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Sept. 20

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 28, 1974

MEMORANDUM TO: PATTI MATSON  
FROM: SUSAN PORTER  
SUBJECT: Action Memo

Mrs. Ford has accepted the following out-of-house invitation:

EVENT: Ribbon cutting to open Greek Festival  
GROUP: Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church  
DATE: Friday, September 20, 1974  
TIME: 11:00 a.m.  
PLACE: Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church  
4115 16th Street, Northwest - Washington, D.C.  
CONTACT: The Reverend James G. Kalaris  
Office, TA9-2910 Home, 649-2592

This is a commitment Mrs. Ford had made prior to becoming First Lady which she would like to honor. She will serve as Honorary Chairman of their Greek Panegyris and will inaugurate the Festival the morning of the 20th. The Greek Festival, per Father Kalaris, is a 3-day event involving their total effort in selling Greek food, pastries & artifax for the benefit of their only Greek Orthodox cultural and religious day school outside of New York and Chicago. The file is attached. Thank you.

c: ✓ Helen Smith Rex Scouten  
Warren Rustand Staircase  
William Baroody Advance Office

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*Eugenia Schor*

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PATTI +  
HELEN

August 10, 1974

Mrs. Nancy Howe  
Office of Mrs. Gerald Ford  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Howe:

For your information, attached is copy of the general release which will be used in connection with our festival.

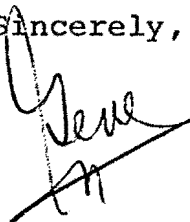
I said Mrs. Ford is "scheduled" to cut the ribbon since I realize there may be some question on this due to the change in events.

However, we sincerely hope that she will be with us on that day.

The pictures will be released sometime around the end of the month although Marian Burros, food editor of the Washington Post, asked for the one with Mrs. Ford eating the baclava and I have sent it to her. She plans to use it on the Thursday food page.

Thanks so much for your interest and help. Our good wishes and prayers will always be with you and our new First Family.

Sincerely,



m/enc.

NEWS FROM: STS. CONSTANTINE & HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
4115 Sixteenth Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20011 Phone: (202) 829-2910  
Press contact: Eugenia Schor (301) 986-0190

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Mrs. Gerald Ford is serving as honorary chairman of the 12th annual festival of Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church which will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 20, 21 and 22 on the church grounds at 4115 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington

At 11 a.m. on Friday, the 20th, Mrs. Ford is scheduled to cut the ribbon which will formally open the three day festival that brings a bit of Greece to the area and to the many visitors from metropolitan Washington who look forward to this annual event. The native foods, dancing and souvenirs are all planned and prepared by church members. Proceeds benefit its programs and charities.

The open ceremonies will be conducted by the Rev. Demetrios G. Kalaris, pastor, with the assistance of the children's choir from the church affiliated Rev. Father Daniels Parochial School.

Special events are planned for all age groups. For the very young there will be entertainment by clowns and pony rides. The young people's Greek dance group will give exhibitions as well as invite audience participation. Greek cooking also will be demonstrated.

All ages will enjoy the Greek food served throughout the day and evening including such specialties as moussaka, lamb on the spit, dolmades, cheese and spinach pies. Greek wines will be available as well as a wide selection of native sweets - all homemade. For personal or gift shopping, various booths will offer arts and crafts,

Heading the 65 committee chairmen are Mrs. Phyllis Averinos, Andrew Recachinas and Peter Paleologos, serving as coordinators.

The festival's hours are: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and 12 noon to 11 p.m. on Sunday. The public is welcome. For further information, please call the church office at 829-2910.

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June 12, 1974

Dear Father Kalaris:

It is with great pleasure that Mrs. Ford accepts your kind invitation to be Honorary Chairman of your Greek Panegyris. She is looking forward to inaugurating the Greek Festival on September 20, at 11:00 a.m.

In your letter, you mentioned an appropriate picture from Mrs. Ford for your publicity. If you will please contact me, I am sure we can set up an appointment that will fit in with your busy schedule as well as Mrs. Fords. You can reach me by phone at 456-1414 and ask for the Vice President's residence. I am here Monday through Friday and will be more than happy to help you.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Nancy M. Howe  
Personal Assistant  
to Mrs. Ford

The Reverend James G. Kalaris  
Saints Constantine and Helen Greek  
Orthodox Church  
4115 Sixteenth Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20011

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America

*Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church*

*4115 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20011*

REV. PRESBYTER DEMETRIOS KALARIS, Pastor  
Study: TAYlor 9-2910 — Home: 649-2592



REV. PRESBYTER DEMETRIUS T. DOGIAS, Curate  
Study: TAYlor 9-2910 — Home: 681-5251

*Mrs. Ford  
accepts*

Mrs. Gerald R. Ford  
Executive Office Building  
Washington, D. C. 20501

Dear Mrs. Ford

I am taking this opportunity to request your participation as our Honorary Chairman of our Greek Panegyris which takes place in September. Our Church and Parochial School would consider it an honor to have you participate in this unique cultural event. The Greek Festival is a three day event that involves our total effort in selling Greek food, pastries and artifax for the benefit of our only Greek Orthodox cultural and religious day school outside of New York and Chicago. Our school will begin its eleventh year this coming September with 115 students in the day program and 250 in the afternoon classes.

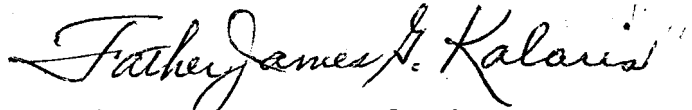
The festivities will be inaugurated on Friday, September 20, 1974, at 11:00 a.m. with the cutting of the ribbon at the opening ceremonies. A short ceremony with prayers, hymns and welcome will take place at this time.

We would appreciate, in conjunction with this event, that appropriate photographs be taken with you for the purpose of publicizing this event.

Our festival is equal to the National Cathedral's Spring Flower Mart. Over 30,000 people are expected to attend this three day affair. In addition to other cabinet wives who have served in the past, we were honored to have Mrs. Julia Nixon Eisenhower as last year's Honorary Chairman. We hope that your schedule will permit your acceptance this year.

I sincerely hope that you will be with us on September 20, 1974. I realize that it will be an added burden to you because of your heavy schedule, but your presence will enhance our effort to provide the educational programs necessary to create better and more wholesome citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Father James G. Kalaris". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Father James G. Kalaris  
Pastor



NEWS FROM: STS. CONSTANTINE AND HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
4115 Sixteenth Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20011 (202) 829-2910  
Press contact: Eugenia Schor (301) 986-0190

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Washington, D.C. -- Mrs. Gerald Ford, as honorary chairman of the 12th annual Folk Festival of Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, to be held on the church grounds at 4115 Sixteenth Street, N.W., September 20, 21 and 22, will cut the ribbon which formally opens the three-day event.

The ceremony, which will take place at 11 a.m. on Friday, September 20, will be conducted by the Rev. Demetrios G. Kalaris, pastor, with the assistance of the children's choir from the church affiliated Rev. Father Daniels Parochial School, as well as other church officials.

Special events are planned for all age groups which will bring a bit of Greece to the area and to the many who attend from metropolitan Washington.

For the very young there will be entertainment by clowns and pony rides. The young people's Greek dance group will give exhibitions as well as invite audience participation. Greek cooking also will be demonstrated.

All ages will enjoy the Greek food served throughout the day and evening including such specialties as moussaka, lamb on the spit, dolmades, cheese and spinach pies. Greek wines will be available as well as a wide selection of sweets - all homemade.

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Add 1 - Greek festival

For personal or gift shopping, various booths will offer arts and crafts, Greek imports, jewelry and antiques, as well as a white elephant section.

The native foods, dancing and souvenirs are all planned and prepared by church members. Proceeds of the festival benefit church programs and charities.

Mrs. Phyllis Averinos, Peter Paleologos and Andrew Recachinas are coordinating the activities of the 65 committee chairmen.

The festival will be open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday; 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday and 12 noon to 11 p.m. on Sunday.

The public is welcome. Further information is available by calling the church office at 829-2910.

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Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>

September 16, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: BILL HENKLE

FROM: RIC SARDO

SUBJECT: First Lady's Participation in  
Greek Church Festival

The First Lady will participate in the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the St. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church festival on Friday, September 20. Given our previous discussion on this event and the potential sensitivities, it is requested that your office do the advance in close coordination with the First Lady's Secret Service detail. Patty Matson will provide press advance support.

Please keep me informed on any potential problems in terms of this event and be guided by the original consideration that it be primarily culturally oriented.

cc: Staircase  
Susan Porter  
Patty Matson  
Helen Smith  
Nancy Howe



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 18, 1974

1:00 p. m.

MEMORANDUM FOR: RIC SARDO  
SUSAN PORTER

FROM: RED CAVANEY

SUBJECT: MRS. FORD'S ATTENDANCE AT THE  
GREEK FESTIVAL RIBBON-CUTTING  
Saints. Constantine and Helen Greek  
Orthodox Church  
Friday, September 20, 1974

Attached at TAB A is the proposed schedule for Mrs. Ford's participation in the subject event.

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ DISAPPROVE \_\_\_\_\_

BACKGROUND

Mrs. Ford has agreed to serve as Honorary Chairman of the Greek Panegyris and will officially open the Greek Festival on Friday morning with the ceremonial cutting of a ribbon, which will be in place across the front entrance to the church. The program will be conducted on the front steps of the church, with several hundred residents of the Greek community in attendance.

The highlight of this religious-cultural event is the bazaar, and Father Kalaris would very much like Mrs. Ford to spend some time viewing the booths and exhibits, if her schedule allows. The attached schedule reflects a time allowance for such viewing, however, a departure after the reception could easily be effectuated if Mrs. Ford's schedule did not allow time for a bazaar tour.

Approve Bazaar Tour \_\_\_\_\_ Delete Tour \_\_\_\_\_

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

MRS. FORD'S ATTENDANCE AT  
GREEK FESTIVAL RIBBON CUTTING

St. Constantine and Helen Greek  
Orthodox Church  
Friday, September 20, 1974

10:35 a. m.      Mrs. Ford boards motorcade on the South Grounds.  
(EDT)

MOTORCADE DEPARTS South Grounds en route  
St. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church,  
4115 16th Street, Northwest.

[Driving time: 20 minutes]

10:55 a. m.      MOTORCADE ARRIVES Front Entrance (16th Street)  
of St. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
CROWD SITUATION

At curbside, Mrs. Ford will be met by:

Reverend James G. Kalaris, Pastor

Father Kalaris will escort Mrs. Ford through the  
crowd assembled in front of the church to the top  
of the church steps, where the program will transpire.

ATTENDANCE - 300  
OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

11:00 a. m.      Opening prayer by Father Kalaris.

11:03 a. m.      Hymms by the school choir.

National Anthem.

11:10 a. m.      Greeting by Mr. Louis Tiches, President of the  
Greek Community.

11:14 a. m.      Presentation of a bouquet to Mrs. Ford by a  
small school girl.

11:15 a.m. Brief remarks by Mrs. Ford.

#### FULL PRESS COVERAGE

Remarks conclude.

Mrs. Ford will be joined by Father Kalaris, Mr. Tiches, and Mrs. Gogos (Vice President of the Ladies' Organization) to proceed to the church door to cut the ribbon and officially open the Greek Festival.

11:20 a.m. Mrs. Ford will enter the church, escorted by the three individuals who assisted her in the ribbon-cutting, for a brief tour.

#### PRESS POOL PHOTO COVERAGE

11:25 a.m. Mrs. Ford and her escorts proceed to the school basement to attend a brief, informal reception with leaders of the Greek community, clergy, and representatives of the diplomatic corps and area government.

#### ATTENDANCE - 30

#### PRESS POOL PHOTO COVERAGE

11:40 a.m. Mrs. Ford and her escorts proceed to schoolyard to view bazaar booths and exhibits.

NOTE: With the ribbon-cutting, the bazaar will now be opened to the public.

#### PRESS POOL PHOTO COVERAGE

11:55 a.m. Mrs. Ford, escorted by Father Kalaris, proceeds to her motorcade for boarding.

12:00 noon MOTORCADE DEPARTS Saint Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church en route South Grounds.

[Driving time: 20 minutes]

12:20 p.m. MOTORCADE ARRIVES South Grounds.

MRS. FORD'S SCHEDULE

ATTENDANCE AT  
GREEK FESTIVAL RIBBON CUTTING

St. Constantine and Helen Greek  
Orthodox Church  
Friday, September 20, 1974

10:40 a.m. Mrs. Ford boards motorcade on the South Grounds.  
(EDT)

MOTORCADE DEPARTS South Grounds en route  
St. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church,  
4115 16th Street, Northwest.

[Driving time: 15 minutes]

10:55 a.m. MOTORCADE ARRIVES Front Entrance (16th Street)  
of St. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE  
CROWD SITUATION

At curbside, Mrs. Ford will be met by:

Reverend James G. Kalaris, Pastor

Father Kalaris will escort Mrs. Ford through the  
crowd assembled in front of the church to the top  
of the church steps, where the program will transpire.  
There will be no seats on the platform.

ATTENDANCE - 300  
OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

11:00 a.m. Opening prayer by Father Kalaris.

11:03 a.m. Hymms by the school choir.  
Raising of the flag.  
National Anthems (Greek and U.S.)

11:10 a.m. Greeting by Mr. Louis Tiches, President of the  
Greek Community.

11:14 a.m. Presentation of a bouquet to Mrs. Ford by Andrew  
Tzamaras and Anastasia Orfanoudis with Greek  
greeting and English translation.

11:15 a. m.      Brief remarks by Mrs. Ford.

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

Remarks conclude.

Mrs. Ford will be joined by Father Kalaris, Mr. Tiches, and Mrs. Gogos (Vice President of the Ladies' Organization) to proceed to the church door to cut the ribbon and officially open the Greek Festival.

11:20 a. m.      Mrs. Ford will enter the church, escorted by the three individuals who assisted her in the ribbon-cutting, for a brief tour to view Byzantine Art Exhibit.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

11:25 a. m.      Mrs. Ford and her escorts proceed to the school basement to attend a brief, informal reception with leaders of the Greek community, clergy, and representatives of the diplomatic corps and area government.

ATTENDANCE - 35

PRESS POOL PHOTO COVERAGE

11:40 a. m.      Mrs. Ford and her escorts proceed to schoolyard and basement to view bazaar booths and exhibits.

NOTE: With the ribbon-cutting, the bazaar will now be opened to the public.

PRESS POOL PHOTO COVERAGE

12:00 noon      Mrs. Ford, escorted by Father Kalaris, proceeds to her motorcade for boarding.

12:05 p. m.      MOTORCADE DEPARTS Saint Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church en route South Grounds.

[Driving time: 15 minutes]

12:20 p. m.      MOTORCADE ARRIVES South Grounds.



Thurs, Sept. 19

BACKGROUNDER on Greek Festival Ribbon Cutting

This is the 12th annual festival the Greek community has had. It has become a tradition, and now attracts some 15,000 people from the Washington, D.C., area during its three days.

The purpose of the festival is to raise funds for the church's educational activities -- for support of its parochial school and for support of the classes the church sponsors in public schools (they hold Greek language and cultural classes in schools and churches throughout Washington).

It is very much a light-type of event, with lots and lots of people and kids running around, lots of noise and dancing and Greek food (the women spend weeks baking their pastries and other foods, and it is a source of great pride for them. They would probably be flattered beyond belief if it turns out to be appropriate to taste something.)

Father Kalaris himself is a died-in-the-wool Democrat but a great Betty Ford fan. He has stressed over and over how impressed he was that in spite of what he termed 'the world coming down around you' on August 8, you kept your commitment to meet with him and do the publicity for the Festival.

The people in your audience and at the fair generally are a real cross-section of ages. Everything from early Greek immigrants in their 60s or 70s, to second and third generation Greek families to children who attend the parish school, Father Thomas Daniels Parochial School, who will attend the ribbon cutting and sing a hymn.

Father Kalaris himself has a father from Greece, a mother from Italy. He has been in the Washington, D.C. area for 21 years.

Father Kalaris voiced the hope that because of the Greek political situation, he particularly hoped you might make mention of your high esteem of Greek-Americans and what they contribute to this country. It would mean much to the Greek community, he said.

*jjm*  
patti

note:

It would seem like you might get some questions regarding US-Greek policy from some of the press who attends. A suggestion for type of response ...

(if the question is, for example ...)

How can you say such nice things to this organization when US policy toward Greece is so biased and unjust?

First, I should say that I am here to cut the ribbon for St. Constantine and Helen Church because it is an important part of our community, but also because I think it is symbolic of all the contributions that have been made to our country by the Greek-American communities across the country.

As to the question of our US/foreign policy, I don't feel it would be appropriate to comment on that, but I'm sure you know that these questions have been answered in full by our secretary of state, and I would refer you to him.

## GREEK FESTIVAL RIBBON CUTTING

GOOD MORNING. IT IS A REAL HONOR TO BE HERE TODAY, AND I APPRECIATE YOUR INVITATION VERY MUCH. MY HUSBAND SAID THIS MORNING HE WOULD HAVE LIKED VERY MUCH TO COME ALONG, BUT WITH THE REPUTATION YOUR FESTIVAL HAS FOR DELICIOUS FOOD -- IT WOULD BE THE LAST OF HIS DIET IF HE DID! SO WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I'LL TAKE HIM BACK YOUR BEST WISHES -- BUT DEPRIVE HIM OF YOUR BAKLAVA! ... UNLESS YOU'VE LEARNED TO MAKE A LOW-CALORIE VERSION ...

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MY HUSBAND AND I HAVE LONG HAD A SPECIAL PLACE IN OUR HEARTS FOR THE GREEK COMMUNITY. ONE OF JERRY'S FIRST JOBS WAS WORKING IN A RESTAURANT ACROSS THE STREET FROM HIS HIGH SCHOOL. IT WAS RUN BY A MAN OF GREEK HERITAGE, WHO WAS VERY GOOD TO MY HUSBAND. JERRY HAS OFTEN REMARKED HOW MUCH HE ADMIRED HIS BOSS, AND I THINK EVERYBODY ADMIRED THE SPIRIT AND CLOSENESSS OF THAT GREEK <sup>American</sup> FAMILY AND THEIR STRONG TIES TO THEIR HERITAGE AND BACKGROUND.

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FOR SOMEWHAT THOSE SAME REASONS, I HAVE BECOME A GREAT ADMIRER OF YOUR CHURCH, THE WORK THAT IT DOES AND THE REASON BEHIND YOUR FESTIVAL. FEW THINGS IN AMERICA TODAY, I FEEL, ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THOSE THINGS THAT ARE PROVIDED BY THE COMBINATION OF CHURCH, FAMILY AND EDUCATION. YOUR EMPHASIS ON A STRONG FAMILY LIFE AND HERITAGE, FIRM RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF A WELL-ROUNDED EDUCATION WILL REFLECT ITSELF IN GENERATIONS TO COME.

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THE ENTIRE WORLD TODAY OWES MUCH TO THE ANCIENT GREEKS. FOR GIVING BIRTH TO DEMOCRACY ... FOR GIVING US THE BASIS FOR SO MUCH OF OUR KNOWLEDGE TODAY -- IN PHILOSOPHY, MEDICINE, MATHEMATICS, LAW, THE ARTS -- AND WE CAN'T LEAVE OUT POLITICS!

BUT IF THE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE ANCIENT GREEKS ARE PRICELESS, SO ARE THE CONTRIBUTIONS YOU MAKE IN TODAY'S SOCIETY. THREE QUARTERS OF A MILLION AMERICANS OF GREEK DESCENT ARE VITAL PARTS OF THEIR COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY TODAY.

I ONLY WISH THAT CHILDREN EVERYWHERE COULD GROW UP IN THE TYPE OF ENVIRONMENT YOU ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE.

THIS IS, INDEED, A FESTIVAL -- YOU HAVE MUCH TO BE PROUD OF AND GOOD REASON TO CELEBRATE. I CAN ONLY HOPE THIS IS THE 12TH OF HUNDREDS OF SUCH CELEBRATIONS!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

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Mrs. Ford will attend the Greek Festival ribbon-cutting ceremony at St. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church on Friday, September 20, 1974 at 11:00 a.m. Mrs. Ford is serving as honorary chairman of the 12th annual festival and will cut the ribbon which will formally open the three day festival.

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The program will begin with a greeting by Mr. Louis Tiches, President of the Greek Community. Two children, Andrew Tzamaras and Anastasia Orfanoudis will present Mrs. Ford with a bouquet.

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Let us in peace pray unto the Lord.

In all humility we pray to Thee O Lord Jesus Christ, our True God who art the source of wisdom, plentious in mercy and bounteous in compassion to bless, sanctify, guard and strengthen our God-fearing President, Gerald R. Ford, his beloved wife and children, and all in the official household of this Nation under God. Enlighten thy servants to aid and exercise the responsibilities of their offices to the preservation of our Great Republic and to the everlasting peace of each of us and the world and to do those things always that will promote love, truth, and hope. Arm us, O Lord with faith, with courage, and with loyalty to do thy will in the cosmos and to develop the politeia which will make us more cosmopolitan and worthy of thy continued grace. Amen.

In thy name, O Giver of all gifts, we inaugurate this Holy Festival Panegyris and pray in the spirit of joy that through the sharing of food and drink, songs and dance in Christ's fellowship we may live more virtuous lives, bound in love and together in helpfulness to each other as the salt of the earth as the light of the world.

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FROM? STS. CONSTANTINE AND HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
4115 Sixteenth Street, nw  
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Press contact - Eugenia Schor 829-2910

PROGRAM FOR OPENING CEREMONIES OF 12th ANNUAL PANEGYRI

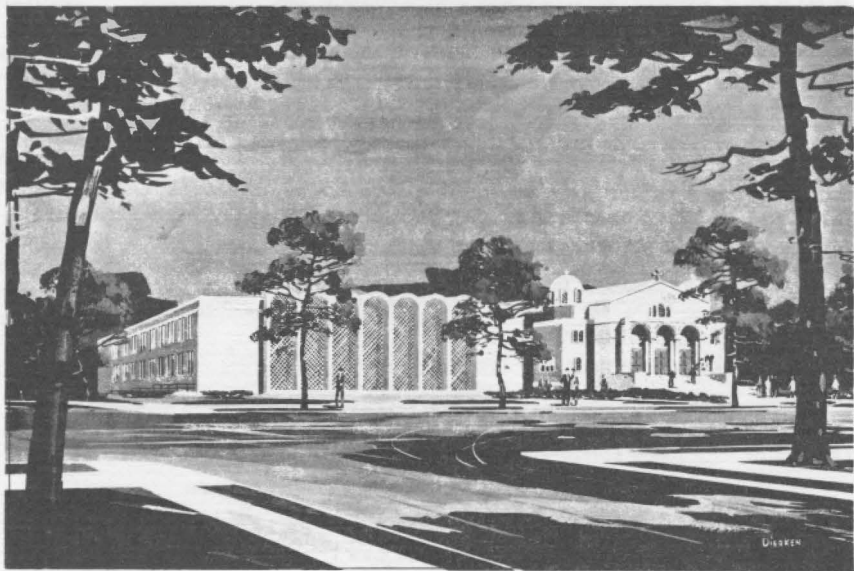
1. Prayer and religious ceremonies ..... Father Kalaris  
and childrens choir of Rev. Father Thomas J. Daniels  
Parochial School.
2. Prayer in English . . . . . Father Kalaris
3. National Anthems . . . . . Choir
4. Flag Raising
5. Greetings . . . . . Mr. Tiches (President  
of the Community)
6. Presentation by Children . . . . . (see below)
7. Response by Mrs. Ford
8. Remarks . . . . . Father Kalaris
9. Ribbon cutting and Procession into Church
10. Closing . . . . . Choir

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Children making presentation are -

Anastasia Orfanoudis - 11 years  
Andrew Tzamaras - 11 years

Both are students in the Rev. Father Daniels Parochial School.



OLSEN

Mrs. Gerald R. Ford

Honorary Chairman

The Parish Council

and

The Philoptochos Society

of Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church

cordially invite you

to the

Twelfth Annual Greek Panegyri

on

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

the twentieth, twenty-first, and twenty-second of September

Nineteen hundred and seventy-four

The Church Grounds

4115 Sixteenth Street, Northwest

for the benefit

of the Church Programs and Charities

*Program Inside*

## PROGRAM

*Friday, September 20, 1974*

11:00 a.m. — Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies - Church Grounds  
 Invocation — Reverend Demetrios G. Kalaris  
 Greetings — Mr. Louis J. Tiches, Community President  
 Presentation of Bouquet to Mrs. Gerald R. Ford  
 11:30 a.m. — Official Opening of Bazaar  
 12:00 noon — Special appearance by Mr. Jim Karvellas, Sportscaster, WTTG 5  
 4:00 p.m. — Cooking Demonstration  
 6:00 p.m. — Greek Folk Dances - Jr. G.O.Y.A. Dancing Troupe  
 7:00 p.m. — Dance to the music of The Delphians  
 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. — Special appearance by Mr. Willard Scott, N.B.C. News 4  
 8:00 p.m. — Greek Folk Dances - Jr. G.O.Y.A. Dancing Troupe

*Saturday, September 21, 1974*

11:00 a.m. — Bazaar Opens  
 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. — Chuckles the Clown  
 3:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Pony Rides  
 4:00 p.m. — Cooking Demonstration  
 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. — Greek Folk Dances - Jr. G.O.Y.A. Dancing Troupe  
 9:00 p.m. — Vespers  
 All Day - Games for Kiddies

*Sunday, September 22, 1974*

10:00 a.m. — Divine Liturgy (10 to 11:30 a.m.)  
 11:30 a.m. — Bazaar Opens  
 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. — Benny the Magic Clown  
 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. — Pony Rides  
 2:30 p.m. — Greek Folk Dances - Jr. G.O.Y.A. Dancing Troupe  
 6:00 p.m. — Dance to the music of The Hellenics Stars  
 10:30 p.m. — Drawing of Prizes  
 All Day - Games for Kiddies

Watch for appearances by Guest Celebrities

Come in and browse — you will find a plethora of Greek articles.

Continuous guided tours of the Church with an explanation of Byzantine iconography.

For the gourmet's palate, delectable Greek dishes and sweets will be available from NOON 'TIL CLOSING.

For those wishing to try their talents in Greek cooking, there will be demonstrations for your pleasure.

For the kiddies, entertainment galore; and for the young at heart (and daring), join our Dance Troupe and try your fancy footwork in Greek dancing.

Authentic Greek costumes over 100 years old will be on display.

*Honorary Chairman — Mrs. Gerald R. Ford*

### Co-Ordinators

*Andrew Recachinas, Mrs. Phyllis Averinos, Peter Paleologos*

### COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Arts and Crafts.....Mrs. Speros Harris  
 Beverage Bar.....Constantine Mantzouranis, Thomas Strates, Manuel Libert  
 Booth Staff Co-Ordinator.....Mrs. Evans Heras  
 Byzantine Art Exhibit and  
     Touring of Church.....Minos Georarakis  
 Cashiers Co-Ordinators.....Mrs. Peter Harris, Mrs. George Metrenas  
 Coffee Corner.....Mrs. Maria Nicholson, Mrs. Ekatirine Recachinas  
 Cooking Demonstrations.....Mrs. Louis Mantis  
 Communications.....P.T.O. (Parents-Teachers Organization)  
 Construction.....Peter Sintetos  
 Decorations.....George Pappas, John Stamos, G.O.Y.A. (Greek Orthodox  
     Youth of America)  
 Donations.....Mrs. Pandora Gogos, Mrs. James Constantine,  
     Mrs. Despina Palogos, George Wallace  
 Entertainment.....Mrs. Alex Dematatis, Miss Anastasia Panos  
 Financial Control.....Steve Callas, Lucas Michos, Andreas Recachinas  
 Food Co-Ordinator.....George Chipouras  
 Food Committee.....Ernest Mantzouris, Iraelis Mantzouranis,  
     Menelaos Kafarakis, Angelo Kaleyias  
 Games.....Evans Heras  
 Grecian Cuisine.....Mrs. George Papuchis, Mrs. John Maroules,  
     Mrs. Menelaos Kafarakis, Mrs. Klearhos Karavellas  
 Grecian Pastry Shoppe.....Mrs. George Wallace, Mrs. Ethel Haramis, Mrs. George Koutris  
 Greek Imports and  
     Religious Articles.....Mrs. Louis Kalavritinos, Mrs. Evmenios Damon,  
     Mrs. Anthony Glezos  
 Jewelry.....Mrs. George Pollos  
 Lamb on the Spit.....Klearhos Karavellas, Louis Mantis, George Valliotis  
     John Drakakis  
 Mailing.....Jr. G.O.Y.A. (Greek Orthodox Youth of America)  
 Publicity.....Mrs. Jean Schor Andris, James Katson  
 Parking and Maintenance.....Boy Scout Troop #303, Scout Master  
     Andrew Kavounis, Manuel Libert  
 Raffle.....Mrs. Helen P. Grigsby  
 Raffle Tickets Control.....Mrs. Lucille Panos, Mrs. Sophia Maroules,  
     Miss Ann Zevgolis  
 Reception.....Mrs. Louis Mantis, Mrs. Peter Calomiris  
 Secretary.....Mrs. George Toregas  
 Toy Mart.....Mrs. Constantine Andrakakos  
 Uniques and Antiques.....Mrs. Josephine Pappas, Mrs. James Calomiris  
 Welcome.....Mrs. Nicholas Matthews

Minor and Patricia Georgarakis

14821 Ridge Oak Drive

Boyd, Md 20720

- gave Mrs.  
Fred the icon! //

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Mrs. Phyllis Averinos

Washington Hospital Center

President of the Philoptechos  
of Saints Constantine and Helen.

⚡ was sick in hospital and could  
not make ceremony - maybe a  
short note, telegram, etc.

Patty - thanks much. Sure enjoyed  
working together again.

Best wishes & keep up the fine  
work!

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for details, call Mrs. Konni Schoch at 362-9637 anytime or Miss Mildred Post, leader of the travel club at 530-1664, evenings or write to her at 8928 Bradmoor Drive, Bethesda, Md. 20034.

property owners who will participate in the TCAB scheduled workshops, and act as liaison with the residential community. The workshops (which are open to the public) are held at 7:30

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promise all you can eat on the premises and you can save a dollar by buying your tickets in advance. They are available at the Rectory (WO 6-6288) or by calling Grace Stadler (362-0536).



## Greek Folk Festival

Mrs. Gerald Ford, honorary chairman of the 12th annual Folk Festival of Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, to be held September 20, 21 and 22 on the church grounds at 4115 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington, is shown some of the handmade items that will be sold at the arts and crafts booth by Mrs. Spiros Harris. She is assisted by Sunday school student, Kia Kopsidas of Cavalin Drive, Rockville, Md.

On Friday morning, the 20th, Mrs. Ford will cut a ribbon and formally open the three-day event which will feature Greek food, dancing, arts and crafts and a selection of imported items.

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Festival at St. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox  
Church in Washington D.C.

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*To Father Demetrius Dogias  
With best wishes,*






To Father James Kaluris  
With fond memories of a great day with you  
and the people of your parish,

Betty Ford





To Andrew Tzamaras  
With best wishes,

Betty Ford

To Father James Kalaris  
With fond memories of a great day with you  
and the people of your parish,  
Betty Ford





*To Father Demetrius Dogias  
With best wishes,*

*Betty Ford*

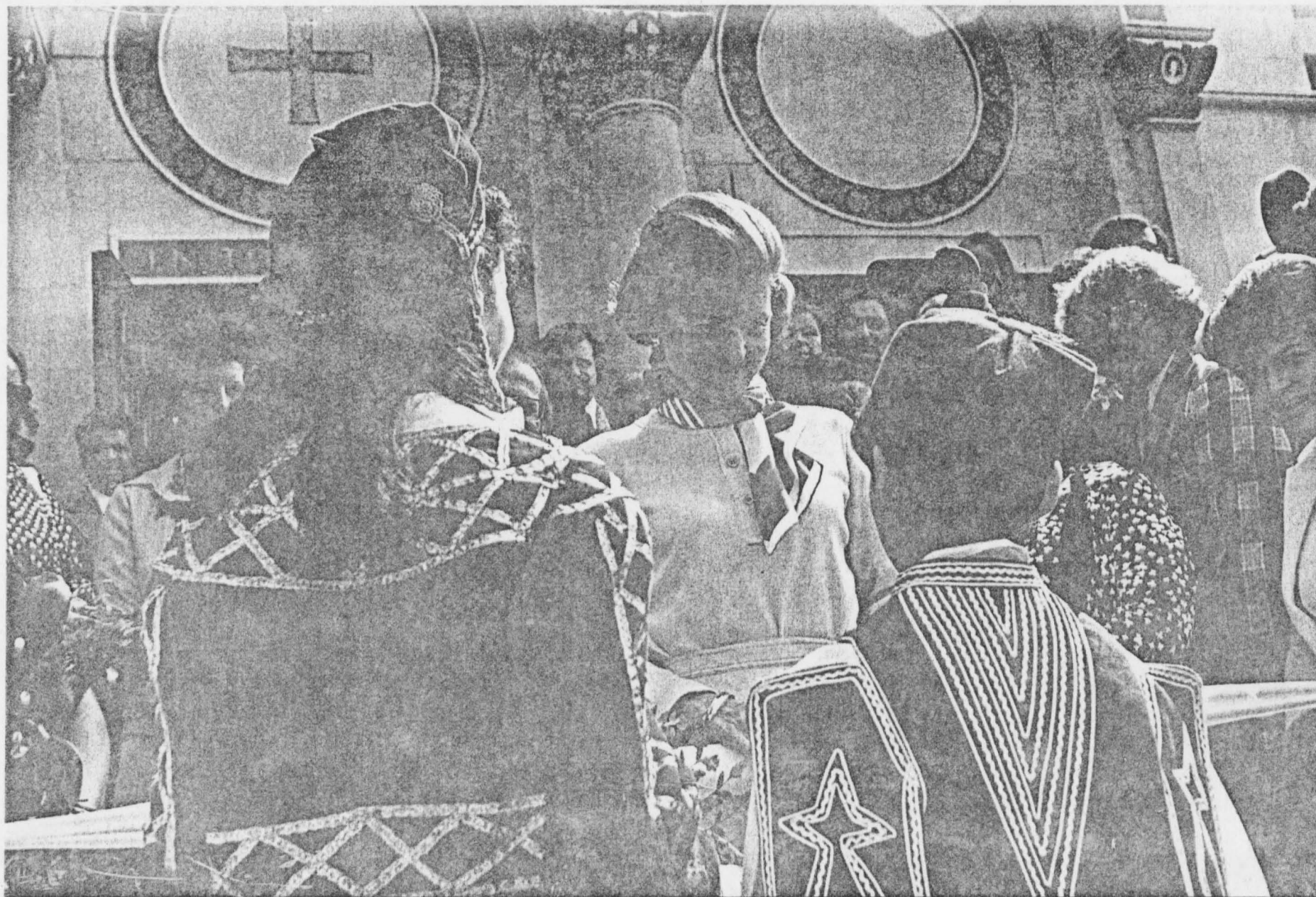


*To Louis Tiches  
With appreciation and best wishes,*

*Betty Ford*







*To Andrew Tzamaras*





*To Anastasia Orfanoudis*