



Celebrating

Greek Heritage Week June 24th – 29th Ventura County Greek Festival June 28th – 30th

Whereas, Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church was established in October of 1977 on the Camarillo Airport grounds, when a handful of Greek Orthodox Christians purchased a chapel from the former Oxnard Air Force Base. This year, The Ventura County Greek Orthodox Community will be celebrating their “44th Annual Greek Heritage Festival”; and

Whereas, the community of Saint Demetrios is home to approximately 300 Orthodox families, and is the only Greek Orthodox Church in Ventura County. It continues to grow under the leadership of the Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco, and Father Contantine Trumpower, who joined the parish on February 1st, 2021; and

Whereas, the new Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Campus, which broke ground in 2012, celebrated their “Thyranoixia Ceremony” or the “Opening of the Doors”, with a dinner Gala on May 30, 2015. The Church is located at 5575 Santa Rosa Road, in Camarillo; and

Whereas, Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church will be hosting the “45th Annual Ventura County Greek Festival”, from June 28th through June 30th; and

Whereas, the Greek Festival is a way of celebrating the Greek Heritage, Traditions, and Culture. It upholds The Ancient Art of Having Fun by combining Faith, Family, Friends, and Festival! Included activities are: Live Music by the Greek band, Synthesis, performances by youth of St. Demetrios and professional dance groups, as well as open floor Greek dancing; dozens of vendors from all over the Southland, which includes Greek imports, religious items, and a complete Kids Zone Center featuring rides, bounces, games, crafts, and storytelling; and

Whereas, during the Festival, Parishioners from Saint Demetrios Church and many volunteers will provide offerings of Traditional Greek food, such as moussaka, pastichio, lamb chops, gyros, stuffed grape leaves etc., and fantastic pastries with a special nod to Baklava, everyone’s favorite.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors hereby declares the week of June 24th – 29th, 2024 as Greek Heritage Week, in honor of all the Greek Americans residing in Ventura County. The Board further celebrates and wishes the “45th Annual Ventura County Greek Festival”, on June 28th -30th, 2024 a triumphant success. **“OPAI!”**

Presented on this 18th day of June 2024


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