

History of our Greek Festival



As young woman, Margaret Cotros visited a Birmingham, Alabama Greek church during their Greek Pastry sale. She came back to Memphis and said, "We're going to do this!" Margaret saw the enjoyment that people had tasting delicious Greek pastries, so she decided that the Memphis Greek community should also host a Greek Pastry Sale. What started as a small pastry sale many years ago has evolved into a Mid-South tradition that over 15,000+ people attend each May.

As we celebrate the 61st anniversary of our Memphis Greek Festival, we invite you to embrace our heritage, culture, and love of our Orthodox faith, food, and family. Margaret Cotros, along with her husband Harry, whose names you will see dedicated on our beautifully renovated fellowship hall, believed in each of these qualities, just as the members of this church believe.

We thank you for coming to our festival and hope that you enjoy being Greek for the day, but, most of all, we hope you have fun making memories with your family and friends!

The early years were just pastry sales. We had sales of \$500 the first year. Today we have over 10,000+ attendees over our two day festival. About 2000+ cars come to our drive through. We serve in excess of:

7000 Kebabs
5000 Gyros
1500 slices of Pizza
7500 servings of Spanikopita
1500 lbs pounds pork tenderloin for Souvlakia
450 loaves of sweet bread
In our Pastry Corner- we sell about: How many cookies?
Baklava cheesecake -850
Baklava - 5,400
Endokaridia/macaroons.- 2,500
Ergo lava/Almonds. 3,100
Galatoboureko. 1,500
Karithopita. 800
Kataiffi. 1,800
Koulouria. 3,500
Kourambiethes. 3,400
Melamakarona - 2000
Paximathia. - 1,800
1200 Prepack pastries

