



Custom House Plaza
Fisherman's Wharf
Monterey - California

Welcome

to the

24th Annual Monterey Bay Greek Festival

Welcome to our festival which began 24 years ago. The Greek Festival is a tradition in Monterey County and most other parts of the United States where Greeks are gathered.

Our food is prepared within the guidelines of the Mediterranean/Greek diet and is rich in good quality Greek olive oil and other genuine Greek products. Our wonderful ladies prepare this food following recipes and techniques used in Greece for hundreds of years and brought to America by Greek immigrants from all corners of Greece. Greece, the land of ancient gods and mythology, has always been famous for its cuisine.

Greek civilization goes back 5000 years. Greece is the land of Homer, Socrates, Plato, Thucydides, Hercules, Irodotos, Pythagoras, Aristotle, Leonidas, Pericles, Sophocles, Euripides, Aeschylus, the Sophists, and Alexander the Great. Greece is the land where poets and philosophers flourished. The roots of western civilization and democracy formed in Greece and were shared throughout the world. The ancient statues of Athens are still marveled at by today's world. With the coming of the Christian era, the Apostles of Christ spread His teachings and were often martyred for their faith. During the Byzantine Era, spanning more than 1000 years, Greece acted as the defender of the West against barbarian hordes. Greece suffered 400 years of occupation by the Ottoman Turks, but despite this suffering, the Greeks succeeded in preserving their language, religion and traditions.

Greece is a country of boundless beauty, blessed with warm sunny days and seas of clean, inviting waters bathing its many islands: a paradise on earth for visitors from all over the world. With the scenic Monterey Bay serving as a backdrop, we hope you experience some of this beauty while attending our festival. We invite you to join our dances as our people would love to show you the dance steps and teach you a few words of Greek.