

## 2024 DETROIT GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE MARCHING ORDERS

**Parade date: Sunday, April 14, 2024**

- 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** **Because of events related to the NFL draft, the parade route is different year.** The parade will begin on Brush and then go to Monroe. (See map.) The parade will line up **behind the Old County Building on Brush north of Congress.** 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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** Authentic Greek costumes are encouraged if available. Some groups may order custom t-shirts, sweatshirts, or jackets. Contact your group leader for information.
- Metropolitan Nicholas will designate the appropriate dress for clergy. Altar boys may wear their altar uniforms.
- 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.**
- The most important thing is that your group looks neat and uniform.
- 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** Contact your group leader, Yanni Dionisopoulos (detroitgreekparade@gmail.com), or Tom Christy (tchristy@greekparades.com) or visit our website: detroit.greekparades.com
- Twitter updates will be available on parade day. Follow us at @DetGreekParade.

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<b>Marching list version 2 (issued March 20) (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)</b>	
<b>Unit #</b>	<b>Honor division</b>
1	Detroit Police lead car
3	Detroit Police Dept. Color Guard
5	Detroit Evzones
7	Dignitaries
9	Archons of the Archdiocese of America
<b>Unit #</b>	<b>1st division</b>
101	St. George GOC, Southgate and the Kefi Dancers
103	Pan-Thessalian Union
105	St. Demetrios GOC, Saginaw
107	Rhodian Society
109	Hellenic Society for the Performing Arts
111	Assumption GOC, St. Clair Shores
113	Epirotic Society of Michigan
115	Assumption GOC, Grand Blanc
117	Daughters of Penelope
119	AHEPA District 10
121	AHEPA Chapter 371
123	Chios Society Agia Markela
125	Holy Cross GOC, Windsor and the Terpsichorean Dancers
<b>Unit #</b>	<b>2nd division</b>
201	Messenian Association of Michigan, Messenian Nea Yenía
203	St. Nicholas GOC, Ann Arbor
205	American Hellenic Congress
207	Holy Cross GOC, Farmington Hills
209	Detroit Greek Orthodox Young Adult League
211	Association of Stereoelladites
213	Holy Trinity GO Cathedral, Toledo (incl. dancers)
215	Pseloretas Pancretan Association, Cretan Ladies, Levendoyenna Cretan Youth
217	Annunciation GO Cathedral, Detroit
219	Sts. Constantine & Helen GOC, Westland
221	Michigan State University Hellenic Student Association
223	University of Michigan Hellenic Student Association
225	Wayne State University Hellenic Student Association
<b>Unit #</b>	<b>3rd division</b>
301	Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America "Icaros"
303	St. George GOC, Bloomfield
305	Semendre Brotherhood
307	Hellenic Healthcare Professionals of Michigan
308	Hellenic Bar Association of Michigan
309	Holy Trinity GOC, Grand Rapids
311	St. Nicholas GOC, Troy and the Opa Dancers
313	American-Cyprus Association of Michigan
315	Pan-Macedonian Association - Aristotelis Chapter of Detroit
317	St. John the Baptist GOC, Sterling Heights
319	Greektown Neighborhood Partnership
321	Nativity of the Virgin Mary GOC, Plymouth (incl. Revma Dancers)
325	Detroit Police Trailing Car

## **2024 DETROIT GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE INSTRUCTIONS TO FLOAT AND VEHICLE DRIVERS**

Instructions for vehicles and floats in the 2024 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. The parade committee reserves the right to reject inappropriate themes.
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.** (Because of the **different route** this year, the marshaling area is on Brush Street behind the Old County 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.

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