

2023 DETROIT GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE MARCHING ORDERS

Parade date: Sunday, May 7, 2023

Time	All participants must check in by 2:40 p.m. The parade will begin promptly at 3:00 p.m. The parade committee reserves the right to refuse to allow latecomers to march.
Weather	The parade will proceed, rain or shine. (Or snow.)
Parking	You must find your own parking. The city's ParkDetroit app (available on the Apple App Store and Google Play) can be used to find municipal parking. Limited parking will be available at Annunciation Cathedral for a fee. Private lots/garages may also be available. Some churches may provide bus transportation; contact your church for info.
Check-in & line-up	<p>The parade will line up in front of the Compuware Building, on Monroe Street near Woodward. Consult the marching list for your group's place in the parade procession and check in at the check-in point for your division. Look for your group's leader.</p> <p>Please line up neatly. Follow the directions of the marshals, who will be wearing yellow jackets, and your group leader. If your group holds a marching practice, please attend.</p> <p>Floats and other vehicles will be in a separate line. Do not line up with your group's float or vehicle unless you are actually riding on the float/in the vehicle.</p> <p>The pre-parade reception is not inside the Compuware Building this year. Please do not gather inside the building.</p>
Marching	The parade route is about a half-mile. Please continue past the reviewing stage and do not stop on the street or block the route.
Dress	<p>Authentic Greek costumes are encouraged if available. Some groups may order custom t-shirts, sweatshirts, or jackets. Contact your group leader for information.</p> <p>Metropolitan Nicholas will designate the appropriate dress for clergy. Altar boys may wear their altar uniforms.</p> <p>If costumes or uniforms are not available, we recommend a dark coat and tie for men and corresponding women's attire. For children, we recommend a light sweater/shirt with navy or black pants or skirt. Blue jeans are highly discouraged.</p> <p>The most important thing is that your group looks neat and uniform.</p>
Decorum	Alcohol, smoking, and throwing objects to the crowd are prohibited while marching. Pets/animals are also prohibited without advance permission.
Vehicles	All groups wishing to include cars, floats, or other vehicles in their unit must notify the parade committee in advance, or the vehicle will not be allowed in the parade. All vehicles must be decorated. Float themes must be approved in advance. Vehicles must line up by 1:30 p.m. , before marchers arrive. Drivers must be licensed and insured. See the attached vehicle instructions for more information.
Emergency	Police and an ambulance will be on standby. Contact a parade marshal in a yellow vest.
More info	<p>Contact your group leader, Yanni Dionisopoulos (detroitgreekparade@gmail.com), or Tom Christy (tchristy@greekparades.com) or visit our website: greekparades.com</p> <p>Twitter updates will be available on parade day. Follow us at @DetGreekParade</p> <p>Facebook updates are made frequently.</p> <p>Follow us at https://www.facebook.com/detroitgreekparade</p>

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Marching list version 1 (issued April 11, 2023)		
Unit #	Honor division	
1	Detroit Police lead car	
3	Detroit Police Dept. Color Guard	
5	Detroit Evzones	
7	Dignitaries	
9	Archons of the Archdiocese of America	
Unit #	1st division	
101	Association of Stereoelladites	
103	Holy Trinity GO Cathedral, Toledo (incl. dancers)	
105	Messenian Association of Michigan, Messenian Nea Yenias	
107	Annunciation GO Cathedral, Detroit	
109	Sts. Constantine & Helen GOC, Westland	
111	Pancretan Association, Cretan Ladies, Pseloretas Cretan Youth	
113	American Hellenic Congress	
115	Holy Cross GOC, Farmington Hills	
117	Modern Greek Club, Michigan State University	
119	Univ. of Michigan Hellenic Students Assn.	
121	Wayne State University, Hellenic Student Assn. (HSA)	
123	St. Nicholas GOC, Ann Arbor (incl. Ya'ssoo Dancers)	
Unit #	2nd division	
201	Hellenic Bar Association of Michigan	
203	Holy Trinity GOC, Grand Rapids	
205	St. Nicholas GOC, Troy (incl Omega dancers)	
207	American-Cyprus Association of Michigan	
209	Pan-Macedonian Association - Aristotelis Chapter of Detroit	
211	St. John the Baptist GOC, Sterling Heights	
213	Greektown Neighborhood Partnership	
215	Nativity of the Virgin Mary GOC, Plymouth (incl. Revma Dancers)	
217	Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America "Icaros"	
219	St. George GOC, Bloomfield	
221	Semendres Brotherhood	
223	Hellenic Healthcare Professionals of Michigan	
Unit #	3rd division	
301	Hellenic Society for the Performing Arts	
303	Assumption GOC, St. Clair Shores	
305	Holy Cross GOC, Windsor (incl. Terpsichorean Dancers)	
307	Epirotic Society of Michigan	
309	Daughters of Penelope	
311	AHEPA District 10	
313	AHEPA Chapter 371	
315	Chios Society Agia Markela	
317	St. George GOC, Southgate (incl. Zoe dancers)	
319	Pan-Thessalian Union	
321	St. Demetrios GOC, Saginaw	
323	Rhodian Society	
325	Detroit Police Trailing Car	

2023 DETROIT GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE INSTRUCTIONS TO FLOAT AND VEHICLE DRIVERS

Instructions for vehicles and floats in the 2023 Detroit Greek Independence Day Parade:

1. You must inform us about your vehicle or float before the parade or it will not be allowed in the parade. All float themes must be approved in advance.
2. No advertising permitted, except for official sponsors, without the parade committee's advance approval.
3. No cars will be permitted in the parade unless decorated or pulling a float.
4. Have your vehicle/float at the marshaling area at **1:30 p.m.** (The marshaling area is on Monroe Street in front of the Compuware Building.) We need you to arrive before the marchers because it is too difficult to position the vehicles/floats when people are walking around.
5. Please bring your driver's license, vehicle registration, and proof of insurance to the parade. We will check this information before you are allowed to drive.
6. We will have many small children in the parade. We do not want any of them injured by a vehicle. Please be alert at all times.
7. **Do not allow anyone to throw candy or other objects from your vehicle or float.** Our insurance company insists that we enforce this policy. Other parades have had incidents where children ran into the street to fetch the candy and were hit by a vehicle.
8. If you are using music, it must have a Greek theme.
9. Continue all the way down Monroe Street. Do not park your vehicle on the parade route.

Questions should be directed to Tom Christy (248-910-8662, tchristy@greekparades.com)
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