

Mississippi Gulf Coast
International Christmas Festival & Pastry Sale
Saturday, December 10, 2016, 10:00 am – 7:00 pm
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
255 Beauvoir Rd., Biloxi, MS 39531

What to Expect:
Traditional Foods, Music, Dances & Family Fun

Welcome

Welcome to Mississippi Gulf Coast International Christmas Festival & Pastry Sale, which is the largest on the Gulf Coast. This event is dedicated to the spirituality, culture, art, music, and food of the many different ethnic cultures that make up Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. We hope you enjoy the cultural and entertainment program, taste delicious foods, and buy gifts for your friends and family. Come and enjoy the pleasures of the life and cuisine of Greece, Russia, Ukraine, Romania, Moldova, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Germany, Hungary, Belarus, and America. Listen to the music and watch, or even join in, a spirited performance of traditional folk dances. You will be able to tour our Church and learn about Orthodox Tradition, including iconography. Our community is committed to bringing and enriching the Gulf Coast with our own unique cultures and authenticity. Thank you for coming to our event and we pray that your visit with us will be delightful and rewarding, and that you will return next year.

Great Food

Enjoy the delicacies of some of the favorite foods of Greece, Russia, Ukraine, Romania, Moldova, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Germany, Hungary, Belarus, and America, such as -- Gyro, Dolmathes, Blini, Vareniki, Mititiei, Sarmale, Plov, Draniki, German Potato Salad, Sauerkraut & Bratwurst, Hungarian Goulash, Khachapuri, Hot Dogs, and many more. Savor these pastry specialties: Baklava, Kourambides, Cognac & Ouzo Cakes, Poppyseed Roll, Kolachy Cookies, Medovik, and many more. Also available will be Greek, Russian, & Romanian ice cream sundaes for the kids, and The Kneipe with beer and wine for the adults.

Live Entertainment

Enrich your senses with sights and sounds. Nick Trivelas on the bouzouki will provide lively music throughout the festival. Nick Trivelas has performed here in Biloxi during Greek Nights, and Greek Festivals in New Orleans and Mobile. He is a Coast favorite.

Watch costumed Greek, Russian, Romanian, Moldovan, Ukrainian & German folk dancers perform traditional dances to the music of their countries. Then visitors can join in and experience some of the dances also. The dancers will perform throughout the event.

Kids Activities

Kids will be provided with many activities to spend their extra energy. We will have the bouncy house, face painting, glitter tattoos, writing their names in some of these languages, Christmas crafts and other activities.

The Agora (outdoor marketplace)

Available for purchase will be a variety of specialty items from many of these countries. We will also have vendors selling their wares, such as Elizabeth Nicole with her exotic one-of-a-kind line of jewelry, along with a variety of gifts and items.

Our Church

Take a moment to visit our true “home” inside the church. With the many icons there is a story to see the moment you step inside. Let the icons and fragrance of incense move you toward heaven, and learn about the rich and ancient Orthodox Christian traditions which we continue to preserve, share and live today. Admire new icon paintings that will bring you close to the sacred beauty and miracles of Christianity. A guided tour will be offered at various times throughout the day so we hope you will take advantage of this unique opportunity.

We Honor Our Blue

It is our honor to have as our guests any law enforcement officer from the Gulf Coast. We will offer lunch and dinner discounts in gratitude for their service to us every day.

We Honor Our Military

We want to honor our military who have proudly served our country through their service in our armed forces. We will offer lunch and dinner discounts to all military personnel, active and retired, as a way of saying Thank You.