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# WELCOME!

"Yassou!" means "Welcome!" and we welcome you to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. We are thrilled to bring Grand Rapids an event celebrating the culture and traditions of the Greek Orthodox people. We look forward to sharing our music, dances, gifts and our food with you! We welcome you to visit and tour our beautiful church and ask about our Orthodox Faith. Please spend some of your weekend with us – we are sure you'll be glad you did. Opa!

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Friday, August 18, 2023 • 3:00 pm - 10:00 pm**

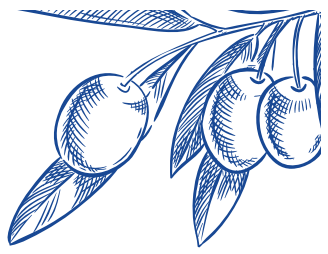
Live music from 4:00 pm – 10:00 pm, featuring Oneiro

- 3:00 pm Opening Blessing
- 4:30 pm Greek Cooking Demonstration
- 5:00 pm Traditional Greek Dance Performance  
*High School and Middle School*
- 6:00 pm Traditional Greek Dance Performance  
*Little Angels & Elementary*
- 7:00 pm Church tour
- 7:30 pm Traditional Greek Dance Performance  
*High School & Middle School*
- 8:30 pm Traditional Greek Dance Performance  
*Young Adults*
- 8:45 pm Dance Lessons and Open Dancing for All!

**Saturday, August 19, 2023 • 11:00 am - 10:00 pm**

Live music from 3:00 pm – 10:00 pm, featuring Oneiro

- 1:30 pm Church Tour
- 3:30 pm Greek Cooking Demonstration
- 4:00 pm Church Tour
- 5:00 pm Traditional Greek Dance Performance  
*High School and Middle School*
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# ABOUT THE FESTIVAL, FOOD, AND ACTIVITIES

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There is a lot going on during Yassou! and we don't want you to miss a thing. This paper is your guide to the festival – including menus, activities, and schedule of events. Here are some highlights:

## Dancing

Traditional Greek dancing serves primarily as a social function. It brings the community together at key points of the year, such as Easter, the grape harvest or patronal festivals, and at key points in the lives of individuals and families, such as weddings. We invite you to come see Holy Trinity's very own youth dancers as they don traditional Grecian dress and perform some of these spectacular dances for you! Opa!

## Food

The smell of lemon, oregano, and garlic fill the air as fresh meats are grilled over open flames and the sight of the pastry table proves to be more than anyone's willpower could bear! Tremendous focus has been put into obtaining fresh, local, ingredients wherever possible—from the eggplant in the Moussaka to the tomatoes on your Gyros and in your salad! Food items are available as complete meals or a la carte. Prices range from \$3 for a la carte items to \$16 for meals. Don't miss the handmade pastries and loukoumades for dessert!

## The Taverna

Greece is one of the oldest wine-producing regions in the world! Evidence of wine production dates back more than 6,500 years! Since that time, wines have been shared and enjoyed not only in households, but in communal celebrations like ours. And what cultural celebration would be complete without exposure to the local libations? As part of our commitment to our heritage and our local community, you will find that we are primarily offering beers and wines that are either from Greece or Michigan. See below to find our beer and wine offerings.

## Activities

There is something for everyone at Yassou! – from a live band and dance performances to cooking classes and church tours. Don't miss the "agora" or marketplace—a great opportunity to buy authentic Greek arts, crafts, and jewelry.

## Charity Sponsor

This year, Yassou! will be supporting two charity partners -  
The Mental Health Foundation of West Michigan: **Be Nice** and **AYA Youth Collective**

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An ever-growing number of persons from various backgrounds are becoming interested in the Orthodox Church. These individuals are discovering the ancient faith and rich traditions of the Orthodox Church.

In our Western Hemisphere, the Orthodox Church has been developing into a valuable presence and distinctive witness for more than two hundred years. The first Greek Orthodox Christians arrived in the New World in 1768, establishing a colony near the present city of St. Augustine, Florida. One of the original buildings in which these immigrants gathered for religious services is still standing. It has recently been transformed into St. Photius' Shrine by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese. The Shrine, named in memory of a great missionary of the Orthodox Church, honors those first Orthodox immigrants. The chapel serves as a national religious landmark, bearing witness to the presence of Orthodoxy in America from the earliest days of its history.

The Orthodox Church in this country owes its origin to the devotion of so many immigrants from lands such as Greece, Russia, the Middle East, and the Balkans. In the great wave of immigrations in the 19th and 20th centuries, Orthodox Christians from many lands and cultures came to America in search of freedom and opportunity. Like the first Apostles, they carried with them a precious heritage and gift. To the New World they brought the ancient faith of the Orthodox Church.

Many Orthodox Christians in America proudly trace their ancestry to the lands and cultures of Europe and Asia, but the Orthodox Church in the United States can no longer be seen as an immigrant Church. While the Orthodox Church contains individuals from numerous ethnic and cultural backgrounds, the majority of her membership is composed of persons who have been born in America. In recognition of this, Orthodoxy has been formally acknowledged as one of the Four Major Faiths in the United States. Following the practice of the Early Church, Orthodoxy treasures the various cultures of its people, but it is not bound to any particular culture or people. The Orthodox Church welcomes all!

*Interested in learning more?  
visit [goarch.org/ourfaith](http://goarch.org/ourfaith)*

# ESTIATORIO

## "THE RESTAURANT"

### *Greek Entrées*

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#### **Lamb Shank Dinner \$16**

Tender, slow-roasted, Greek-style, lamb shank served with Arakas (peas), rice, Greek salad, and pita bread.

#### **Kotopoulo Lemonato Dinner - \$15**

Slow-roasted lemon chicken (1/2 chicken, on the bone) seared on the charcoal grill, served with Arakas (peas), rice, Greek salad, and pita bread.

#### **Spanakopita Dinner - \$13**

Two pieces of spanakopita, served with Arakas (peas), rice, Greek salad, and pita bread.

#### **Souvlaki Dinner - \$13**

Char-grilled marinated pork served with Arakas (peas), rice, Greek salad, and pita bread

#### **Moussaka - \$10**

A Greek lasagna layered with potatoes, eggplant, Greek meat sauce, and topped with a white cream sauce.

#### **Gyro Sandwich - \$9**

Combination of marinated lamb and beef, onions, tomatoes, tzatziki sauce (traditional sauce made of Greek yogurt, fresh cucumber and garlic) on pita bread.

#### **Large Greek Salad - \$8**

Leafy greens tossed in tomatoes, onions, cucumbers, olives, and feta cheese.

#### **Souvlaki on a Pita - \$7**

The famous item served at Festival of the Arts for over 30 years! Pork on a stick marinated in our own Greek seasoning, char-grilled over an open flame and served on a pita.

#### **Saganaki - \$6**

Flaming cheese on pita bread. OPA!!!

#### **Dolmathes - \$5**

Hand-rolled grape leaves stuffed with beef, rice and fresh herbs.

#### **Spanakopita - \$3**

Spinach, feta cheese, herbs, eggs baked in filo dough until crisp.

#### **Hot Dogs - \$3**

All right... maybe not technically Greek, but what is a summer festival without them?



# GLEKA

## "THE BAKERY"

### *Pastries & Coffee*

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#### **Koulourakia - \$1**

A traditional braided, Greek butter cookie. Great for dunking in your coffee!

#### **Marbled Koulouria - \$2**

A traditional butter cookie with a chocolate twist!

#### **Galaktoboureko - \$3**

A homemade Greek custard, wrapped in buttered filo pastry, baked till crisp, then drizzled with honey.

#### **Kataifi - \$3**

A mixture of chopped walnuts, sugar, cinnamon, cloves, and butter wrapped in shredded filo dough, then covered in honey syrup.

#### **Kourambiethes - \$3**

Greek butter cookies covered in powdered sugar.

#### **Baklava - \$3**

The classic Greek pastry! A mixture of walnuts, cinnamon, cloves, and honey layered in filo dough.

#### **Melomakarona - \$3**

A soft cookie dipped in a syrup made of honey, orange, cinnamon, and cloves, then topped with walnuts.

#### **Karithopita - \$3**

A sweet cake featuring walnuts, syrup, and spices.

#### **Ouzo Cake - \$3**

An old family favorite pairing the unique flavors of Greek Yogurt and our famous liqueur.

#### **Loukoumades - \$5**

Small, homemade pastries, (think airy doughnut) cooked to order and served warm in syrup of honey and spices.

#### **Butter Cream Baklava Ice Cream - \$6**

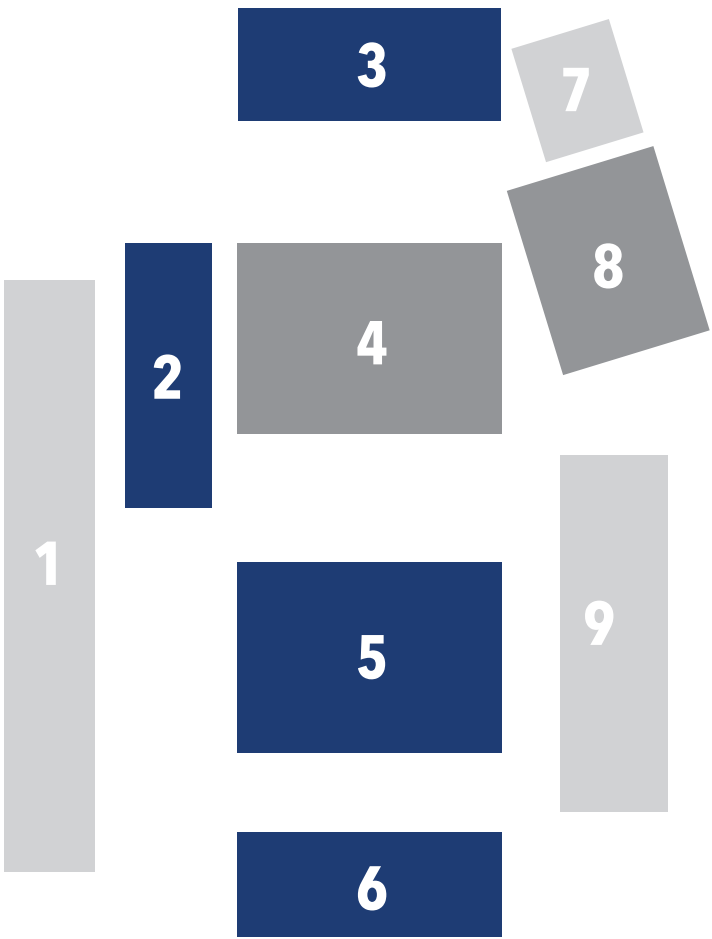
Premium homemade baklava-infused vanilla ice cream, featuring Greek-to-go Baklava, created locally by Tippy Cow Ice Cream. Indulge in this Greek goodness!

#### **Frappé or Greek Coffee - \$5**

The original Nescafe hand-frothed with milk, blended with sugar and poured over ice or traditional hot coffee with a "kick."

# FESTIVAL MAP

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- 1. CHURCH**
- 2. AGORA (MARKET)**
- 3. ESTIATORIO (RESTAURANT)**
- 4. SEATING**
- 5. TAVERNA (DRINKS)**
- 6. GLEKA (BAKERY)**
- 7. WASTE DISPOSAL**
- 8. SEATING/EVENTS**
- 9. STAGE**

# TAVERNA!

## BEER, WINES & SPIRITS

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### *Specialty Cocktails*

#### **Frouzo! - \$7**

Holy Trinity's very own special libation, concocted and served only one time per year! This delicious frozen specialty features the Greek spirit, ouzo, mixed with a number of other sweet and tart ingredients, then frozen! An absolute must try!

#### **Ouzo - \$5**

The anise-flavored aperitif that is widely consumed in Greece and Cyprus, especially during times of celebration. When served neat, it is as crystal clear as water. When poured over rocks, it turns a luscious milky white. Either way it is delicious!

### *Greek Wines*

#### **Patraiki Retsina - \$6**

Retsina is a product unique to the Greek vineyards. This un-oaked dry white has a slightly tangy flavor with the traditional characteristic hint of pine resin.

#### **Santa Laura Dry Red - \$6**

Product of Patras in the Peloponnesos of Greece combining grapes of the Kotsifali and Mandilari varieties with aromas of red fruits and a wonderful after taste.

#### **Santa Laura Dry White - \$6**

A nice summer wine. Light and fresh, a bit sweet for a dry wine, and aromatic. Tasting notes: honey, peach and melon.

#### **Forbidden Fruit Sangria - \$5**

Simply delicious and refreshing drink with a great tradition, this ruby sangria is filled with aromas of fresh berry and citrus fruits.

### *Michigan & Greek Beer*

#### **Alpha - \$6**

Traditional lager brewed in Greece.

#### **Leinenkugel Summer Shandy - \$6**

#### **Oberon Summer Ale - \$6**

#### **Coors Light - \$5**

#### **Long Drink - \$5**

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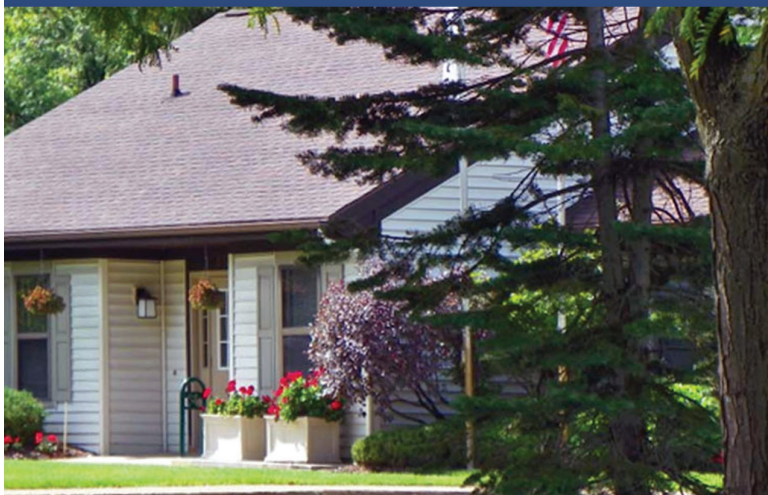
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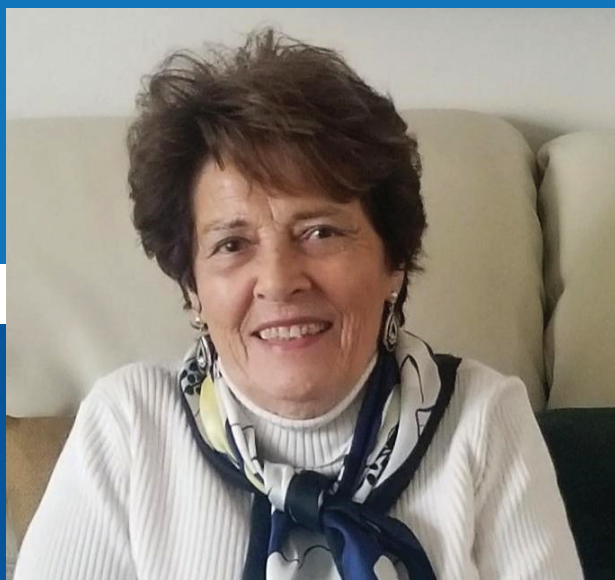
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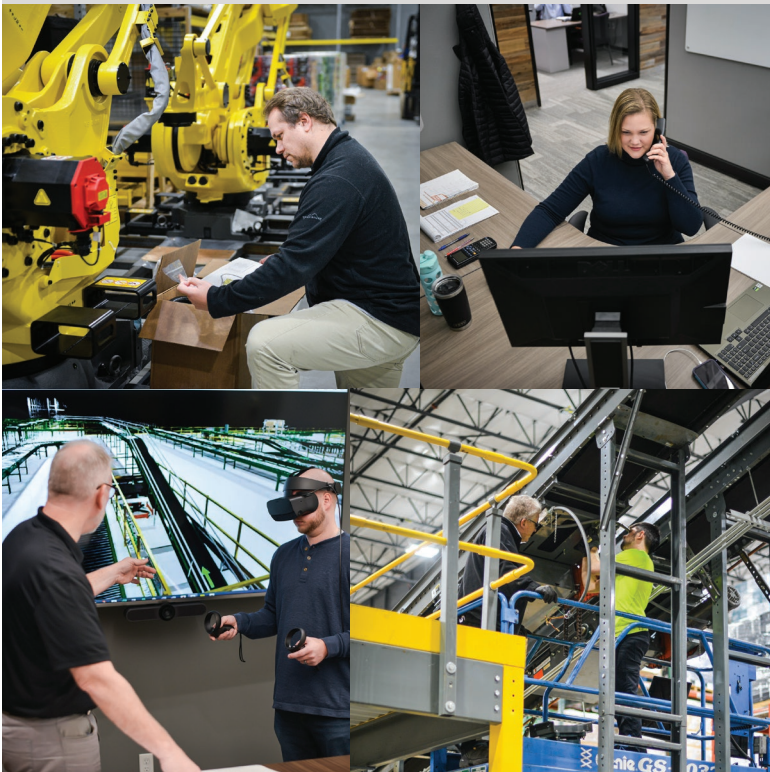
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