

**Greetings!** Our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Opa! Festival is fast approaching! A lot of work has been going on this summer to prepare. **Many Thanks to All!** This summarizes our progress and ways in which everyone can help. The event will include our great food, our youth dancers, a vendor fair, and a *Funzone* featuring Carnival Games, Inflatables, Face painting, and Pony Rides. **IN ADDITION**, this year we will have **LIVE Greek Music** on Friday and Saturday Night! All festival info is on [opafestival.com](http://opafestival.com)!

## PROGRESS - PRE-EVENT PREPARATIONS

Over the Summer, a lot of work has been going on to prepare for our biggest fundraiser. **Thanks to all who have been working behind the scenes!!** All of our necessary equipment and services have been ordered. Our vendor space in the gym has been sold out. We still have some space under the tent and on the black top. Print Advertising cards are available at the church by the office. Food donations are being solicited now and some have been secured. We have raised a portion of our sponsor goal. We need more sponsors and two parishioner mailings have gone out showing how you can help. Our volunteer portal is launching soon. Below are the individuals heading up the pre-event planning committees.

Advertising	Diana Grina; dianakg2003@yahoo.com
Facilities/rentals	Stephen Kehayes; skehayes@ptd.net
Food Donations	Bill Panageas; vpanageas@gmail.com
Sponsors	Elaine Markos; petermarkos2@gmail.com
Vendors	Sofia Manoussakis; s_manoussakis@yahoo.com
Volunteer Sign Up Portal	Anna Fallon; missannoula@hotmail.com



## HOW YOU CAN HELP

- **Become a Sponsor:** We have many opportunities for sponsors- general donations of any amount or sponsoring an item. Forms are at the church. Contact: Elaine Markos.
- **Help Advertise:** Please grab some cards at the church for family and friends. If you would like a flyer or large poster for businesses and public spaces, please contact Diana Grina. On Social Media: like, follow and share the event on Facebook @opafestival.
- **Find a Vendor:** Forward our application to any vendors you know. It is on the Opa website: [opafestival.com](http://opafestival.com) Contact: Sofia Manoussakis
- **Solicit Food Donations:** If you know a restaurant manager or food supplier and can help bring in donations, please contact Bill Panageas to see how you can help.
- **Volunteer:** 1) Before the festival- help in the kitchen (see below) 2) During the event- Please consider volunteering for a shift or two. For those who cannot volunteer, please consider a monetary donation so that we can hire help that may be necessary.



## Mark Your Calendars Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> – 9 am "In the Kitchen with Costa"

Come and help make our delicious pastitsio and moussaka!  
 Let Costa Tsatsos know you will be there: [ctsatsos@comcast.net](mailto:ctsatsos@comcast.net)

