

**ST. NICHOLAS GREEK SCHOOL**  
**ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN**  
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**2017-18 Feasts and Special Event Programs**

- **28<sup>th</sup> of October**, also called “**OXI**” Day. We commemorate Greece’s victory against the dark forces of the Axis powers in World War II. Students recite poems, sing songs and perform traditional Greek dances. Rehearsals are scheduled 3:00-5:00 PM on the Saturdays before the program. The program takes place in church at the end of the Liturgy. Dances are performed in the social hall. The program will take place on **Sunday, October 29, 2017**.
- **Feast Day of the Three Hierarchs and celebration of Greek Letters** (January 30<sup>th</sup>). This program is held in church. Students recite poems and/or sing songs. During the rehearsals the students practice songs and poems. They also learn about Prosforo (church bread) and get hands-on practice making some for Sunday’s Liturgy. Rehearsals are scheduled from 3:00-5:00 PM on the Saturdays before the program. The program takes place in church at the end of the Liturgy. This year the program will take place on **Sunday, January 28, 2018**.
- **Mardi Gras Dinner Dance**. This event is the only fundraiser for our Greek School. The students perform Greek Dances and sing songs. Rehearsals are scheduled from 3:00-5:00 PM on the Saturdays before the event. The Mardi Gras Dinner Dance will take place on **Saturday, February 3, 2018** in our social hall.
- **Feast Day of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary and celebration of Greek Independence Day (March 25<sup>th</sup>)**. Students recite poems, present skits, sing songs and perform traditional Greek dances. Rehearsals are scheduled from 3:00-5:00 PM on proceeding Saturdays (March 8-15-22) before the program. The program takes place in church at the end of the Liturgy. Dances are performed in the social hall. The program will take place on **Sunday, March 25, 2018**.
- **Greek Festival**. This event is a fundraiser for our church to reduce our mortgage. The Greek School students perform Greek Dances Friday through Sunday. Rehearsals are scheduled from 4:30 to 6:30 PM on proceeding Saturday, June 2 and Mon-Thu (June 4-7). The Festival will take place from **Friday to Sunday, June 8-10, 2018**, in our church parking lot. <http://greeksschool.stnickaa.org>
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- **Greek School Graduation**. This program takes place in church. Our graduating class will read their essays and receive diplomas and gifts. The rest of the students receive their advancement certificates. The program will take place on **Sunday, June 3, 2018**.

All Greek School students are encouraged to participate and benefit from these programs. A participation form needs to be signed by a parent on time so we can plan accordingly. Program rehearsals are held on Saturdays so that we can prepare without interrupting our regular classes. Preparation for the programs begins about a month ahead of time.

Rehearsal dates and times are available on-line at the Greek School Calendar on our website at:

<http://greeksschool.stnickaa.org/Pages/Calendar.aspx>

Changes to the schedule, if any, and more detailed information and will be provided as necessary.