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Chicago Greek Independence Day Parade April 7, 2024

The annual Chicago Greek Independence Day Parade commemorates the declaration of the War of Independence (Revolution) on March 25, 1821, by our Hellenic ancestors against the four hundred year Ottoman occupation. It is also a reminder that freedom and democracy, these very Hellenic ideals, cannot be taken for granted.

This year we will be holding the 60th Annual Chicago Greek Independence Day Parade on April 7th, on Halsted Street, in Greek town.

Since its founding in 1964, the Chicago Greek Independence Day Parade has been established as one of the biggest annual events in the Chicago Greek Community. It is being viewed as a celebration of the community's Hellenic identity and culture, and its contribution to America's Greatness. Its traditions are kept alive, along with the strong bonds to the Greek Orthodox Church. During this celebration, you can see colorful traditional costumes, worn by young and old; you can listen to ages old sounds; you can observe people feeling happy. It is indeed a wonderful celebration.

If there is one self-defining concept among Greeks, it is the concept of philotimo; Philotimo is a Greek word that is without definition, but impacts the world beyond imagination. The word philotimo comes from the Greek root words "filos," meaning friend, and "timi," meaning honor; it can be translated as "friend of honor". However, the meaning of philotimo extends far beyond the words friend and honor. Philotimo encompasses the concepts of pride in self, pride in family, pride in community, **and doing the right thing**. Philotimo is an all-encompassing concept that gives meaning to life that stretches well beyond ourselves.

The event is organized by the Greek Parade Committee. The Federation of Hellenic-American Organizations. "ENOSIS" would like to appeal to your philotimo to join us in these celebrations!

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PARADE RULES & REGULATIONS / ΚΑΝΟΝΙΣΜΟΙ ΠΑΡΕΛΑΣΗΣ

1. The marching group will proceed with or without the float and march in rows of three people.
Το πεζό τμήμα προπορεύεται του άρματος και βηματίζει πάντοτε σε τριάδες ώστε να αποφευχθεί η εικόνα συνωστισμού
2. Schools with their students will march in rows of three people.
Τα σχολεία με τους μαθητές θα παρελάσουν επίσης σε τριάδες.
3. The parade will begin promptly at 2:30 p.m. All groups shall arrive one and a half (1 ½) hours before the parade begins so there is the proper check from the parade committee.
Όλα τα συμμετέχοντα τμήματα θα πρέπει να είναι παρόντα, τουλάχιστον μιάμιση ώρα (1 ½) πριν από την έναρξη 2:30 μ.μ. της παρέλασης για να γίνει ο κατάλληλος έλεγχος από την επιτροπή της παρέλασης.
4. Everyone marching should have proper attire that is suitable for this National Holiday.
Όλοι οι συμμετέχοντες πρέπει να συντελέσουν στην ενιαία εμφάνιση της παρέλασης με την κατάλληλη εορταστική ενδυμασία.
5. It is prohibited for strollers (for children), animals, and anything negative to march in the parade.
Απαγορεύονται να παρελαύνουν τα καρότσια για τα μικρά παιδιά και ότι άλλο αρνητικό στην εμφάνιση της παρέλασης, ως επίσης και ζώα.
6. It is prohibited to step on or off a float/vehicle until it is at a complete stop. Also, all dances or acts must have been approved prior to the parade on the day of the drawing.
Απαγορεύεται το ανεβοκατέβασμα από τα άρματα η οι χώροι αν προηγουμένως δεν δοθεί έγκριση από την επιτροπή, στη γενική συνεδρίαση για την κλήρωση της σειράς των αρμάτων.
7. The parade assembly and disbanding areas are closed to the public. Only parade participants and staff will be allowed. Family and friends are asked to congregate along the parade route.
Οι μη συμμετέχοντες στην παρέλαση, που έχουν τους δικούς τους, είτε παιδιά στη παρέλαση, δεν θα πρέπει να ακολουθούν τα άρματα η τα τμήματα που παρελαύνουν.
8. Parade entries must line up in the spot they are assigned. Marchers will have to follow the order and the distance between each group that is parading that is stated by the parade committee.
Οι παρελαύνοντες θα πρέπει να ακολουθούν την σειρά και την απόσταση που ορίζει η επιτροπή παρέλασης.

THE PARADE IS A TRADITION EVERY YEAR TO HONOR, WITH RESPECT AND PRIDE,
THE HEROES THAT SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES AND GAVE US THE MOST
VALUABLE GIFT... FREEDOM! THE SUCCESS OF THE PARADE IS UPON ALL OF US!

Η ΠΑΡΕΛΑΣΗ ΓΙΝΕΤΑΙ ΚΑΘΕ ΧΡΟΝΟ ΓΙΑ ΝΑ ΤΙΜΗΣΟΥΜΕ ΜΕ ΕΥΛΑΒΕΙΑ
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ΜΑΣ ΔΩΣΟΥΝ ΤΟ ΠΟΛΥΤΙΜΟΤΕΡΟ ΔΩΡΟ... ΤΗΝ ΕΛΕΥΘΕΡΙΑ!
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2023 PARADE ENTRY FORM

Parade will be on Sunday, April 7, 2024, 2:30 p.m.

FLOATS & MARCHING GROUPS \$1,450* • MARCHING GROUP \$300.00

GROUPS WITH THEIR OWN VEHICLE \$600.00

Please make check payable to: **ENOSIS** if you wish to pay by Credit Card, Please call our office
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***PLEASE NOTE YOUR FLOAT MUST BE PAID IN FULL NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, MARCH 16, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FLOAT ORDER DRAWING**

FLOAT ORDER DRAWING THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 7:00 P.M.

PLEASE PRINT:

Name of Association, Society, Community, School, Parish, Business, etc.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone/Fax _____ Email: _____

Will you have a Float? Yes No Will you have a Marching Group? Yes No

Approximate number of people marching from your organization _____

Parishes should declare their participating branches (i.e. Grade School, High School, Philoptochos, etc.):

MESSAGE or HISTORY-must be received by 04/29/2023 and should not exceed eight (8) lines total (Greek and/or English)

Contact Person(s): _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone/Fax _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Name _____

Title: _____ Date _____

FLOAT ORDER DRAWING THURSDAY, MAY 16, at ENOSIS OFFICE

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