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# WELCOME

*St. George Greek Orthodox Church is proud to present our 61st Annual Fresno Greek Festival Friday through Sunday, September 15th-17th. This three-day glimpse into our Greek traditions and heritage allows you to experience Greek cuisine and culture right in your back yard!*

## ***Please explore the many facets to our festival:***

- *Our spectacular church, with stained glass, murals and iconography*
- *Shop the wide variety of vendors in our "Plaka-style" shopping area*
- *Dance (or learn to) with the lilting melodies of our two Greek bands, The Olympians and Mythos.*
- *Taste libations from Greece at our Taverna, Tavernaki or Beer Garden*
- *Enjoy the best of Greek Summer with the modern pop sounds of Evgenia, fresh off the plane from Athens, with a new hit single!*

## ***And, what about the food??***

*As California's largest Greek Festival, Fresno Greek Fest is all about the food! Over 2000 lbs of butter, 400 lbs of filo, and at least 1,000 lbs of feta and yogurt along with hours of love take shape in myriads of offerings. From Moussaka to Baklava, Fresno Greek Fest has delicacies for every palate. Our bookstore has wonderful treasures and gifts, shade cloth over much of the festival, and new this year, expanded kids' area, and a Sports Lounge all weekend long!*

*We are especially proud to recognize the multitudes of volunteers who labor all year long to bring the Festival to life, with many charities benefitting from the proceeds of this event. Thank you for attending and "Being Greek for the Weekend! OPA!"*

***Save the date: September 20-22nd, 2024***

# 2023 SCHEDULE

Times subject to adjustment

## FRIDAY

- 4:00 pm: Festival opens, food sales begin / Mythos – Patio Stage
- 4:15 pm: Kefi Dancers – Main Stage
- 4:30 pm: The Olympians – Main Stage
- 5:00 pm: Church Tour – Church
- 5:15 pm: Kefi Dancers – Patio Stage
- 5:30 pm: Cooking Demo: Spanakopita – Patio Stage
- 6:00 pm: Kefi Dancers – Main Stage / Mythos – Patio Stage
- 6:15 pm: Dance Lessons – Main Stage
- 6:30 pm: The Olympians with Dancer Dimitri Arabatzis – Main Stage
- 7:00 pm: Church Tour – Church
- 7:15 pm: Kefi Dancers – Patio Stage
- 7:30 pm: Cooking Demo: Baklava – Patio Stage
- 8:00 pm: Kefi Dancers – Main Stage / Mythos – Patio Stage
- 8:15 pm: Dance Lessons – Main Stage
- 6:30 pm: The Olympians with Dancer Dimitri Arabatzis – Main Stage
- 8:30 pm: The Olympians with Dancer Dimitri Arabatzis – Main Stage
- 9:00 pm: Church Tour – Church
- 9:15 pm: Kefi Dancers – Patio Stage
- 9:30 pm: Evgenia – Main Stage
- 10:00 pm: Mythos – Patio Stage
- 10:30 pm: The Olympians – Main Stage

## SATURDAY

- 12:20 pm: Kefi Dancers – Patio Stage
- 12:30 pm: Cooking Demo: Horiatiki Salata – Patio Stage
- 1:00 pm: Bakersfield Dancers – Main Stage / Mythos – Patio Stage / Church Tour – Church
- 1:05 pm: Kefi Dancers – Main Stage
- 1:15 pm: Dance Lessons – Main Stage
- 1:30 pm: The Olympians – Main Stage
- 2:15 pm: Astrapi Dancers – Patio Stage
- 2:20 pm: Kefi Dancers – Patio Stage
- 2:30 pm: Cooking Demo: Dolmades – Patio Stage
- 3:00 pm: Bakersfield Dancers – Main Stage / Mythos – Patio Stage / Church Tour – Church
- 3:15 pm: Dance Lessons – Main Stage
- 3:30 pm: The Olympians – Main Stage
- 4:15 pm: Astrapi Dancers – Patio Stage
- 4:20 pm: Kefi Dancers – Patio Stage
- 4:30 pm: Cooking Demo: Baklava – Patio Stage
- 5:00 pm: Kefi Dancers – Main Stage / Mythos – Patio Stage / Church Tour – Church

## SATURDAY (CONT'D)

- 5:05 pm: Bakersfield Dancers – Patio Stage
- 5:15 pm: Dance Lessons – Main Stage
- 5:30 pm: The Olympians – Main Stage
- 6:15 pm: Astrapi Dancers – Patio Stage
- 6:20 pm: Kefi Dancers – Patio Stage
- 6:30 pm: Cooking Demo: Pastitsio – Patio Stage
- 7:00 pm: Bakersfield Dancers – Main Stage / Mythos – Patio Stage / Church Tour – Church
- 7:15 pm: Dance Lessons – Main Stage
- 7:30 pm: The Olympians – Main Stage
- 8:20 pm: Kefi Dancers – Patio Stage
- 8:30 pm: Cooking Demo: Moussaka – Patio Stage
- 9:00 pm: Kefi Dancers – Main Stage / Mythos – Patio Stage / Church Tour – Church
- 9:05 pm: Bakersfield Dancers – Main Stage
- 9:15 pm: Dance Lessons – Main Stage
- 9:30 pm: Evgenia – Main Stage
- 10:15 pm: Bakersfield Dancers – Patio Stage
- 10:00 pm: Kefi Dancers – Patio Stage
- 10:30 pm: Bakersfield Dancers – Main Stage / Mythos – Main Stage
- 10:45 pm: The Olympians – Main Stage

## SUNDAY

- 11:00 am: Festival opens, food sales begin Mythos – Patio Stage
- 11:15 am: Kefi Dancers – Main Stage
- 11:30 am: The Olympians – Main Stage
- 12:15 pm: Astrapi Dancers – Patio Stage
- 12:20 pm: Kefi Dancers – Patio Stage
- 12:30 pm: Cooking Demo: Greek Coffee – Patio Stage
- 1:00 pm: Kefi Dancers – Main Stage / Mythos – Patio Stage / Church Tour – Church
- 1:15 pm: Dance Lessons – Main Stage
- 1:30 pm: The Olympians – Main Stage
- 2:15 pm: Astrapi Dancers – Patio Stage
- 2:20 pm: Kefi Dancers – Patio Stage
- 2:30 pm: Cooking Demo: Moussaka – Patio Stage
- 3:00 pm: Astrapi Dancers – Main Stage / Mythos – Patio Stage / Church Tour – Church
- 3:15 pm: Dance Lessons – Main Stage
- 3:05 pm: Kefi Dancers – Main Stage
- 3:30 pm: The Olympians – Main Stage
- 4:15 pm: Astrapi Dancers – Patio Stage
- 4:20 pm: Kefi Dancers – Patio Stage
- 4:30 pm: Mythos – Patio Stage
- 5:00 pm: Kefi Dancers – Main Stage / Church Tour – Church
- 5:15 pm: The Olympians – Main Stage
- 5:45 pm: Astrapi Dancers – Patio Stage



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— ALL ITEMS A LA CARTE —



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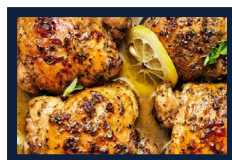
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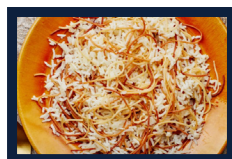
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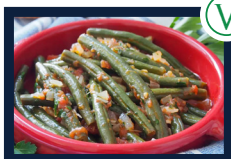
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RICE PILAFI  
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GREEK SALAD  
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FASOLAKIA  
\$5



MEZE PLATE  
\$12

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# THE MEGA GRILL

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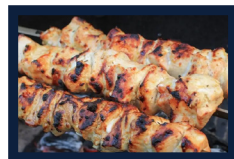
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CYRO SANDWICH  
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CYRO BOWL  
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CHICKEN/PORK  
SOUVLAKI  
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LAMB SOUVLAKI  
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LOUKANIKO  
\$7



CALAMARI  
\$10



GREEK FRIES  
\$8



GREEK SALAD  
\$7



MEZE PLATE  
\$12



LAMB CHOPS  
\$5.5

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# PASTRIES / DESSERTS

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## THE PASTRY SHOP

BAKLAVA - WALNUT .....	\$3
BAKLAVA - ALMOND .....	\$4
SARAGLI - CHOCOLATE WALNUT .....	\$3
SARAGLI - PISTACHIO .....	\$3
DIPLES .....	\$4
GALAKTOBOUREKO .....	\$5
KARIDOPITA .....	\$4
YIAOURTOPITA .....	\$4
KOURABIEDES .....	\$4
MELOMAKARONA .....	\$4

## YIAYIA'S MARKET

ICE CREAM .....	\$4.5
BAKLAVA SUNDAE .....	\$6.5

## PREPACKED PASTRIES - GREEK MARKET

LARGE VARIETY .....	\$20
ALMOND BAKLAVA .....	\$15
WALNUT BAKLAVA .....	\$14
MELOMAKARONA/KOURABIEDES .....	\$17
PAXIMADIA .....	\$10
KOULOURAKIA .....	\$10



# BEVERAGES

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## TAVERNA & TAVERNAKI

BUD LIGHT .....	\$6
BOTTLED GREEK BEER .....	\$8
DRAFT BEER .....	\$7
LIQUOR .....	\$8
SELTZER .....	\$8
GREEK WINE .....	\$8
WATER .....	\$2

## HERA'S HOPS AND MORE

CRAFT BREW BOTTLE .....	\$8
CRAFT BREW DRAFT .....	\$7
OUZO/METAXA .....	\$8
WATER .....	\$2

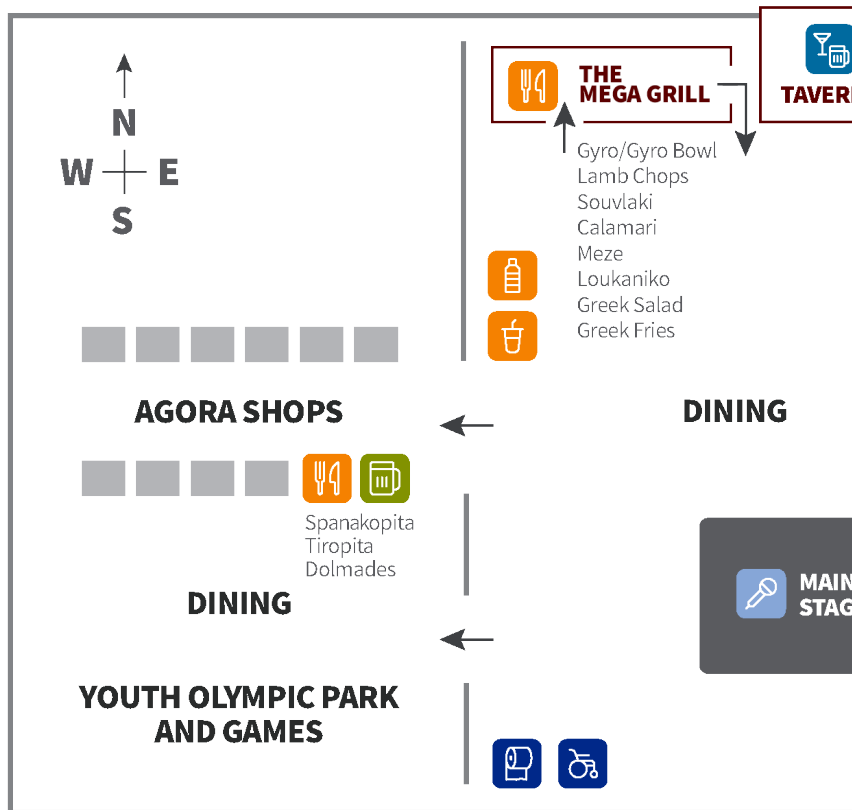
## COFFEE

GREEK COFFEE .....	\$3
AMERICAN COFFEE .....	\$3
DOUBLE COFFEE .....	\$5
FRAPPÉ .....	\$5
MOCHA FRAPPÉ .....	\$6
WATER .....	\$2
ETHIOPIAN/ERITREAN COFFEE .....	\$3



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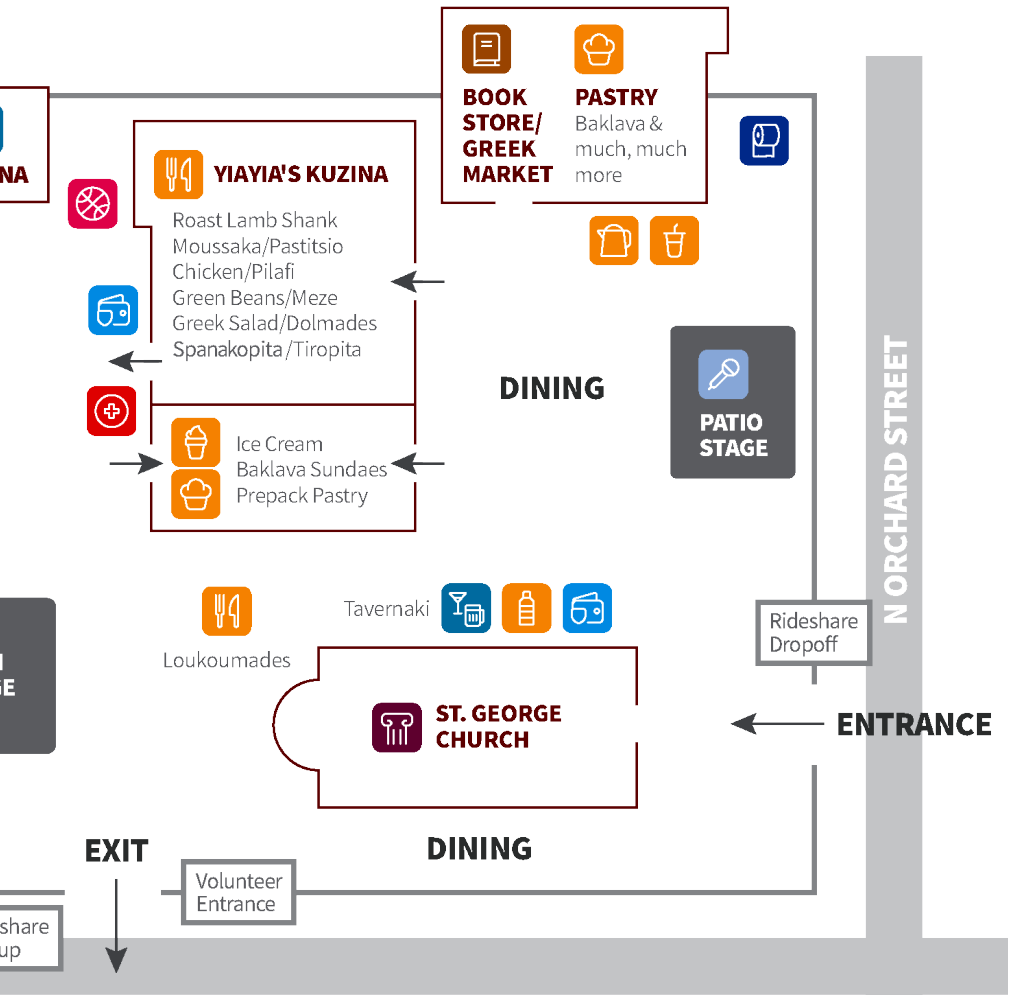


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# FESTIVAL MAP



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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Food Stations                       | Frappés                 |
| Water / Soda                        | Microbrew Beer Garden   |
| Pastries                            | Beer / Wine / Cocktails |
| Greek / Ethiopian / Eritrean Coffee |                         |

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## BILL BOORAS

"Bill Booras was there from the start. Whether it was called the Bazaar, Greek Food Festival, or Fresno Greek Fest, Bill was the go-to guy for most of those years. He did everything. Along with his best friends who passed before him they were stringing lights, hanging signs, setting up the tables and chairs, and set up the booths. They built the original booths themselves with 2x4's and plywood. Plus, the cleaning of the grounds every night during festival and the total break down after. If you need something ask Bill. Where is he? Most likely on a ladder somewhere."

"When it became too dangerous for him to get up on the ladder, Bill decided to help the ladies on cooking days. He bagged cookies or separated cupcake liners, anything he could do to help lighten our load. During the festival he sat on his stool and directed traffic in either the food line or pastry line. At 91, the 2022 Festival was the first one he'd missed since the very first in 1960."

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