

Tour Our St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

Immerse Your Senses in the Wonders of the Eastern Orthodox Faith!



We are looking forward to hosting you during our annual ***Opa Fest*** celebration! This is that special time of the year when we open our church and its surroundings for all of our friends to join us in partaking of our faith, traditions, history, culture, dance, and food. We are delighted that you will be able to join us during the weekend of 26-28 June and we know that your stay with us will be both unique and pleasurable.

We offer you the opportunity to view our beautiful St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church. Orthodox Churches have a unique architectural style that is rooted in the Eastern Roman Byzantine tradition that is closely associated with the Eastern Mediterranean, Balkan European, Near Eastern, and Anatolian locales where Orthodox Christianity took root and blossomed. These church structures are traditionally constructed with one or more domes and are built in the shape of a "Greek Cross," rotunda, "cross-in-square," or a similar design.

Our St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church follows this custom and was fashioned based on a "***Neo-Byzantine***" architectural plan. It consists of a modified rotunda, similar in nature to the Great Patriarchal Church of ***Hagia Sophia (The Church of "Holy Wisdom")*** located in Constantinople (modern day Istanbul).

As with all local Eastern Orthodox Churches, St. Nicholas houses one of metro-Detroit's most exceptional collections of Byzantine Iconography, set in a beautiful Orthodox Church interior; a sight not to be missed. The Orthodox Faith engages worshipers through all five of the human senses (sight, sound, touch, smell, and taste) providing the faithful with a total "human emersion" with God. Join us for an excursion in Eastern Christianity and the foundational elements of the Greek Orthodox faith.



You will also have an opportunity to tour our St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church during festival hours. The church will be open for public visitation during all three days of the festival, from event opening through 9:00 PM on Friday and Saturday and event opening through 7:00 PM on Sunday. There will be formal tours presented by a knowledgeable lay parishioner during the following dates and times:

- ***Friday 23 June at 6:30 PM and 8:30 PM***
- ***Saturday 24 June at 6:30 PM and 8:30 PM***
- ***Sunday 25 June at 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM***

Take a break from the festivities by joining us for a breathtaking tour of our church, learning more about its holy images and holy space.