Opa! Panegyri Greek Fest in Cincinnati

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One of the greatest things about summer is the wide variety of outdoor festivals available to sample.



One of my favorites is the <u>Panegyri Greek Festival</u> in Cincinnati, hosted by <u>Holy Trinity St.</u> Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church.

The first time I experienced Panegyri was in 2008 just after I returned from a trip to the Greek Islands, when I was eager to relive the culture and culinary delights that had so invigorated my

senses. Greek pride, Greek food, Greek wine, Greek dancing, Greek hospitality. Honestly, what could be more fun?



My sister Jenny and I, along with my husband and friends, have made it an annual tradition to visit the Panegyri festival, which always takes place during the last full weekend of June. Located on the western side of Cincinnati in Finneytown, <u>St. Nicholas Church</u> welcomes every walk of life to their indoor/outdoor celebration that is sure to entertain people of all ages.

The <u>food</u>, oh the food. I make it a point to try and visit every booth to sample the cuisine, so of course I enlist the help of my friends for some serious sharing so we can taste without getting too full. Some favorites are the Lamb Gyros (with extra tzatziki sauce!), the Souvlaki (pork tenderloin skewers), Pastichio (layered pasta with ground beef and bechamel), Greek Pizza, Spanokopita and the delicious honey covered Baklava. Of course, these are only some of the offerings from both inside and outside, so any visitor is sure to find their own favorite food.



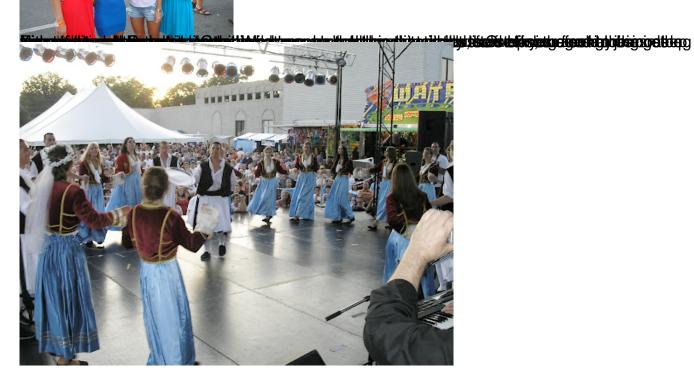
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