



HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH *of* INDIANAPOLIS

Dear GreekFest Patron,

It is my great honor to have the privilege of welcoming you, for the twentieth time as Holy Trinity's pastor, to our 38th annual Indianapolis Greek Festival.

Since our humble beginnings at our old facilities at 4011 N. Pennsylvania Street in Indianapolis in the early 1970's, generations of Holy Trinity parishioners have prided themselves in serving the best in food, drink, culture – and traditional Greek hospitality. And the response of esteemed patrons like you has always been the same. Through thick and thin, favorable and unfavorable weather, good economic times and bad – you have stood by us and supported our pioneering efforts to expand and celebrate the ethnic, racial, cultural and religious diversity of central Indiana. On this anniversary of 9/11 – and in the face of the efforts of some to sow suspicion and hatred – we feel that our message of “harmony amidst diversity” is more important than ever.

To be sure our nation – not to mention Greece and the world – are experiencing hard times right now. But the Greek Festival tradition of sticking with each other through thick and thin continues to be the answer to many of the conflicts and problems which ail America and the world.

Is the Festival tiring? For sure. Is the sheer magnitude of the undertaking sometimes overwhelming? You bet. Yet, we have kept the faith and stuck with this labor of love for thirty-eight years now. Thank you for sticking with us all these years – and for supporting us even through our move to Carmel.

Things change. People change. But the one thing we are thankful for is the unchanging nature of this relationship. It allows us to share our ancient culture and Orthodox Christian faith with you, while helping us to maintain and expand our ministries with the “sweat of our brow”.

We wish you a safe stay and pray that your experience will be an enjoyable one. Despite the crowds, I hope to have the chance to welcome you personally, possibly during one of the many church temple tours we have scheduled this weekend.

In Christ's Service,

Fr. Anastasios Gounaris