

## **For Immediate Release**

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### **13<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Anne GREEK FOOD FEST in CORVALLIS (LEWISBURG) OCT. 8-9**

Eat a day the Greek way! On Saturday, October 8 from 11am-7pm and Sunday, October 9 from 12pm-6pm St. Anne Orthodox Church will host the Mid-Valley's thirteenth annual Greek Food Fest at historic Lewisburg Hall, 6000 NE Elliott Circle, Corvallis. The St. Anne Greek Fest has become a popular, family-friendly, mid-valley tradition and is one of only two Greek festivals in the state. Proceeds from the event help pay for the renovation and maintenance of the historic Lewisburg Grange Hall.

The St. Anne Greek Fest offers authentic Greek dinners, desserts, wine & spirits, crafts and live Greek music and dancing. "The Athenians", a Portland-based Greek band featuring Maria George and Brett Pitner will perform both days. The menu includes pork souvlaki, braised lamb with carrots and potatoes, pasticcio, kifta kebabs, spanakopita, stuffed grape-leaves (dolmas) and Moroccan chicken. Complete dinners served with Greek salad, rice pilaf and pita bread will be offered for \$12.00 for two entrees or \$14 for three entrees. A la carte, to-go items and Greek desserts will also be available, and there will be a "taverna" in the tent serving appetizers, Greek red wine, beer, ouzo and retsina. Desserts will include baklava, kourambiethes (butter cookies), galatouboureko (custard-filled filo drizzled with honey syrup), melamakorona (honey cakes) and loukoumathes (hot, cinnamon & honey donuts).

Visitors are invited to tour the Grange Hall and the Orthodox Christian chapel located on the second floor. Tours will be held every hour on the half hour and will include an explanation of Orthodox iconography. There is no admission fee for any part of the festival and free event parking is available along Elliott Circle and at Mountain View Elementary School.

#### **About the Chef**

Lewisburg Hall private chef Mona Karadsheh Soot is once again heading up the culinary production of this year's event. Ms. Soot and her staff have extensive experience preparing and serving gourmet meals from Greece and the Middle East.

#### **About the Grange Hall**

Located near the intersection of Highway 99W and Lewisburg Road, the Lewisburg Grange Hall was originally built in 1911 as a train depot and merchantile. It was used by the railroad for only a short time before it was turned over to the local Mountain View Grange. The building was restored in the early 90's by Tim and Linda Dodson. It was purchased in 2003 by St. Anne Orthodox Church and is rented out for parties, meetings and other special occasions.

#### **About St. Anne Orthodox Church**

Founded 26 years ago, St. Anne Church ([www.staoc.com](http://www.staoc.com)) was the first Orthodox Christian Church in the Mid-Valley and is comprised of people of American, Greek, Slavic/Russian, W. European, African, Korean, Chinese and Hispanic heritage. It is affiliated with the Orthodox Church in America ([www.oca.org](http://www.oca.org)).