

LIVE MUSIC AND DANCE

Dancing appears on ancient Greek vases and in Byzantine frescoes. There are hundreds of traditional Greek dances. Wherever there are Greeks today, they dance proudly knowing their dances must be preserved through centuries, for they are the most beautiful expression of Greek history and culture. The performances by our **St. Barbara Hellenic Folk Dancers** include dances from various areas of Greece and their traditional costumes have been sewn by talented Greek costume designers in the United States and Greece.

Greece the land of marbled antiquity and beautiful islands, is rich in musical tradition. Music will fill the air with the unique and distinctive sound of the bouzouki.

Enjoy listening to the music of one of the finest Greek bands.. — **"ELLADA"**



Greek Dance Performances

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2026

- 3:45p – SR. HFD Group
- 5:30p – SR. HFD Group
- 6:30p – JR. HFD Group
- 7:30p – SR. HFD Group

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026

- 12:00 noon – Young Hellenes / KEFI
- 1:30p – SR. HFD Group
- 2:30p – Asterakia / JR. HFD Group
- 3:30p – Young Hellenes / KEFI
- 5:00p – SR. HFD Group
- 6:30p – JR. HFD Group
- 7:30p – SR. HFD Group

**Special Performance By "Parea" followed by HFD Alumni*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026

- 12:00 noon – Asterakia / Young Hellenes
- 12:30p – SR. HFD Group
- 1:00p – JR. HFD Group
- 1:30p – KEFI
- 3:00p – JR. HFD Group
- 5:00p – SR. HFD GROUP
- 5:30p.m. ...Raffle Drawing

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BRONZE SPONSORS

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- HFD / St. Barbara Hellenic Folk Dancers
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- LONGET / Fusion with a French accent / Venice
- 1592 Woodfired Kitchen & Cocktails / Main St. - Sarasota
- Tiffany Stonis - Realtor
- ACU-GRIND Tool Works Inc. / Antony Family
- Marilyn Blazakis
- Fr. Frank's Family
- In loving memory of Fr. Frank Kirlangitis

Our heartfelt gratitude to all our SPONSORS who through their generosity have made this Glendi Program possible. OPA!!!!

2026 GRAND PRIZE



Only 2200 tickets available



2026 MERCEDES – BENZ 2026 SUV or 2026 Sedan or \$35,000 CASH

- 2nd prize: **\$3,000** Cash
- 3rd prize: **\$2,000** Cash
- 4th prize: **\$1,000** Cash
- 5th prize: **\$1,000** Cash
- 6th prize: **\$500** Cash
- 7th prize: **\$500** Cash

**Donation: \$100.00
Raffle Drawing:**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026 - 5:30 P.M.

Complete raffle rules available at the St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church located at 7671 Lockwood Ridge Rd., Sarasota, FL 34243, by phone at (941) 355-2616, email to greekraffle@gmail.com or online at www.StBarbaraFestival.org

IN APPRECIATION

Our entire St. Barbara Greek Orthodox community expresses its sincere gratitude to the thousands who have supported our **GREEK GLENDI.. Festival since 1984.**

The success of our Greek Festival belongs to all of our faithful parishioners and loyal supporters and volunteers. Special thanks to all of our 2026 Chairpersons and to all of our department chairs for their dedication and tireless perseverance in preparation for this annual event.

"We owe it to our ancestors to preserve entire those rights which they have delivered to our care."



SAINT BARBARA GREEK FESTIVAL 42ND ANNUAL "GLENDI"



FRIDAY • FEBRUARY 20 - 11AM - 9PM
SATURDAY • FEBRUARY 21 - 11AM - 9PM
SUNDAY • FEBRUARY 22 - 12PM - 6PM

ST. BARBARA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
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HISTORY...FAITH...TRADITION
WELCOME TO OUR 42nd GREEK GLENDI!

"With trust in God, we gather to celebrate an event like no other in our community—our Annual Greek Glendi. This much anticipated event is an icon of the love for our Hellenic culture and Orthodox Faith and it highlights the Greek traditions brought to this area and to this country by immigrants who made America their home.

Today we know so much about ancient Greece's cultural, artistic, scientific and literary achievements that laid the foundation of our western civilization, and we owe it to the highly enlightened scholars and monks who copied and preserved history. From the majestic temples of ancient Greeks to the sacred Byzantine churches and the treasures of Mount Athos—Greece is rich in places of worship and reverence.

Our parishioners and volunteers and our Glendi Chairpersons have worked diligently to assure your passport is stamped with good memories from your Greek Glendi experience. Feast on the authentic Greek food and pastries, follow the performances of our Hellenic Dancers in their traditional Greek costumes and enjoy the sound of the Greek music.

"Hospitality has been a tradition of our Greek people and it is in this spirit of "philoxenia" that you can truly say you were in Greece for a day."

Thank you for your support and we pray that your lives are enriched by your participation in our Greek Glendi

"2026" IS A MILESTONE YEAR FOR OUR COMMUNITY AS WE OBSERVE THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF OUR ST. BARBARA PARISH

GUIDED CHURCH TOURS

Our St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church has deep and lasting roots in Christian antiquity and serves as the center and foundation of our religious community. The Orthodox Church began with Christ and His Apostles at the very beginning of the Christian era and proclaims the timeless Christian message of God's love, kindness, and eternal life.

Our St. Barbara Church is certainly a landmark of architecture in this area. We invite you to tour the Church and view the beautiful and inspiring Byzantine mosaic iconography. COME AND SEE- Take a moment to light a candle and say a silent prayer for our country and for peace in the world.

Guided tours of the Church will be conducted:

Friday: 1:00pm – 4:00pm – 7:00pm

Saturday: 1:00pm – 3:30pm – 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Sunday: Noon – 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Be sure to visit our St. Barbara Orthodox Christian Bookstore

THANK YOU!!



42nd ANNUAL GREEK GLENDI MENU

...SAVOR THE TASTES OF GREECE

GRECIAN STYLE APPETIZERS
"Mezze"

Saganaki • \$10
 Pan-seered Greek cheese flambe with brandy served with grilled pita and lemon wedge

Loukaniko • \$10
 Greek sausage grilled to perfection – 100% pork, flavored with exotic spices, orange rind and wine, served with grilled pita and lemon wedge

COMBO Platter • \$18
 Saganaki and Loukaniko

ZEUS Combo Platter • \$25
 Saganaki, Loukaniko and shot of Metaxa

A LA CARTE ITEMS

Dolmathes - Beef or Rice • 4 for \$8
 Homemade marinated grape leaves filled with special herbs

Spanakopita • \$9.00
 Spinach and cheese baked in a golden brown phyllo

Tiropita • \$9.00
 Cheese baked in a golden brown phyllo

Greek Salad • \$10.00
 Lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, feta cheese and olives

Rice • \$6.00
Potatoes • \$6.00
Green Beans • \$6.00
Rice Pudding "Rizogalo" • \$6.00



BEVERAGE MENU

KAFENIO - GREEK COFFEE SHOP

Greek Coffee - \$5 • Greek Frappe - \$6
Traditional American Coffee - \$3 • Water – \$3

GREEK WINES

Red • glass \$7 / bottle \$28
White • glass \$7 / bottle \$28
Retsina (White Resinated Wine) • glass \$7 / bottle \$28
Mavrodaphne (Dessert Wine) • glass \$9 / bottle \$35

SPIRITS

Ouzo • \$7
 A classic Greek aperitif with a distinct anise flavor.
Metaxa • \$8
 A premium Greek brandy with complex notes of vanilla and spice.
Mastiha • \$8
 A sweet Greek liqueur with rich mastic tree resin flavor.

DINNER ENTREES

Served with green beans & dinner roll, and choice of rice or potatoes

Oven Roasted Lamb Shank • \$24
 Slow, oven roasted lamb, seasoned with herbs and spices for that unique flavor

Psari sto Fourni • \$19
 Tender white fish, oven baked with mediterranean lemon oregano sauce

Moussaka • \$19
 Alternating layers of sliced eggplant, potatoes, and delicious ground beef, topped with a creamy bechamel sauce

Pastitsio • \$19
 Baked layers of tubular pasta and delicious ground beef, blended with parmesan cheese and flavorful spices topped with a creamy bechamel sauce

Athenian Chicken • \$19
 A Greek tradition, ½ roasted chicken marinated and baked in a mediterranean lemon, olive oil and oregano sauce

GREEK TAVERNA

Grecian Street Food

Gyros Pita • \$11
 Seasoned gyros beef and lamb meat wrapped in a warm pita with tomato, onion & tzatziki (yogurt, cucumber, garlic) sauce

Souvlaki Pita • \$11
 Pork or Chicken - seasoned pork or chicken wrapped in a warm pita with tomato, onion & tzatziki (yogurt, cucumber, garlic) sauce

Souvlaki Stick • \$6 or 2 for \$11
 Seasoned pork or chicken stick

Greek Fries • \$6
 Fries sprinkled with oregano & feta cheese

Kid's Meal • \$7
 Fried chicken fingers and french fries

BEER

Budweiser and Bud Light • \$5
Michelob Ultra • \$6
Mango Cart Wheat Ale • \$6
Goose Island IPA • \$6
Stella Artois Premium Lager • \$7
Mythos or FIX Greek Beer • \$7

HARD SELTZER

Nutrl Vodka Hard Seltzer • \$5
Surfside Iced Tea Vodka • \$6

SOFT DRINKS

16 oz Bottle • \$3 Water • \$3

GREEK PASTRY

GREEK PASTRY SHOP "ZAHAROPLASTION"

Follow the scent of walnuts and honey and there you will find the Greek pastries. Try our famous pastries as a finale to a delicious lunch or dinner and be sure to take some home. Pastries will be sold individually or in an assortment box.

Almond Crescents/Ergolavos • \$3.00
Baklava • \$3.00
Baklava cheesecake • \$6.00
Coconut Macaroons - Plain or Chocolate Dipped • \$3.00
Galaktoboureko • \$3.00
Kok • \$6.00
Koulourakia • \$8.00 (10 pieces)
Kourabiedes • \$2.00
Melomakarona • \$3.00
Minnie Pasta • \$6
Variety Pastry Box • \$16.00
Tsoureki Sweet Bread • \$12.00

LOUKOUMATHES • \$8.00 for 10 pieces

Loukoumathes are the Greek version of doughnut golden puffs of fried dough that are crispy on the outside and fluffy on the inside—drizzled with light syrup.



In ancient Greece, the olive branch symbolized peace, wisdom, and prosperity- The olive branch appears with a dove in early Christian art.

In the days of old, the **AGORA** of Athens was the hub of commerce, education and government. At our Glendi, stroll through the

AGORA...THE GREEK MARKETPLACE

and be sure to visit our **various vendors.**

Kids, you can have fun too! You can taste Greek food, learn a traditional Greek dance or take advantage of our **KIDS ZONE** .. and its many activities.

2026 GREEK GLENDI CHARITY

The **Food Bank of Manatee** is a PLUS program of **Meals on Wheels** PLUS of Manatee. The Food Bank is the largest hunger-relief organization based in Manatee County, and has provided over 58 million pounds of food since 1985 for local children, families, and seniors. The Food Bank of Manatee provides nutritional assistance and caring, supportive services to individuals in need throughout Manatee County by distributing food through local non-profit partner agencies and food pantries, and through direct services to the community.