



49TH  
ANNUAL  
ST. GEORGE  
GREEK  
FESTIVAL

## WELCOME TO OUR HOME!

Welcome to our 49th annual Greek Festival! It is our pleasure to welcome you into our "home!"

We hope you will partake in all the weekend has to offer - authentic foods and crafts, spirited music, delicious homemade pastries, uplifting dance and more!

We are honored to share the essence of our heritage & spirituality with YOU!

Enjoy! YIA'SOU!

*\*The St. George Greek Festival is committed to following the COVID-19 guidelines of the Schenectady Co. Dept. of Health, New York State and the CDC for those attending the festival.*



## ENJOY OUR FESTIVAL!



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## 2025 ST. GEORGE GREEK FESTIVAL

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US AS  
SCHENECTADY GOES GREEK FOR A DAY

**SEPT 5** **SEPT 6** **SEPT 7**

FRI 11AM-10PM SAT 11AM-10PM SUN 11AM-3PM

Hellenic Center  
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#### THANKS TO...

ALL THE FRIENDS, FAMILY AND MEMBERS OF  
ST. GEORGE THAT HAVE VOLUNTEERED FOR  
THIS GREAT FESTIVAL.

**A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THAT  
HAVE GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND GIVING  
THEIR TIME AND MANY TALENTS TO ST.  
GEORGE AND THE FESTIVAL PREPARATIONS**

#### ST. GEORGE DANCE TROUPE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY:    7:30PM

SATURDAY: 1:00PM, 4:30PM, 8PM

SUNDAY:    1:00PM

#### LIVE GREEK MUSIC BY PROMETHEUS

FRIDAY:    5 PM - 10PM

SATURDAY: 12PM - 10PM

SUNDAY:    11AM - 3 PM

#### RAFFLE DRAWINGS

GRAND RAFFLE: SUN., 2:00 PM  
50/50 RAFFLES: FRI. & SAT., 9:00 PM  
SUN., 2:00 PM

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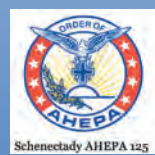


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# GREEK FESTIVAL DINING

## Yia Yia's Kouzina (Hellenic Center Dining Room)

### Entrées

**OLYMPIAN KOTTA** – Roasted half chicken with ..... \$17.00  
Greek seasoning and lemon. Served with rice pilaf, vegetables, roll & butter.

**MOUSSAKA** – Layers of eggplant, potato and ..... \$17.00  
seasoned ground beef, topped with a delicious cream sauce (krema) and baked to perfection. Served with vegetables, roll & butter

**PASTITSIO** – Seasoned ground beef mixed with ..... \$17.00  
pasta & grated cheese, topped with a cream sauce (krema) & oven baked. Served w/vegetables, roll & butter.

**LAMB SHANKS YIOUVETSI** – Tender oven-cooked ..... \$21.00  
lamb shanks smothered w/red wine & honey tomato sauce. Served with vegetables, orzo, roll & butter.

**SIDES** - Add a side item (orzo, rice pilaf or vegetable).... \$4.00

### A-La-Carte (available in the Dining Room)

**Hellenic Salata** ..... Small (\$5.00) ..... Large.. \$9.00

**Dolmades** (5) (Vegan & Gluten Free) ..... \$4.00

**Spanakopita** (Spinach Pie) ..... \$6.00

**Moussaka** ..... \$12.00

**Stuffed Peppers** (Vegan & Gluten Free) ..... \$10.00

**Pastitsio** ..... \$12.00

### Souvlaki Menu (available in Food Tent)

**PORK SOUVLAKI** – (soo-VLAH-kee) ..... \$13.00  
Marinated pieces of seasoned pork

**CHICKEN SOUVLAKI** – (soo-VLAH-kee) ..... \$13.00  
Marinated pieces of seasoned chicken

**LAMB SOUVLAKI** – (soo-VLAH-kee) ..... \$20.00  
Marinated slices of seasoned lamb

**GYROS** – (YEE-ros) ..... \$14.00  
Marinated thinly sliced beef

**LOUKANIKO** – (loo-KAH-nee-ko) Greek ..... \$14.00  
sausage seasoned with orange rind & herbs.

\* All of the Souvlaki menu items are served on pita bread w/fresh sliced onions, ripe tomatoes and Tzatziki sauce – (tza-ZEE-kee) Yogurt, cucumber & dill sauce.

**Pork, Chicken, Gyro or Loukaniko** (Meat ONLY).. \$9.00

**Hot Dog** ..... \$3.00

\* w/ meat sauce ..... \$4.00

**French Fries** ..... \$4.00

\* Add to any meal for ..... \$3.00

**Pita** ..... \$2.00

### Beverages (Located in Food Tent & Dining Room)

Bottled Water..... \$3.00

Bottled Soda/Gatorade..... \$3.00

Domestic Beer ..... \$6.00

Alfa (Greek) Beer ..... \$7.00

Greek Wine (White or Red) ..... \$7.00

Fresh Squeezed Lemonade ..... \$5.00

Brewed Coffee (Located in Dining Room) ..... \$2.00

### Greek Pastries (located in Main Hall)

**BAKLAVA** (bakh-la-VAH) Chopped walnuts ..... \$4.00  
baked in layers of strudel (filo) dough, soaked with honey.

**FINIKIA** (fee-NEE-kia) Honey dipped spice ..... \$2.50  
cookies, topped with chopped nuts.

**KOURAMBIETHES** (koo-ram-BYEH-thes) ..... \$2.50  
Sweet butter cookies dusted with powdered sugar - the traditional Greek wedding cookies.

**TSOUREKI** (tsoo-REH-kee)..... \$10.00  
Delicious holiday sweet bread

**KOULOURAKIA** (koo-loo-RAH-kia) ..... 12/\$9.00  
Twisted butter cookies.

**KATAIFI** (ka-ta-EE-fe) Shredded filo stuffed ..... \$4.00  
with chopped nuts and soaked with honey.

**KARIDOPITA** (ka-ree-THO-pee-ta) Dark ..... \$3.00  
walnut spice cake drenched with honey syrup.

**RAVANI** (ra-va-NEE) Farina sponge ..... \$3.00  
cake with syrup.

**GALACTOBUREKO** (ga-lac-to-BUR-e-ko) ..... \$7.00  
Semolina custard in filo.

**PAXIMATHIA** (pax-ee-MAH-thia) ..... 6/\$6.00  
Anise flavored toasted bread.

**LEMON RICOTTA CAKE** ..... \$3.00  
Lemon cake with creamy ricotta cheese

**PASTRY SAMPLER** ..... \$20.00

### (LOCATED IN FOOD TENT)

**LOUKOUMADES** (loo-koo-MA-thes) ..... 12/\$10.00  
Deep fried dough dipped in honey

**Greek Coffee** ..... \$4.00

**Frappe** ..... \$6.00

## Dining Hours

### Pastry, A La Carte, Entrées (Inside Hellenic Center)

Friday & Saturday 11 am - 9 pm

Sunday 11 am - 3 pm

### Souvlaki

Friday & Saturday 11 am - 10 pm

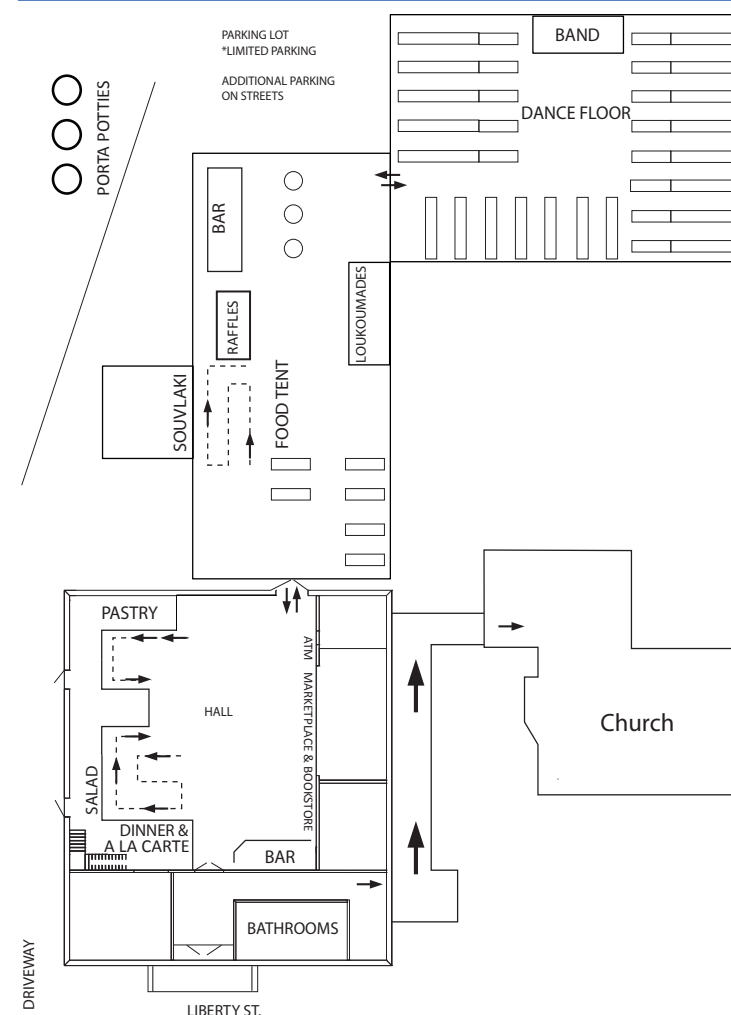
Sunday 11 am - 3 pm

### Church Tours & Services

Friday: 12pm, 4:30pm,  
(9:45am 9/11 Memorial Service  
and Holy Water Blessing)

Saturday: 12pm, 3pm, 6pm

Sunday: 11:30am



### Our Story

On January 5, 1914 in a coffee house on Clinton Street, three men met on the eve of the Theophany. As they reminisced about the observance of the holy days in their homeland, the idea to found a church of the Orthodox faith in their new country was born.

The original founding charter of the parish is dated May 3, 1914. A two-family wooden house located at 107 Clinton Street was purchased for the purpose of using it as a church. On April 19, 1915, the certificate of incorporation of the Hellenic Orthodox Church of Saint George of Schenectady, New York was signed, executed and acknowledged by the first priest of the parish, Rev. Andreas Constantinides. Over the next two decades the parish grew with the influx of Greek immigrants to Schenectady.

A devastating loss occurred in February 1937 when a fire of unknown origin erupted, and the church was completely destroyed. Determined to rebuild their church out of the ashes, the 150 member families joined together to raise \$45,000 and the cornerstone for a new church was laid in September 1937. In 1939, the new and present-day St. George Greek Orthodox Church was completed.

The parish continued to thrive, and by the late 1950s the member families grew to 300. Several properties along Liberty Street were purchased and in 1961 a new community center – the Hellenic Center – was constructed to accommodate the numerous activities of church and youth organizations. In 1976, the first Greek Festival was held and continues to this day.

St. George Church celebrated the 100th anniversary of its founding with a Diamond Jubilee Gala on Saturday, April 25, 2015 celebrated by His Grace, Bishop Dimitrios of Xanthos along with the presiding parish priest and local Greek Orthodox clergy.

Even though St. George Church has significantly fewer member families than the peak years of the 1960s, it persists and strengthens. The parish is currently served by Rev. Fr. Neofitos Sarigiannis who was ordained to the priesthood in St. George Church in November 2019. In 2021, the School of Greek Language and Culture began serving youth and adults after a hiatus of many years. In 2023, the Icon Project saw the addition of more than 80 new icons to adorn the altar and sanctuary. The world has changed much over the past 111 years, but the members of St. George today remain firm in their resolve to maintain their Orthodox faith and honor their heritage not only for the present but for tomorrow and future generations to come.

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