

Greek Cultural and Food Festival Set for September

A corner of Church Street in downtown Santa Cruz will take on the look of a greek market and taverna on September 10, 11 and 12, as the members of the Greek Orthodox Community of Santa Cruz celebrate their 12th annual greek cultural and food festival.

The three day event will feature live greek music and folk dancing with dancers costumed in period clothing. An authentic greek taverna will offer visitors a unique taste of culture a world away.

The food selections will include Souvlakia (shish-ka-bob), Moussaka (eggplant and cheese) Dolmathes (meat and rices stuffed grape leaves), Tiropita and Spanakopita (cheese and spinach in puffed



pastry) and Gyros (spiced meats vertically barbecued and served on pita bread), along with many other authentic dishes.

But save room for dessert. Festival organizers are also offering Baklava, Melomakarona, Kourambietes, Karithopita and Lukoumathes.

The taverna will serve both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

Admission is \$3, with children under 12 attending without charge. The proceeds will benefit the Prophet Elias Greek Orthodox Church of Santa Cruz. The event will be open Sept. 10 (5 p.m. to 10 p.m.), Sept. 11 (11 a.m. to 10 p.m.) and Sept 12 (Noon to 8 p.m.) at 223 Church Street, Santa Cruz. □