



TWO MONTHS UNTIL OUR
FESTIVAL AND COUNTING...

It seems like we just finished last year’s festival and here it comes again. We set a “High Bar” last year and with all your help and support we are planning to exceed last year’s record-breaking event. Our success will hinge on proper preparation. And that groundwork starts now.

This is what we will need to prepare in the next two months.

Spanakopita	4066	Galaktoboureko	1410
Tiropita	1801	Koulourakia	606 doz
Lamb Shanks	865	Katiafi	1305
Pastitsio	2234	Baklava	5755
Moussaka	1734	Finikia	2235
Lamb Chops	1124	Kourambiethes	2305
Souzoukakia	2028	Karidopita	1326

Date	Item	Chairperson	Phone Number
April April 24 th -26 th	Spanakopita	Katina Galie	412 951-8383
May 2 nd -4 th	Lamb Shanks	John Hoenig	412 478-7942
May 8 th -11 th	Pastitsio	Rita Manganas	813 390-5948
May 14 th -17 th	Syrup (evenings)	Nick Kouknas	412 343-7710
May 17 th &19 th	Baklava	Angela Athanas	724 344-6040
May 13 th & 20 th	Koulourakia	Stephen Yamalis	412 401-4615
May 23 rd -25 th	Kourambiethes	Tom Mourtacos	435 588-0562

Angela will be chairing the preparation of the Baklava, Finikia and Karidopita.
The prep dates TBD

I still need chairs for:

Galaktoboureko	Moussaka
Dining Area and Trays	Saganaki
Fries and Calamari	Day After Breakdown

Let’s have some new chairpersons join the rest of us so that the Festival doesn’t fall on the shoulders of the same parishioners. Emails will be sent out the week before each item is prepared so that we can have enough volunteers to complete each preparation.

Thanks in advance
Demetrios Mustakas

“MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK”

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SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023 ~ THOMAS SUNDAY

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11 About that time, Herod the king laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword; and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. So Peter was kept in prison; but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the Church.

The very night when Herod was about to bring him out, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison; and behold, an angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell; and he struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, "Wrap your mantle around you and follow me." And he went out and followed him; he did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened to them of its own accord, and they went out and passed on through one street; and immediately the angel left him. And Peter came to himself, and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

The Gospel According to John 20:19-31 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe." Eight days later, His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and My God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, you may have life in His name.

Memorials: †George Aspiotes 40 days
 †Anastasia "Tessie" Karakitsos 10 years
 †Peter Karakitsos 31 years

Coffee hour is sponsored in loving memory of Tessie and Peter Karakitsos by their family:
 ~Conomos, Jahn, Kucherawy, and Paradise families~



Altar flowers are donated in loving memory of
 Anastasia "Tessie" Karakitsos by John and Janet Conomos.



THIS WEEK:

Monday, April 24 10am Spanakopita making
 6:30pm Paraclesis

Tuesday, April 25 St. Mark 8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy
 10:30am Spanakopita making
 7pm Sts. Mary & Martha

Wednesday, April 26 10am Spanakopita making
 4:30PM GREEK SCHOOL
 NO Bible Study

Thursday, April 27

Friday, April 28

Saturday, April 29 St. Photos Awards Banquet
 NO Vespers

Save the Date



Saturday, July 29, 2023
 Holy Cross Community Center

Join us for an evening of
 Cocktails, Strolling Buffet,
 Greek Band, Dancing, and
 much more.

~Blacktie Optional~

Details at www.holycrosspgh.org/sumnergala

This week's **Festival Cooking** is **Spanakopita**, chaired by Katina Galie.
 Monday, April 24 10am-4pm
 Tuesday, April 25 10:30am*-8pm *following Liturgy
 Wednesday, April 26 10am-4pm
 Lots of **COOKING** dates in May: Clear your calendars and please come help!

FESTIVAL AD BOOK FORMS AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX, OR SEE PHILIP YAMALIS.



Next Philoptochos Meeting is on Tuesday, May 9th @ 7pm

During this meeting, there will be an election for board members.

SAINTS MARY & MARTHA WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Akathist Hymn

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Speaker: Fr. George Callas

At the home of
 Adrienne Dickos

1840 Kent Road

Upper St Clair 15241

Text to RSVP 412-400-4290

Remember,
 all meetings run
 from 7pm-9pm.



Spirit Day @ Chick-fil-A

Tuesday, May 9th, 2023 | 11am-8pm



Join us for food and fun. Come support the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh YAL and 15% of tonight's sales will be donated accordingly.



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