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9th Annual GREEK FOOD FEST in CORVALLIS (LEWISBURG) OCT. 13-14

Eat a day the Greek way! On Saturday, October 13 from 11am-7pm and Sunday, October 14 from 12pm-6pm St. Anne Orthodox Church will host the Mid-Valley's ninth annual Greek Fest at historic Lewisburg Hall, 6000 NE Elliott Circle, Corvallis. The St. Anne Greek Fest is the only Greek Festival in the state outside of Portland. Proceeds from the event help pay for the renovation and maintenance of the historic Lewisburg Grange Hall.

Greek Fest will offer traditional Greek dinners, desserts, wine & spirits, crafts and live Greek music and dancing. "The Athenians", a vocal and instrumental ensemble that regularly appears at the Touch of Athens restaurant in Vancouver will perform throughout the festival. The Greek Fest menu includes chicken souvlaki, braised lamb with carrots and potatoes, pasticcio, spanakopita, mousaka, stuffed grape-leaves and tsatsiki. Complete dinners served with Greek salad, rice pilaf, hummus and pita bread will be offered for \$13.00 per adult (\$10 for senior citizens) and \$8 per child. A la carte, to-go items and Greek desserts will also be available, and there will be a separate "taverna" tent serving appetizers, Greek red wine, beer, ouzo and retsina. Desserts will include baklava, kourambietes (butter cookies), melamakorona (honey cakes), Greek wedding cakes and paximathia (anise studded Greek biscotti).

Visitors will be welcome to tour the Grange Hall and the Orthodox Christian chapel located on the second floor. Tours will be held every hour on the hour and will include an explanation of Orthodox iconography.

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 over 50 years of combined 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 21 years ago, St. Anne Church (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).