and refreshing dry white from a second generation family winery. It has notes of lemon blossoms, pear and apple. Compares to: Pinot Grigio/Sauvignon Blanc

#### Retsina (\$8/glass - \$35 bottle)

A traditional wine that masterfully combines finesse of the Savatiano grape with pine resin. High acidity with the refreshing taste of eucalyptus

#### Plano Malagousia - Wine Art Estate (45/bottle)

Estate-Plano Malagousia White Grape 100%

(Mah-lah-gou-zyá) A full-bodied wine with refreshing acidity and a long aftertaste. The nose is marked by explosive aromas of citrus fruits.

#### Nostos Assyrtiko - Manousakis Winery (\$55 /bottle)

Grapes: Assyrtiko 100% (Ah-seér-tee-ko)

Notes: Aromas of ripe, fleshy, white fruit, and fresh citrus. A wonderful full-bodied, dry white wine from Crete with a complex mouth feel and intense flavor of citrus, mineral and herbaceous notes.

Compares to: Light Chardonnay or Sauvignon Blanc

### Mediterranean Red

#### Anemos Red - Palivou Winery (\$8/glass-\$35/bottle)

Grapes: 100% Agiorgitiko

Notes: A fresh, easy unoaked Agiorgitiko from the ancient area of Nemea. This dry red wine is aromatic in character with soft tannins. It has a hint of pepper with rich black cherries and blackberries Compares to: Pinot Noir

#### Mavrodaphne (\$8/glass-\$35/bottle)

This port-like sweet wine is tawny in color and has an intense aroma of black currants, black cherries, coffee and mocha

#### La Vie En Rosé - Palivou Winery (\$45/bottle)

Grapes: 100% Moschofilero

Notes: A beautiful dry, light pink color Rose' with violet tones wonderful aromas of pomegranates, plums and raspberries and nice floral tones. This is a very refreshing Rose', compares to a French Rose

#### "Naoussa Xinomavro" - Markovitis Winery (\$55 bottle)

Grapes: 100% Xinomavro (Kse e- mahv-roh)

Notes: A dry, fruity and earthy red wine from the area of Naoussa in Macedonia.

This wine has rich notes of sun-dried tomato, earthy mushroom and red cherries. The tannins are perfectly integrated and soft.

Compares to: Barolo, Pinot Noir

#### Nemea Red- Palivou Estate (\$45/bottle)

Estate Nemea Grape: 100% Agiorgitiko (Ah-yor-yeé-ti-ko) Single vineyard selection of 20 - 30 years old vines. This is a benchmark Agiorgitiko from Nemea that is a classic! 12 months in French oak barrels (30% new, 70% used).

# Cathedral Tours

Learn the symbolism of our beautiful Byzantine-style Cathedral

Thursday - 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30

Friday - 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30

Saturday - 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 5:00 (Great Vespers), 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m.

## Athenian Playground

Thursday/Friday 6 - 9:00pm Saturday 12pm - 9:00pm

## Shops and Displays (S. P. Martel Auditorium)

### Gift Shop

*Unique gold jewelry, costume jewelry, cookbooks, pottery, imported clothing, buttons, t-shirts, hats, aprons, tote bags, books, artwork, CD's, religious items and Greek Festival souvenirs*

### Agora

*Imported Greek foods*

OUR SINCERE THANKS TO WAMM (WESTHEIMER/WEST ALABAMA/MONTROSE/MULBERRY) CIVIC ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR PATIENT, COOPERATIVE, GOOD-NEIGHBOR APPROACH TO THE LOGISTICAL CHALLENGES THAT ACCOMPANY THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF OUR ANNUAL GREEK FESTIVAL

