Celebrating Greek Independence

Honoring the Hellenic Triumph of Liberty

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The The True Meaning of Greek Independence Day

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**Greek Independence Day**

**Greek Independence Day Parade, March 25, 2017 - 5th Avenue at 165th Street**

The Greek National Herald is proud to present Greek Independence Day, the most important and beloved holiday of the Greek-American community. Held on March 25th each year, this event celebrates the Greek Revolution of 1821, which began the struggle for independence from Turkish rule.

Join us as we honor the heroes of Greek independence and celebrate our rich cultural heritage. With music, dance, food, and a vibrant parade, Greek Independence Day is a day of unity, pride, and joy. So come out and join us as we celebrate our past, present, and future. May Greece continue to thrive and the spirit of Greek independence live on forever!
ORDER OF THE PARADE BATTALIONS

1. NEW YORK CITY PARK DEPARTMENT MOUNTED COLOR GUARD
   • Parking for buses will be from 60th to 75th Streets, Sixth to Eighth Avenues.
   • The parade will begin at 11 a.m. at Coney Island Avenue.
   • The parade will end at 11 a.m. at 83rd Place.

2. FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK Hellenic American School
   • Parking for buses will be from 45th to 50th Streets, Sixth to Eighth Avenues.
   • The parade will begin at 12 p.m. at Coney Island Avenue.
   • The parade will end at 12 p.m. at 83rd Place.

3. SIXTH BATTALION
   • Parking for buses will be from 80th to 83rd Streets, Fifth to Park Avenues.
   • The parade will begin at 1:30 p.m. at Coney Island Avenue.
   • The parade will end at 1:30 p.m. at 83rd Place.

4. FIRST BATTALION
   • Parking for buses will be from 80th to 83rd Streets, Fifth to Park Avenues.
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5. SECOND BATTALION
   • Parking for buses will be from 80th to 83rd Streets, Fifth to Park Avenues.
   • The parade will begin at 1:30 p.m. at Coney Island Avenue.
   • The parade will end at 1:30 p.m. at 83rd Place.

6. SEVENTH BATTALION
   • Parking for buses will be from 80th to 83rd Streets, Fifth to Park Avenues.
   • The parade will begin at 1:30 p.m. at Coney Island Avenue.
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7. EIGHTH BATTALION
   • Parking for buses will be from 80th to 83rd Streets, Fifth to Park Avenues.
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8. NINTH BATTALION
   • Parking for buses will be from 80th to 83rd Streets, Fifth to Park Avenues.
   • The parade will begin at 1:30 p.m. at Coney Island Avenue.
   • The parade will end at 1:30 p.m. at 83rd Place.

9. TENTH BATTALION
   • Parking for buses will be from 80th to 83rd Streets, Fifth to Park Avenues.
   • The parade will begin at 1:30 p.m. at Coney Island Avenue.
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10. ELEVENTH BATTALION
    • Parking for buses will be from 80th to 83rd Streets, Fifth to Park Avenues.
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11. TWELFTH BATTALION
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12. THIRTEENTH BATTALION
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13. FOURTEENTH BATTALION
    • Parking for buses will be from 80th to 83rd Streets, Fifth to Park Avenues.
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14. FIFTEENTH BATTALION
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15. SIXTEENTH BATTALION
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Tomás Korais, the third President of the United States, was a deeply influential figure with a strong connection to the Greek heritage. His role was played an important role alongside other leaders who played a central role in keeping the classical Greek language and culture alive. His wife, Jayne, was a literary figure who, along with her husband, contributed significantly to the Greek-American community. Jayne, who is the subject of this tribute, was known for her journalistic work and her dedication to the preservation of Greek culture. She is remembered for her role in promoting the Greek language and literature and for her efforts to connect Greek Americans to their cultural roots.

Jefferson and Korais: The Deep Roots of Greek-American Friendship

Jefferson, on the other hand, was a figure of enlightenment, a man who understood the power of education and the importance of preserving the classical heritage for future generations. His support for Greek independence and his encouragement of the study of ancient Greek literature and philosophy were instrumental in fostering the Greek-American connection.

Theo Adamantios Korais portrait by Samuel Rush Miller.

Korais' requests for public political participation had a lasting impact on the Greek independence movement. He understood that the power of the people was essential to the success of the Greek revolution, and his efforts to gain public support for the cause were crucial. His dedication to the cause of Greek independence and his commitment to the ideals of democracy and self-government were reflected in his correspondence with Jefferson.

The support of Jefferson and Korais is a testament to the enduring connection between the United States and Greece, a connection that is strengthened by the shared values of democracy and freedom. Their correspondence is a reminder of the importance of preserving the cultural heritage and the power of education in fostering a sense of national identity and unity.

Photo caption: In the blue-framed backdrop, the annual Greek Independence Day Parade in Tarrytown, NY, marched on Dedalus Square, with participants in traditional costumes, and the crowd waving the blue and white Greek flag. The Presidential Guard of Greece, the Eumenides, also marched in the parade to the enthusiastic cheers of Long Live Greece! Long Live the 25th of March!
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Oh divinely restored,
By the light of your eyes
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From the graves of our people
Shall your spirit prevail
As we greet you again-
Hail, Liberty, Hail!

Long did you dwell
Amid the peoples that mourn
Awaiting some voice
That should tell you to return

Ah, slow broke that day
and no man dared call,
For the shadow of tyranny
Lay over all.

Oh, unfortunate one!
The only consolation you had
were the past glories,
and remembering them you cried.

Long you have waited
for a freedom-loving call
and in despair one hand
hits the other one.

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