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Greek Festival of Pensacola

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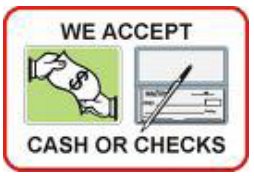
Welcome to the 59th Pensacola Greek Festival! Started by parishioners in 1959 as a luncheon, this popular Pensacola event has evolved into a full-blown 3-day event serving a variety of Greek foods along with traditional dance performances, live entertainment, church tours, and shopping. This annual event is a labor of love for church parishioners who take pride in sharing their culinary, ethnic, and religious heritage with the community.

Cash or checks are accepted at all booths throughout the Festival. Make checks payable to "Pensacola Greek Festival"



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On behalf of the Eucharistic Community here at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, I would like to thank you for attending our 59th annual Greek Festival and for supporting our Church. The festival is truly a labor of love for our parishioners. Many months of preparation and planning go into the presentation of this event, and we are thankful for the opportunity to show Pensacola who we are as a Church and what we have to offer.

The Pensacola Greek Festival is one the area's most popular outdoor festivals. This three day cultural event provides an opportunity for our Church to share our culture and faith with the Pensacola community. The Greek Festival includes live music, dance performances by our youth groups, and a variety of delicious Greek foods.

Food, music and dancing are not the only attractions offered. Visitors can attend Church tours to see the beauty of an Orthodox Christian Church and learn a little about our Orthodox faith.

This year, we are donating a portion of our proceeds to support Guardian ad Litem of Northwest Florida, an organization that provides for the needs of abused, abandoned, and neglected children.

We thank you for your continued support of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church and our 59th annual Pensacola Greek Festival, and we look forward to serving you and offering our Christian hospitality.

With love in Christ,

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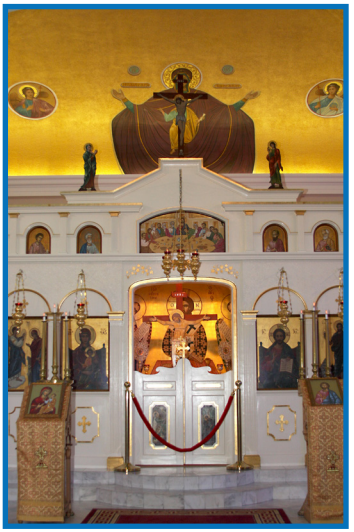


Iconostasis inside the Church

Each year we are proud to share our Hellenic culture, cuisine and customs with our Pensacola community. You are invited to join us for a brief and informative journey through the history, architecture, iconography and music of the Greek Orthodox Church.

We welcome all our visitors to sit back and enjoy a brief synopsis of the early Greeks who immigrated to our shores and an informative exploration of our beautiful faith. You will be introduced to the elaborate architecture, majestic iconography and the haunting mystery of the Byzantine hymnology performed by the Annunciation Choir. Check the tour schedule on page 6.

History of Our Church

The first Greek immigrants who came to Pensacola were seamen who manned sailing vessels in the mid to late 1800's. Gradually the stream of immigrants from Greece increased. These new citizens made their living in the fishing industry, groceries, restaurants and other small businesses. The first Greek Orthodox Church of Pensacola was built in 1910 at the corner of Wright and Reus Street and was the home to this parish until 1954 when the present church on Garden Street was constructed. The Hellenic Center was built in 1950 and the Fr. Leftheris Educational Building was completed in 1961. The Church was consecrated by Archbishop Iakovos in 1973. Our parish is an active community of 150 families of various ethnic backgrounds. The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church celebrated our Centennial in May of 2010!

Greek Orthodox Church

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY (11 am - 9:00 pm)

11:00 am	Food areas open
11:00 am - 2:00 pm	*Band*
4:00 pm	Church Tour
4:00 pm	*Band (until close)*
6:30 pm	Church Tour
7:00 pm	Glenzethes Dance
8:00 pm	Church Tour
9:00 pm	Glenzethes Dance

SUNDAY (NOON - 5 pm)

9:00 am	Church Service
12:00 pm	Food areas open
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm	*Band*
1:30 pm	Hara/Glenzethes
2:00 pm	Church Tour
3:30 pm	Hara/Glenzethes
4:00 pm	Church Tour
5:00 pm	Glenzethes Dance

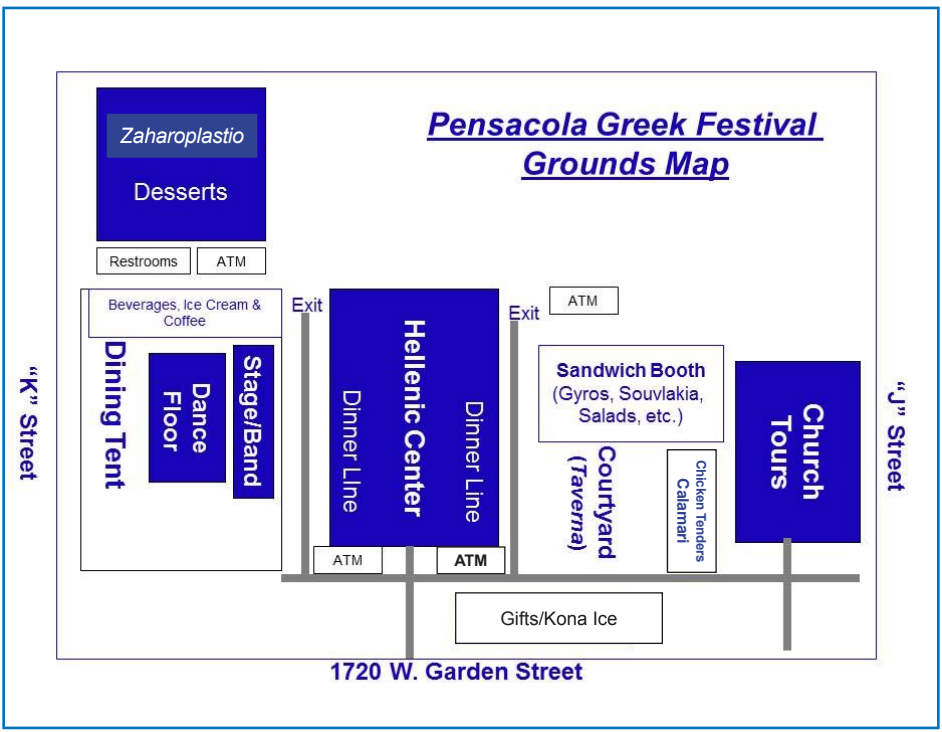
SATURDAY (11 am - 9:00 pm)

11:00 am	Food areas open
11:00 am - 2:00 pm	*Band*
1:00 pm	Hara/Glenzethes
2:00 pm	Church Tour
4:00 pm	Church Tour
4:00 pm	*Band (until close)*
5:00 pm	Hara/Glenzethes
6:00 pm	Church Tour
7:00 pm	Glenzethes Dance
8:00 pm	Church Tour
9:00 pm	Glenzethes Dance

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICE

All are invited to attend our Sunday liturgy at 9:00 am during the Festival weekend. Dress is "Festival Casual" for workers and guests.

During the year, services begin at 10:00 am



ENTERTAINMENT

The Kostas Kastanis Band is performing live Greek music for your enjoyment during Festival hours. We encourage our guests to get out on the dance floor!

One of the highlights of the Pensacola Greek Festival is watching the dancers and then joining them on the dance floor. The younger dance group is called *Hara* which means “joy” in Greek. The middle and high school group is called the *Glenzethes* which means “merry makers”. Check our schedule on page 6 for performance times. Don’t forget to yell “Opa!” when you love a performance!

MENU - DINNER LINE

(Hellenic Center)

Two lines inside the Hellenic Center allow you to order a dinner plate and the following a-la-carte specialties. These items are only available in the Hellenic Center (with the exception of salads).

Chicken Dinner (Kotopoulo) $13.00
Half a chicken baked Greek style served with manestra, Greek style green beans and tsoureki - Greek bread.

Roast Lamb Dinner (Arni) $16.00
Sliced roast lamb cooked with Greek seasoning, garlic & lemon, served with Greek style green beans, manestra and tsoureki - Greek bread.

Lamb Shank Dinner (Kokinisto) $16.00
Served with Greek style potatoes, green beans and tsoureki - Greek bread.

Pastitsio $9.00
Layered, baked macaroni with seasoned meat sauce topped with creamy bechamel sauce.

Moussaka $9.00
Layered sauteed eggplant with seasoned meat sauce topped with creamy bechamel sauce.

Spanakopita $3.00
Spinach and feta in buttered filo triangle.

Tiropita $3.00
Flaky cheese-filled pastry made with buttered filo.

Dolmathes ..... 3 for $4.00
Grape leaves stuffed with ground beef, rice, onions, and herbs.

Greek Salad ..... $4.00 small / $6.00 large
Lettuce, tomatoes and cucumbers topped with feta cheese and Kalamata olives, served with traditional Greek vinaigrette dressing.

Greek Style Green Beans $3.00

Manestra $3.00
Orzo pasta cooked with tomatoes and chicken broth.

BEVERAGES

(The beverages booth is located between the big tent and the pastry booth as you leave the Hellenic Center)

Beer *(Domestic and Imported)* **..... $5.00**

Red and White Greek Wines *by the glass* **..... $5.00**

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Bottled Water $3.00

Soft Drinks *(20 oz Bottles)* **..... $3.00**

SHOPPING

You can find the gift booth in front of the church hall, as well as the snow cone machine. The gift booth has festival t-shirts, cookbooks, and other Grecian items for sale. This year Shoreline Foods will be featured at our gift booth. With olive oil, specialty breads, olives, and other non-perishable items, you won't want to miss out on stopping by our festival gift booth this year.

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Gyro $8.00
Savory pita filled with grilled seasoned meat topped with tomatoes, lettuce, onions, and tzatziki sauce, served on a warm pita bread.

Souvlakia $8.00
Grilled chicken shish-kebob marinated in lemon, olive oil and spices. Topped with tomatoes, lettuce, onions and tzatziki sauce served on a warm pita bread.

Loukaniko $8.00
Grilled seasoned sausage topped with tomatoes, lettuce, onions and tzatziki sauce served on warm pita bread.

Greek Salad ..... $4.00 small / $6.00 large
Lettuce, tomato, cucumber topped with feta cheese and kalamata olives, served with traditional Greek vinaigrette dressing.

(A Separate line next to the Church)

Calamari $9.00
Tender squid, lightly breaded, fried and served with lemon juice and cocktail sauce.

Chicken Tenders $4.00
A dish for the kids served with Greek Fries.

Greek Fries $3.00
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Melomakarona $1.00
Tasty, nut-filled soft cookie dipped in syrup.

Baklava $3.00
Layers of butter-drenched filo pastry, spices and chopped nuts, drizzled with honey syrup.

Chocolate Baklava $3.00
Regular baklava with corners dipped in chocolate.

Floyeres $3.00
Nuts and spices rolled in buttered filo, topped with honey syrup.

Ergolavos $3.00
Almond, macaroon crescents covered with almonds.

Kataifi $3.00
Chopped almonds and walnuts wrapped with shredded filo pastry, drizzled with honey syrup.

Pasta $4.00
Layers of shredded filo pastry and honey, topped with custard filling and almonds.

Chocolate Kok $4.00
Delicious honey sponge cake with chocolate filling, topped with chocolate glaze and sprinkles.

Vanilla Kok $4.00
Delicious honey sponge cake with custard filling, topped with chocolate glaze.

Napolean $4.00
Layers of flaky pastry with custard filling, topped with vanilla and chocolate icing.

Grecian Torte $4.00
Three-layered chocolate cake with chocolate cream filling, dipped in chocolate.

Baklava Cheesecake $4.00
Delicious combination of baklava and cheesecake.

Koulouria *(Dozen butter cookies)*.....$6.00

Paximadia *(Dozen Greek biscotti cookies)* $6.00

Tsoureki *(Sweet Greek bread)* $6.00

Coffee and Ice Cream

(Served under main tent)

Baklava Sundae (Hand-dipped ice cream served with baklava pieces).....$4.00

Regular Coffee.....$1.00 **Frappe** (Iced Greek Coffee).....$3.00

Greek Coffee (Strong coffee served hot).....$2.00

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History of Orthodoxy

The early church suffered persecution from many sides, including the Emperors of Rome and others in the region. During this time of increasing persecution the early Christians took their faith and churches underground to continue preserving the eternal love they had learned from the Apostles. It was not until the fourth century, under Emperor Constantine the Great, that the early Orthodox Christians began to feel safe to come out of the shadows and once again spread the word of love and tolerance they had learned. The fundamentals of our faith were then established under the Seven Ecumenical Councils, establishing the Nicaean Creed, dogma and canons of the faithful, even establishing the display of icons in churches throughout the Empire. We still hold these canons and church laws to be true today and abide by them throughout our lives.

History of Pensacola's Orthodox Community

The first Greek immigrants that came to Pensacola were seaman from the islands of Greece. Gradually more Greek immigrants began to come the area and by 1910 there were more than 120 Greek immigrant families in Pensacola. These new citizens made their living in the fishing industry, grocery stores, restaurants and other small businesses throughout their new community in Pensacola. The first Greek Orthodox Church was built in 1910 at the corner of Wright and Reus Street, home to the faithful Greeks until 1954 when the church on Garden Street was completed. Throughout our long history in Pensacola we have gradually expanded to include our facilities to include our Hellenic Center and Sunday school classrooms. Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church of Pensacola was consecrated by Archbishop Iakovos in 1973. Today our church family is home to more than 250 families from all walks of life who have come to call Annunciation home.

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Our Faith, Our Community

Today, the Pensacola Greek Orthodox community combines the traditions of our faith with the love we have for our community. The Pensacola Greek Festival serves as our true labor of love and a chance to share who we are with our family and friends in Pensacola. The Greek Festival allows us the opportunity to give back to communities that have done so much for us. Through this festival, and other fundraisers throughout the year, we are able to spread our eternal love and faith to others. Holy Cross College, the Diakonia Center, our charity of choice and countless others are the reasons we continue to have the Greek Festival; it is our opportunity to share a piece of ourselves and what we believe with others.

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Eggplant Moussaka

Layered eggplant, meat and cream casserole

Ingredients

- 1/4 lb. butter
- 2 medium eggplants
- 2 lbs. ground meat
- 2 medium onions, chopped
- 2 tbs. parsley, minced
- 2 eggs, separated
- 4-5 tbs. bread crumbs
- 1 cup white wine
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 2 lbs. potatoes
- 1 can tomato paste
- 3 tbsp. grated parmesan cheese
- salt and pepper

Instructions

1. Brown ground meat and onions in olive oil. Add wine, tomato paste, parsley, butter, salt and pepper.
2. Simmer on low flame for 1 hour.
3. Peel and cut potatos into round slices 1/4 inch slices.
4. Skin and cut eggplants lengthwise in 1/4 inch slices. Sprinkle with flour and saute in olive oil or butter until golden brown.
5. Add eggplant to cooked meat and add 2 tbsp. of breadcrumbs and the egg whites, stirring briskly until well mixed.
6. Butter baking pan and sprinkle with bread crumbs. Place layer of potatoes in baking dish. Place half of eggplant slices in pan and spread half of meat on eggplant slices.
7. Repeat and top with cream sauce, sprinkle with grated cheese and bread crumbs. Bake at 350 degrees for at least one hour or until golden brown.

Cream Sauce

Melt 6 tbsp. butter and add 4 tbsp. flour, stirring constantly. Gradually add 3 cups of milk, stirring until thickened. Slowly add 6 beaten egg yolks, salt and pepper and 1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese.

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Pasta

Sweet shredded filo and custard dish

Ingredients

Pastry Base:

- 1/2 cup melted butter
- 1 lb Kataifi pastry (shredded filo)

Syrup:

- 2 cups sugar
- 1.5 cups water
- Juice of 1/2 lemon

Custard Filling:

- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3 cups milk
- 4 egg yolks
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 3/4 lb. cream, whipped
- Toasted Almonds

Instructions

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Butter a large rectangular baking pan (at least 9x13) that is deep enough to accommodate the layers of this dessert. To make the base, separate the strands and alyerthem in the pan. Don't press down as they are better if left light and fluffy. Brush the remaining butter over the pastry and bake in a moderate oven for 30 minutes or until golden brown. Allow to cool.

Begin making the syrup by boiling the water and sugar for 5 minutes. Remove from heat and add the lemon. Pour the hot syrup over the toasted pastry.

Prepare the cream filling next. Mix flour and 1/2cup sugar in the top of a double boiler. Stir in milk. Stir constantly until thick and smooth. Stir a little of the hot mixture into slightly beaten egg yolks. Then slowly stir the eggs into the hot mixture. Cook over hot water for 2 to 3 minutes, stirring constantly until custard thickens. Remove from head and then add the vanilla. Pour the custard over the kataifi pastry base. Chill for 2-3 hours. Cover with whipped cream and garnish with toasted almond slivers or other topping. Cut into squares. Makes 22 pieces. Can be frozen.

Can't get enough of our delicious food?
Order frozen desserts and dinners during our annual Holiday Bake Sale held by the Ladies Philoptochos Society. Pick up an order form at the Festival or download the form from our website. The form, along with a check, must be received by the October 26 when we start baking again. ALL proceeds from this bake sale are donated to various charities - both local and nationwide. Orders must be picked up at the Hellenic Center of the church (1720 West Garden Street) on December 7th from 9am - 3pm and the 8th from 9am - 2 pm.

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History of Greek Folk Dancing

Greek folk dancing is a vivid expression of everyday life and people of all ages dance at family celebrations and community social events. The origin of folk dances can be traced back hundreds of years in Greek history. Today's young dancers have a sense of pride and tradition they carry forward performing the same dances performed by generations of ancestors. Most dances are circle dances, starting with the right foot and moving counter-clockwise. Each dancer is liked by a handkerchief or by holding hands, wrists or shoulders.

The Annunciation youth dance troupe performs five dances per set during the festival with the girls alternating costumes between sets. Audience members participate by clapping hands and throwing money at the dancers. The old tradition of breaking dishes on the floor at Greek parties is no longer practiced, but audience members often shout "Opa!" and throw money on the floor to show their appreciation for the dancers. After each set, audience members rush out to the dance floor to join in the fun. Everyone is welcomed to participate and learn the steps.

Hassapiko is a popular, modern Greek circle dance. It is a lively hopping style dance that dates back to Byzantium when it was danced by the butchers of Constantinople. It has become known as the "sailors" dance.

The **Syrto** and **Kalamatiano** are popular circle dances performed at all festive gatherings. The **Syrtaki** dance was created for the movie "Zorba the Greek." It is a combination of two traditional dances, starting with a very slow **Hassapiko** step and eventually becomes faster and danced in the lively steps of **Hasaposerviko**.

Karagouna comes from Thessaly. "Kara" is the Turkish word for black to describe the women's clothes. Karagouna is a flirtatious couples' dance where the men dance in a line behind the women's line.

Pentozali is a vigorous dance that kept the Cretan soldiers in shape. It starts out slowly with men and women dancing together. Then the men break out doing leaps and kicks. The name of the dance comes from it's five (pente) basic steps and word "zali" meaning dizzy.

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History of Greek Folk Dancing

Zeibekiko is a solo and intensely personal dance. The dancer performs alone, very focused on his movements in a totally improvised manner. It comes from the Asia Minor refugee camps in Greece where the Rebetika songs are slow and sad.

Yerakina is a women's dance sung to an old folk song about a beautiful girl named Gerakina who lived around 1850. One day, she went to the well to get water and fell in. The song and the waving of the girls hands represents the sounds her bracelet made as she screamed for help. One brave man climbed into the well to rescue his beloved but she died in the well.

Mihanikos is a men's dance originated in Kalymnos. Mihanikos "machine" is the diving bell used by sponge divers which left many crippled from the bends. This dance has two parts, which alternating slow and fast melodies. During the slow part, the lead dancer hobbles on two canes and is half held up by the others, mimicking the crippling effects of the "bends." During the fast part of the dance, the supposedly crippled dancer suddenly begins dancing joyfully with the others, ony to return again to his crippled wobbling.

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Festival Community Outreach

Each year the Pensacola Greek Festival chooses local non-profit organizations to support through financial and non-financial donations. The 2018 festival will support the follow organizations:

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Manna Food Pantries with food donations

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Take a minute to talk with a volunteer from **Guardian ad Litem** while you are in line for dinner at the Greek Festival. A Guardian ad Litem (GAL) is a volunteer appointed by the court to protect the rights and advocate the best interests of a child involved in a court proceeding. GAL will be recruiting for volunteers to work with children in the Dependency Court System to be their advocate. They have brought in more than 30 volunteers over the last few years just from our festival! The Florida Guardian ad Litem Program will continue to be a powerful and effective voice advocating for the best interests of Florida's abused, abandoned and neglected children and be recognized and respected as a partnership of community advocates and professional staff. To the fullest extent possible, this vision will be realized through volunteers who will advocate as Guardians ad Litem for the children they serve. No time spent improving the lives of others is ever wasted. In the time it takes to do a few loads of laundry or catch a movie, you could be making a world of difference to a child in need. Learn more today at NWFGAL.org

Manna Food Pantries is a local nonprofit organization dedicated to fighting hunger in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties. Festival attendees are encouraged to bring non-perishable items (canned veggies, meats and fruits) to the festival. Drop-off containers will be located in front of the hall by the dinner line.

Hurricane Florence caused mass devastation across North and South Carolina after making landfall in Wilmington, NC on September 14, 2018. Pensacola is no stranger to hurricanes, which is why we'll be collecting donations for the Metropolis of Atlanta Diaster Relief Fund to support those affected by recent hurricanes on the east coast. Donations will be accepted at all of our cash registers.

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