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Welcome to the 58th Pensacola Greek Festival! Started by parishioners in 1959 as a dinner, 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 58th annual Pensacola Greek Festival! 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 of the area's most popular outdoor festivals. This three day cultural event provides an opportunity for our church to share our Hellenic culture and Orthodox faith with the Pensacola community. The Pensacola 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 about our Orthodox faith.

This year, we are donating a portion of our proceeds to support The Miracle League of Pensacola. The Miracle League of Pensacola strives to provide a safe organized baseball league and facilities for Gulf Coast persons with mental and/or physical challenges where every player plays, every player hits, every player gets on base, every player scores, and every player wins – every inning.

We thank you for your continued support of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church and our 58th annual Pensacola Greek Festival, and we look forward to serving you and offering our Christian hospitality.

With love in Christ,

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CHURCH TOURS



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 - 9:30 pm)

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 11:00 am | Food areas open |
| 11:00 am - 2:00 pm | Band |
| 4:00 pm | Church Tour |
| 4:00 pm | Band (until close) |
| 5:30 pm | Glenzethes Dance |
| 6:30 pm | Church Tour |
| 7:00 pm | Glenzethes Dance |
| 8:00 pm | Church Tour |
| 9:00 pm | Glenzethes Dance |

SATURDAY (11 am - 9:30 pm)

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| 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 (NOON - 5 pm)

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|-------------------|------------------|
| 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 |

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. Learn more about Greek folk dancing on our website under culture.



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) \$12.00

One-quarter chicken baked Greek style served with manestra, Greek style green beans and tsoureki - Greek bread.

Roast Lamb Dinner (Arni) \$15.00

Sliced roast lamb cooked with Greek seasoning, garlic & lemon, served with Greek style green beans, manestra and tsoureki - Greek bread.

Lamb Shank Dinner (Kokinisto) \$15.00

Served with Greek style potatoes, green beans and tsoureki - Greek bread.

Pastitsio \$8.00

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

Moussaka \$8.00

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

by the bottle \$20.00

Bottled Water \$3.00

Soft Drinks (20 oz Bottles) \$3.00

SHOPPING

You can find the gift and deli tables in front of the church hall as well as the snowcone machine. The gift table has festival t-shirts, cookbooks, and other items for sale. At our Agora table we are selling Greek food items from Shoreline Foods including olive oil, specialty breads, olives and other non-perishable items.





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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.

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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 |
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| 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 (<i>Dozen butter cookies</i>)..... | \$5.00 |
| Paximadia (<i>Dozen Greek biscotti cookies</i>) | \$5.00 |
| Tsoureki (<i>Sweet Greek bread</i>) | \$6.00 |

COFFEE AND ICE CREAM

(Served under main tent)

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| 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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Samos, an island in the eastern Aegean Sea, has had a rich history stretching as far back as ancient Greece and has quickly become one of the most popular tourist destinations in all of Greece. Home to some of Greece's most beautiful beaches, lush greenery and exotic wildlife, Samos offers the perfect island getaway for those looking for a slice of heaven. Looking for the best wine in Greece? Look no further than the Samos Wine Festival every August, where you can sample wine the Catholic Church still uses for communion and other sweet offerings. The center of Ionian culture, Samos is the birthplace of some of ancient Greece's most famous philosophers, mathematicians and historians; including Pythagoras and Epicurus.



Statue of Pythagoras

HISTORY OF SAMOS



Ancient Ruins of Heraion

Samos was the center of Ionian culture in ancient Greece, renowned for its wines, red pottery and luxury. A strategic trading location, being so close to Turkey, many fought for control of the island. In the 6th century BC, the engineer Eupalinos built the most innovative, hidden, aqueduct through Mount Kastro and creating what some call the eighth wonder of antiquity, the Pythagoreion. The remains of Pythagoreion, and ancient fortified port, the aqueduct and the temple of Hera, can still be seen today. Tradition states the goddess Hera was born and raised on the island of Samos, and so the ancient Greeks built the Heraion temple in her honor, the largest in antiquity. Today, many history enthusiasts flock to Samos to see the wonder of ancient Greece and the brilliance of ancient engineers.

GETTING THERE

Samos International Airport "Aristarchos" lies 4 km west of the village of Pythagorion, with daily connections to a number of countries. However, the easiest way to reach Samos by air is to first fly to Athens, then catch a connecting flight to Samos. Ferries connect Samos with the port of Piraeus, the largest port of Athens, and the trip takes about 12 hours.

SIGHTS & ACTIVITIES

Ruled by legend and beauty, Samos has something to offer everyone. Ranging from cosmopolitan to remote, the beaches of Samos offer beach lovers the most exquisite views from their loungers. Kokkari



Kokkari Harbour

Beach offers adventures

in windsurfing for those who want a rush. For those looking to explore the ancient past, the ruins of the Temple of Hera, a UNESCO World Heritage site, provides a glimpse into legend. Tourists looking for more of a thrill while on vacation should swim, hike or repel down to the Potami gorge to see beautiful waterfalls and experience the local cuisine at the tavern below. So no matter if you are looking for thrills, history or just a chance to relax, Samos provides a unique getaway for any type of traveler.

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TIROPITA

Triangular feta cheese pie appetizer



Ingredients

- puff pastry sheets or phyllo dough
- 6 to 8 oz crumbled feta cheese
- about 1 cup (8 oz) cottage cheese
- about 1 cup (8 oz) cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 egg, slightly beaten

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven for 400 ° F
2. Mix the cheeses and eggs together in a bowl until well-combined.
3. Decide what size appetizer you would like and cut the puff pastry into equal sized pieces (use the phyllo as directed on the package). Place a spoonful of filling onto the pastry, and wet the edges.
4. Fold the pastry over and seal with the tines of a fork.
5. Place onto lined baking sheet and brush with some slightly beaten egg white.
6. Bake in preheated oven for 25 to 30 minutes or until golden brown.

| Prep Time | Cook Time | Total Time |
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| 10 mins | 25 mins | 35 mins |

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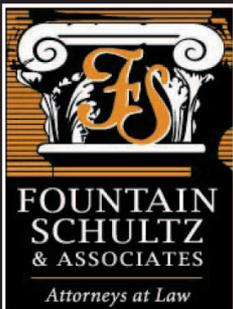
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Ingredients

- 2 cups of fresh pumpkin puree or (1) 15 oz can of pumpkin puree
- ½ lb phyllo sheets, thawed
- 1 onion, diced
- ½ cup crumbled feta
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 egg
- ½ stick butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- olive oil

Instructions

1. Add oil to pan, heat.
2. Add diced onions, and sauté for 5 minutes.
3. Remove and empty onions into mixing bowl.
4. Add in: pumpkin puree, feta, sugar, egg, salt, and pepper, mix well.
5. Grease baking dish with some butter*
6. Unroll phyllo and cut to fit pan.
7. Lay one sheet of phyllo down in pan, brush top with melted butter.
8. Repeat 5 more times, to have 6 sheets total.
9. After the 6th sheet, empty pumpkin puree into pan, spread evenly.
10. Repeat steps 7 and 8, adding another 6 sheets over the puree.
11. Place in preheated oven at 350F for 40min, or until golden brown.
12. Remove, cut, and serve!

| Prep time | Cook Time | Total Time |
|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| 25 mins | 40 mins | 1 hour 5 mins |



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PASCHA TRADITIONS

Easter is a time for Greek Orthodox communities to come together and celebrate the resurrection of Christ. However, too often many outside the Orthodox faith do not understand the traditions, or even why Orthodox Pascha, better known as Easter, may fall on a different day than western churches. To put it simply, Western churches, such as the Catholic Church, follow the Gregorian calendar established by Pope Gregory XIII; whereas the Orthodox churches follow the older Julian calendar. This calendar prohibits Pascha from being celebrated before, or at the same time, as Passover. Beyond the calendar there are many traditions observed during Pascha, both in the church and outside the church.

CHURCH TRADITIONS



Holy Week begins with the celebration of Palm Sunday, or the entrance of Jesus Christ into the city of Jerusalem. In anticipation of his arrival, the people went out to meet Him with palm branches, in the Orthodox faith we anticipate the arrival in much the same

fashion. Today, the church community comes together to shape palm fronds into the shape of the holy cross for each parishioner to take with them as a sign of Christ's victory and a Christian life.

Services throughout the week help to prepare the faithful for the coming resurrection. On Great and Holy Friday evening, the faithful come together with candles in hand and process around the church as though processing in a funeral service. Throughout the procession hymns are sung to help us all celebrate the mystery of Christ's passion and death. But it is on Holy Saturday evening when we celebrate the resurrection of Christ, singing the hymn and pronouncing "Christ is Risen."

The Sunday of Agape (love feast) is when the faithful come together one more time to proclaim the Good News of the Resurrection. It is not just church traditions, though that make Orthodox Pascha so unique.



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FOLK TRADITIONS

On Holy Thursday the faithful dye the symbolic red eggs, to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ. At Pascha parties on Easter Sunday families play tsougrisma, a common game where each player taps the end of their eggs lightly against their opponent's egg until a winner is declared; it is said the winner will have good luck during the year. The ladies of the church are also hard at work making the tsouréki - the traditional Easter sweet bread. Prior to Great and Holy Friday, the ladies of the church adorn the tomb of Christ, the Epitáphios, with flowers to prepare for the funeral service. The Sunday of Agape is when all the fun and festivities happen. The faithful eat the Magiritsa, a traditional lamb stew, after fasting for 40 days. The people come together for a large picnic and roast lamb outside shouting Christos Anesti (Christ is Risen) and responding Alithos Anesti (Truly He is Risen) to each other. Pascha is a joyous time for all Orthodox Christians and a time of remembrance of the sacrifices of Christ.



The game of Tsougrisma

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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 2017 festival will support the following organizations:

Miracle League of Pensacola

Guardian ad Litem with festival space for recruiting volunteers

Manna Food Pantries with food donations



The **Miracle League of Pensacola** aims to provide a safe, organized baseball league and facilities for Gulf Coast persons with mental and/or physical challenges where every player plays, every player hits, and every player gets on base, every player scores, and every player wins every inning. Guided by a sense of teamwork, sportsmanship, integrity, commitment and community, Miracle League of Pensacola provides physically and mentally challenged individuals a safe and spirited

program. The Miracle League provides a unique and memorable opportunity these individuals would not otherwise have. But it is so much more than just a game of baseball, it is about making friends, building self-esteem and being treated just like other athletes. To help the athletes, the league uses a “buddy” system – pairing each player with an able-bodied peer. The Miracle League of Pensacola removes the barriers that keep children with mental and physical disabilities off the baseball field and lets them experience the joy of America’s favorite pastime!

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.



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!



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