

2025 DETROIT GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE MARCHING ORDERS

Parade date: Sunday, April 6, 2025

- 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 construction, the parade route is different year.** The parade will line up in front of the cathedral on East Lafayette, then proceed on Lafayette and Beaubien (see map). 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.
- SAFETY** Unlike the traditional route on Monroe, where traffic is closed in both directions, **traffic will be open on the other side of the boulevard on East Lafayette.** To avoid anyone (especially children) wandering into traffic by accident, **nobody will be allowed to stand on the median. PLEASE HELP KEEP CHILDREN OFF THE MEDIAN!!!**
- 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 (president@greekparades.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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Marching list version 2 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)	
Unit #	Honor division
1	Detroit Police lead car
3	Detroit Police Dept. Color Guard
5	Presidential Guard of the Hellenic Republic (Προεδρική Φρουρά)
7	Dignitaries
9	Archons of the Archdiocese of America
Unit #	1st division
101	Annunciation GO Cathedral, Detroit
103	Pan-Macedonian Association - Aristotelis Chapter of Detroit
105	St. Nicholas GOC, Troy and the Opa Dancers
107	Epirotic Society of Michigan
109	Panagia Soumela Society, Pontlans of Detroit & Cleveland
111	American-Cyprus Association of Michigan
113	Nativity of the Virgin Mary GOC, Plymouth (incl. Revma Dancers)
115	AHEPA District 10
117	Daughters of Penelope
119	AHEPA 371 Omega Chapter
121	Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America "Icaros"
123	St. George GOC, Bloomfield
125	Semendre Brotherhood
Unit #	2nd division
201	Hellenic Healthcare Professionals of Michigan
203	Hellenic Bar Association of Michigan
205	Holy Trinity GOC, Grand Rapids
207	St. John the Baptist GOC, Sterling Heights
209	Greektown Neighborhood Partnership
211	St. George GOC, Southgate and the Kefi Dancers
213	Pan-Thessalian Union
215	St. Demetrios GOC, Saginaw
217	Pan-Rhodian Association "Colossos"
219	Michigan State University Hellenic Student Association
221	University of Michigan Hellenic Student Association
223	Wayne State University Hellenic Student Association
Unit #	3rd division
301	Pseloretas Pancretan Association, Cretan Ladies, Levendoyenna Cretan Youth
303	St. Nicholas GOC, Ann Arbor
305	Assumption GOC, Grand Blanc
307	Messenian Association of Michigan, Messenian Nea Yenias
309	Chios Society Agia Markella
311	Holy Cross GOC, Windsor and the Terpsichorean Dancers
313	American Hellenic Congress
315	Holy Cross GOC, Farmington Hills
317	Detroit Greek Orthodox Young Adult League
319	Association of Stereoelladites
321	Holy Trinity GO Cathedral, Toledo (incl. dancers)
323	Sts. Constantine & Helen GOC, Westland
325	Assumption GOC, St Clair Shores
327	Hellenic Society for the Performing Arts
329	Detroit Police Trailing Car

2025 DETROIT GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE INSTRUCTIONS TO FLOAT AND VEHICLE DRIVERS

Instructions for vehicles and floats in the 2025 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 is permitted, except for official sponsors, without the parade committee's advance approval. Because the parade is intended to unify the community rather than divide it, no political advertisements or statements are allowed.
3. No cars will be permitted in the parade unless decorated or pulling a float.
4. By law, all modern traffic signals and other overhead clearances on surface streets are supposed to be at least 13 feet, 6 inches. However, we cannot guarantee clearances on the parade route, nor on your way to the route (some older bridges near downtown are marked as low as 11 feet, 7 inches). Accordingly, we recommend that floats be built no higher than 10 feet. You are solely responsible for clearances on your own vehicle/float.
5. 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 East Lafayette in front of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral. Lafayette will be open in the eastbound direction; approach from there, then we will guide you through a turnaround into the vehicle staging area. We need you to arrive before the marchers because it is too difficult to position the vehicles/floats when people are walking around.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. **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.
9. If you are using music, it must have a Greek theme.
10. Continue on Beaubien past the reviewing stage then make a left turn on to Macomb at the end of the route. At the end, **traffic will be approaching from the opposite direction on Beaubien**, so be sure to turn left. 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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