

## A Taste of Greece Returns to Lexington

Friday, and Saturday, Sept. 21 & 22, from 11:30 AM – 10 PM

Sunday, Sept. 23, 11:30 AM – 3 PM

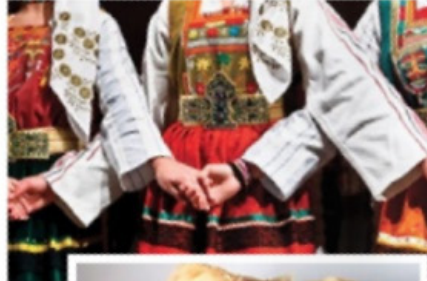
An authentic ethnic food festival returns to Lexington for three days beginning Friday, Sept. 21, when the parishioners of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church present "A Taste of Greece."

The festival, which runs Friday, and Saturday, Sept. 22, from 11:30 a.m. – 10 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 23, 11:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., will feature take out and dine in meals, live Greek bands, children's activities and tours of the church. On Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m., there will be a live traditional Greek folk dance performance and participatory dancing.

While the festival typically serves thousands of attendees, it is not the pure fundraising aspect that motivates the parish to work for months to prepare. "We value an opportunity to work closely as a parish family in order to know one another better, and to offer a family experience that enables us to showcase our faith as well as our culture. The festival enables us to meet more residents of Lexington and surrounding communities. These are our primary goals in hosting our festival for the community," said Rev. Demetri Costarakis, pastor.

"Our recipes are tried and true, so while we like to add a new item or two, we know our guests come for the consistent quality of popular dishes like moussaka, pastitsio and our souvlaki and lamb dishes," said Lou Saledas, festival co-chair.

A full and varied menu of hot and cold freshly prepared meals and desserts await all who attend,



including vegetarian offerings, hot loukoumathes (honey puffs drizzled with honey syrup and walnuts), freshly baked pastries of all types, and new this year – Hope's baklava frozen custard. Named for Hope Tsacoyeanes, a late parishioner who first introduced baklava ice cream to the festival, this new treat will feature Abbott's Frozen Custard in fresh baklava will be blended. Saledas noted the generous donation by this new Lexington business just down the street from the parish.

For more information including live music, children's activities and a full menu visit [LexingtonGreekfestival.com](http://LexingtonGreekfestival.com) or St. Nicholas GOC of Lexington, MA on Facebook.



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