



WHAT: 38th Annual Tampa Greek Food Festival

WHEN: Nov 9, 10, & 11th

Friday & Saturday: 11 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Sunday: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

WHERE: St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

2418 W. Swann Avenue, Tampa, FL 33609

WHY: The Tampa Greek Festival has been a staple in the Tampa Bay community for 38 years! With its rich culture, heritage and faith, the festival draws more than 8,000 people to St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church in South Tampa's Hyde Park neighborhood year after year.

What better way to spend the weekend than satisfying your cravings for Greek lamb, gyros, herb lemon chicken and many more delicious authentic Greek dishes? St. John's famous finishing touches, such as Baklava, Kourambiedes, Koulourakia, and many other famous Greek pastry treats, are a tasty excuse to stay just a little longer and enjoy live music until closing.

You don't have to fly 5,000 miles to experience the sights and sounds of Greece:

- Greek Cuisine. Outstanding food & scrumptious pastries.
- Greek Café. Made-to-order Greek coffee.
- Live Music. Live music provided by Greek Bouzouki band, John Demas & the Omega Project.
- Live Dance Performances. St. John's Glendi Dance Group performing around the clock.
- Greek Market. "The Bakaliko," or "neighborhood market," will feature traditional pantry essentials every home should have from Greece.
- Shopping. The Mediterranean Open Air Market featuring Greek jewelry, clothes, and other authentic goods.
- Children's Play Zone.
- Church Tours. Tour of St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church, and learn about the meanings behind the ancient Christian faith. Tours are given by Father Stavros Akrotirianakis and Pastoral Assistant Charlie Hambos.

- Choir Performances. St. John choral program – listen to beautiful ancient hymns of an Orthodox liturgical service on Friday and Saturday night.
- Full Bar. Full Bar with signature Greek drinks.
- Raffle. Grand Prize: Winner's choice of one of the following prizes: 2019 BMW 3 Series Sedan or 2019 Toyota Camry or 2019 Honda Accord or 2019 Mini Cooper or 2019 Ford Mustang or 20,000 USD. Secondary Prizes: One secondary prizewinner shall receive 1,000 USD. Tertiary Prizes: Three tertiary prizewinners shall receive an iPad Mini each. \$100 suggested donation per ticket to win. Participants can start entering the raffle now [online](#). Watch last year's drawing [here](#)!

Each year, St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church shares its blessings with the Tampa community by giving a portion of festival proceeds to [LifePath Hospice](#), so they may continue **to meet the needs of patients and families who can't pay for hospice services.**

FESTIVAL ENTRY TICKETS:

- \$2.00 per person at door/Free admission Friday, Nov 9th only from 11am-4pm
- Free for military families and children under 12-years-old
- Free Parking

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About St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

[GreekOrthodoxChurchTampa.org](https://www.GreekOrthodoxChurchTampa.org)

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church is dedicated to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ as the one, Holy and catholic and apostolic church. The Church's mission is to embrace the spiritual life of the Orthodox Church through regular prayer, worship and frequent participation in the sacraments; support the Church through stewardship, time, talent and sacrificial giving; provide a welcoming, caring, loving environment; exemplify Orthodox Christian character and morals; support ministries that facilitate the overall mission of the Church; commit to community service and charitable outreach, and create an environment which encourages members to grow in their faith.

