



On behalf of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church family and the 19th Annual St. Augustine Greek Festival, we want to extend heart-felt congratulations to all of St. Augustine for coming together after what Hurricane Matthew did to our nation's oldest city. Most have lost something as a result of this storm, but the citizens of St. Augustine have shown love, compassion, and hope toward one another more than ever. Volunteers from all walks of life are providing food, clothing, shelter, assisting with clean-ups, and lending moral support in as many ways imaginable. "#St. Augustine Strong" is a motto we now uphold and definitely can be said to mirror one of the greatest commandments Jesus gave us, "Love Your Neighbor As Yourself."

As you may know, our 19th Annual St. Augustine Greek Festival and Arts & Crafts Fair was to be held October 7th, 8th, and 9th at Francis Field but was postponed due to the storm. With encouragement from the City, we had rescheduled the festival to be held October 28th, 29th, and 30th, 2016. Unfortunately, the damage done was more than anticipated, and we decided to reschedule once again.

Out of concern for our fellow citizens who were affected by the storm and our desire to bring a positive, uplifting event to our city, we have arrived at the decision not to cancel but to hold the 19th Annual St. Augustine Greek Festival and Arts & Crafts Fair on December 2nd, 3rd, and 4th off of I-95 and SR 207 next to the St. Augustine Flea Market. You may check our website: www.staugreekfestival.com for regular updates regarding the festival. We hope by moving ahead with our Annual Greek Festival, we can offer some relief and much needed diversion to our friends and neighbors as we all work together to rebuild and restore our lives together.

As always, a portion of our proceeds go to helping not-for-profit agencies, (Wildflower Clinic is the agency we will be helping this year) as well as to local outreach endeavors. In addition to our usual free admission for active duty US military and their families with ID, we will also be extending free admission to First Responders, those who have helped the community so much during this time of need. We thank you all and look forward to seeing you at the festival!

Surviving and Thriving! The St. Augustine Greek Festival...it's still just more fun!