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WELCOME!

FESTIVAL CHAIRMAN STELIOS CHRISOPOULOS

As your returning Chairman, I would like to personally welcome you all to the 2022 San Juan Capistrano Greek Festival. Our festival continues to grow as we introduce new entertainment and new food items.



Do not miss the new Feta Bites - a golden fried savory treat guaranteed to make you come back for more!

A true group effort is required to pull off such a wonderful event. Over the past six years, it has been an absolute honor to chair this event and to work side-by-side with so many talented parishioners, vendors and friends of our church to help make our festival a success. I personally thank each and every one of you for your hard work, resources, energy and dedication.

I wish all of our guests kali orexi (good appetite) as you sample our wonderful Greek cuisine and pastries, which were largely made by our church members using family recipes dating back numerous generations. At the taverna, try our Greek beverages as you raise your glass and toast yia mas (to our health). Finally, enjoy our amazing music, culture, and dance as you shout Opa!



Ως υπεύθυνος της διοργάνωσης του φεστιαρλ (πανηγύρι) θέλω να σας καλωσορίσω! Σας ευχαριστώ που ήρθατε και εύχομαι να περάσετε υπέροχα. Επίσης θέλω να ευχαριστήσω όλους για την υποστήριξη και υπηρεσία για την μεγάλη επιτυχία του festival. Και πάλι καλώς ηρθατε, καλή όρεξη, και καλή διασκέδαση!

Σας ευχαριστώ / Thank you

Stelios Chrisopoulos

OUR FAMILY WELCOMES YOUR FAMILY,



Greeks are passionate loving people with a zest for life. We enjoy family, faith and celebrating life all year long with a variety of events that occur throughout the year. Our long tradition of hosting festivals as part of how we express ourselves continues on to this day.

Most towns in Greece host one or more festivals during a year, which they call a "Panayiri" (meaning a celebration for all) many times coinciding with the Feast day of the main Church in the center of town. Usually, the celebration is kicked-off in the main square with a Church service on the Feast day of the Church's patron saint. Following the service, a procession with the icon from the Church occurs, which parades through the town's main street. The procession includes priests, local bishops, police, city officials, soldiers from the Greek army along with other dignitaries. Thousands of people line the streets to witness the procession and kick-off the festival. Panayiris in Greece are family events enjoying traditional and new foods, music, dancing, carnival rides, shopping as well as attractions for kids. As Americans with Greek ancestry, who have



enjoyed the benefits of this great country, we are delighted to present this festival and share the Greek cultural traditions and some of yiayia's (grandma's) best recipes with our local community.



There are many reasons for celebrating with a festival in Greek Culture, and this year we have a wonderful blessing to be joyful about. We have purchased our first Church property and moved in to our new facility this past summer. The vision of a handful of faith in 2003 has been realized by God's grace and the dedication of all our current 150 families. With our new facilities, we will be able to continue to grow and offer services and ministries to those looking to join our wonderful Church community. Our tradition of faith, worship, community, and service is open to anyone looking for a Church community to join. We are truly blessed!



May God grant you and your family many blessings and give you lots of reasons to celebrate life in the coming year!

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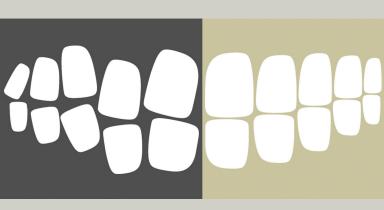
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2022 GREEK FESTIVAL

SATURDAY	, SEPTEMBER 24, 2022
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11:00 AM Festival Begins

ALL DAY LIVE GREEK MUSIC

11:00 AM Kids' Zone Opens

12:45 PM "The Greek Griller" - Cooking Demonstration with Bob Stavrou

2:00 PM FESTIVAL KICK-OFF & Plate Breaking

2:30 PM The "ASTERAKIA" Dancers
Greek Dance Performance

3:00 PM Introduction to Greek Wines with Michael Paylidis, WSET, Greek wine expert

3:45 PM The "AETOS" Dancers
Greek Dance Performance

4:15 PM "Teach Me to Dance" with John Basdakis

5:00 PM The "MERAKLIDES" Dancers Greek Dance Performance

5:45 PM Introduction to Greek Wines with Michael Pavlidis, WSET, Greek wine expert

6:00 PM "The Greek Griller" - Cooking Demonstration with Bob Stavrou

7:00 PM The "PARALIA" Dancers
Greek Dance Performance

7:30 PM "Teach Me to Dance" with John Basdakis

8:00 PM Kids' Zone Closes

8:30 PM Apron Dancers

10:00 PM Festival Ends

SCHEDULE

SUNDAY,	SEPTEMBER	25, 2022
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12:00 PM Festival Begins

ALL DAY LIVE GREEK MUSIC

12:00 PM Kids' Zone Opens

12:45 PM "The Greek Griller" - Cooking

Demonstration with Bob Stavrou

1:30 PM The "ASTERAKIA" Dancers
Greek Dance Performance

2:00 PM "Teach Me to Dance" with John Basdakis

3:00 PM Introduction to Greek Wines with Michael Pavlidis, WSET, Greek wine expert

4:00 PM The "AETOS" Dancers
Greek Dance Performance

4:30 PM "Teach Me to Dance" with John Basdakis

5:30 PM Introduction to Greek Wines with Michael Pavlidis, WSET, Greek wine expert

5:45 PM The "MERAKLIDES" Dancers Greek Dance Performance

6:45 PM The "PARALIA" Dancers
Greek Dance Performance

7:00 PM RAFFLE DRAWING

Kids' Zone Closes

7:30 PM The "APRON" Dancers

Greek Dance Performance

8:00 PM Dining Room Closes

9:00 PM Festival Ends



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2022 GREEK FESTIVAL

DINNER SELECTIONS (Located in Dining Room)

LAMB SHANK DINNER Served with Greek rice (Pilafi) or Greek Potatoes (Patates), Greek green beans (Fasolakia), Greek salad and dinner roll

SPANAKOPITA DINNER Served with Greek rice (Pilafi) or Greek Potatoes (Patates), Greek green beans (Fasolakia), Greek salad and dinner roll

CHICKEN SOUVLAKI DINNER Served with Greek rice (Pilafi) or Greek Potatoes (Patates), Greek green beans (Fasolakia), Greek salad and dinner roll

A LA CARTE SELECTIONS (Located in Dining Room)

PASTICHIO Deliciously seasoned ground beef, pasta and béchamel sauce, baked to perfection

SPANAKOPITA Fluffy filo pastry with spinach and cheese filling

TIROPITA Select cheeses between layers of butter filo dough

CHICKEN SOUVLAKI Tender chicken shish-kabob

DOLMATHES Grape leaves stuffed with seasoned rice

GREEK RICE (PILAFI) Long grain rice seasoned with Greek spices

GREEK POTATOES (PATATES) Greek-style, lemon and herbroasted potatoes

FASOLAKIA Greek green beans braised with tomato sauce and Greek spices

GREEK SALAD Tossed with feta cheese and Greek olives

TZATZIKI Creamy yogurt and cucumber dip, seasoned with garlic and dill

FETA CHEESE Greek cheese made from goat's milk

GREEK FOOD SPECIALTY BOOTHS (Located on the Plaza)

THE GRILL

BARBECUED LAMB CHOPS seasoned with Mediterranean spices

LOUKANIKO Citrus-seasoned Greek sausage flavored with fresh lemon

CHICKEN SOUVLAKI DINNER Served with Greek rice (Pilafi) or Greek Potatoes (Patates), Greek green beans (Fasolakia), Greek salad and dinner roll

GREEK FRIES Greek style fries seasoned with Greek spices

GREEK FRIES WITH FETA Greek style fries seasoned with Greek spices and sprinkled with feta cheese

GYROS BOOTH

GYRO Lamb / beef blend wrapped in wa<mark>rm pita bre</mark>ad with tomatoes, onions and Tzatziki sauce

MEGA GYRO Larger portion of lamb / beef blend wrapped in warm pita bread with tomatoes, onions and Tzatziki sauce **GYRO SALAD** Mixed green salad tossed with feta cheese and Greek olives, and topped with Gyro meat

GREEK FRIES Greek style fries seasoned with Greek spices **GREEK FRIES WITH FETA** Greek style fries seasoned with Greek spices and sprinkled with feta cheese

LOADED GREEK FETA FRIES Greek style fries seasoned with Greek spices and sprinkled with feta cheese, gyros meat, diced tomatoes and Tzatziki sauce

MENU

ROASTED LAMB BOOTH

ROASTED LAMB ON THE SPIT Roasted Lamb on the Spit seasoned with Greek herbs and seasonings, and served with side of grilled rustic bread basted with olive oil and herbs

MEZETHES/ASSORTED GREEK APPETIZERS BOOTH

FRIED CALAMARI Lightly-battered fried calamari

DOLMATHES Grape leaves stuffed with seasoned rice

SPANAKOPITA Fluffy filo pastry with spinach and cheese filling

TIROPITA Select cheeses between layers of butter filo dough

FETA BITES Deep fried feta with a lemon infused honey drizzle

FETA CHEESE & OLIVES Served with pita bread

PITA BREAD & TZATZIKI DIP Pita served with a yogurt cucumber dip

SAGANAKI BOOTH

FLAMING GREEK CHEESE with a splash of brandy and lemon juice, served with warm pita bread

GREEK SWEETS / DESSERTS (Located in Dining Corridor)

BAKLAVA Layers of filo filled with ground walnuts. Baked and topped with sweet honey syrup

ROLLED CHOCOLATE BAKLAVA Layers of filo rolled with sweetened, ground walnuts. Baked and topped with sweet honey syrup and chocolate

KOURAMBIETHES Delicate butter cookies generously sprinkled with powdered sugar

MELOMAKARONA Richly flavored cookies dipped in syrup and sprinkled with walnuts

GALAKTOBOUREKO Custard-filled dessert made with layers of golden brown, crispy filo and coated in scented, sweet syrup

KATAIFI Dessert made from a special pastry dough in the form of thread-like strands, rolled and soaked in sweet syrup

THIPLES Dessert made from thin sheet-like, fried dough, dipped in a honey syrup and sprinkled with walnuts

KARITHOPITA Walnut cake with syrup

KOULOURAKIA Delicious twisted butter cookies

PAXIMATHIA Biscotti-like Greek cookies

ALMOND CRESCENT Almond cookie, shaped into a crescent

ERGOLAVOS WITH APRICOT A Greek version of the macaroon. Soft almond-infused cookie adorned with apricot

ALMOND CHERRY COOKIE Almond cookie adorned w/ cherries

GREEK SWEETS/DESSERTS SPECIALTY BOOTHS

(Located on the Plaza)

LOUKOUMADES BOOTH

GREEK DONUT HOLES Pastry puffs dipped in honey syrup and sprinkled with cinnamon and sugar

DRINKS

GREEK & AMERICAN COFFEE BOTTLED WATER

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PARISH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Divine Liturgy, Sunday's 10:00am, Orthos, 9:00am

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BIBLE STUDY

An opprotunity to explore the Holy Scripture, Orthodox Tradition, and the History of the Orthodox Church.

CHOIR

Choir members participate in the Divine Liturgy through hymns, liturgical dialogues, chanting and singing.

LAND & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Leadership of the church dedicated to securing land and funds for a permanent sanctuary in South Orange County

PRIME TIMERS

The Prime Timers group are active Seniors in our community who are dedicated to fellowship and fun in the Orthodox Church.

PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY

The mission of Philoptochos Society is to aid the poor, hungry, aged, sick, and anyone who may be in need of the church. In addition, Philoptochos is to provide instructional and educational programs and seminars and to promote participation in the activites of the Greek Orthodox community.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

ALTAR BOYS

Altar service is open to all Orthodox Christian boys 2nd grade and older, who would like to learn more about our Divine Liturgy services and how to serve in the altar during liturgical services.

BASKETBALL

Our youth basketball is for junior high through high school age students. During the seven-week season our teams hold regular practices and play in games and tournaments with other local Orthodox churches.

CHORAL COMPETITION

Two choral groups ages 13 & up, and Under 13 develop their voice talents while learning classical liturgical hymns and chanting techniques. These groups strive to compete at the annual Folk Dance Festival (FDF).

JR. CHOIR

Second graders and above can join Jr Choir to Learn liturgical hymns and chanting to accompany Divine Liturgy and church services.

GOYA

Greek Orthodox Youth Association (GOYA) serves teens from 7th - 12th grades. GOYA meets on the first Sunday of every month for spiritual, social and outreach projects throughout the year.

JR. GOYA

Jr.GOYA is for kids grades 4-6 to learn more about themselves, expand their Orthodox Christian faith and fellowship through coordinated social outings.

JOY

Junior Orthodox Youth (JOY) - Kindergarten-3rd grade

GREEK DANCE

Our dance program teaches traditional dances of Greece in a Christian environment. Dancers are placed on a team based on ability and age.

GREEK SCHOOL

Our Greek School offers programs designed for children and adults. Students develop language skills while learning Greek history and Orthodoxy via traditional studies but also via acting, singing and more.

MOMS, POPS & TOTS

The Moms, Pops & Tots program is designed to connect young children, aged between 6 months and 3 years, with an adult (mom, pop, nanny, grandmother, nouna, aunt or friend) to the Church community. This two year curriculum of 66 lessons includes music (songs & dance) and crafts.

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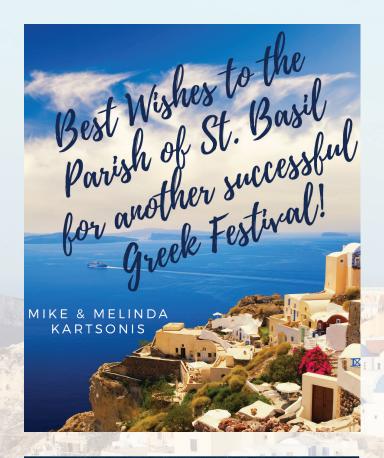
Junior high and high school students research and prepare a short speech on one of a predetermined set of topics for presentation in the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival. The St. Basil's program teaches public speaking while gaining poise and confidence.

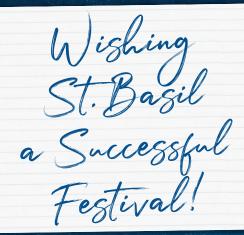
JR. PHILOPTOCHOS

For girls who would like to be junior members of our philopotchos society serving the poor and our local community.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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