



Greek Festival of Sydney arrives at Westfield @ Pitt st

On Sunday 10th of March, the Greek Festival of Sydney joins forces with Sydney's God of Greek cuisine, David Tsirekas and Westfield Sydney to add a touch of Grecian flavour to Sydney's Pitt Street to mark the opening of the annual Greek Festival of Sydney, which runs from 16th March with a 2 day festival at Darling Harbour and continues through to the 28th April with a program of over 20 cultural events.

This fabulous event will bring the sights, sounds and smells of a Grecian market to the bustling shopping precinct in the centre of Sydney, complete with Greek music, dancers and selected flavours from Tsirekas' hatted

restaurant, Xanthi.

Nia Karteris, Chair of the Greek Festival of Sydney expressed her enthusiasm in working with Tsirekas and Westfield to promote the Greek Festival program. Xanthi will be hosting a couple of events included in the inaugural food component of this year's Greek Festival program.

"David has been a long-time supporter of the Greek Festival of Sydney and we are very excited about working together on a couple of great events that will showcase Xanthi and David's talents as a great chef" said Nia

Tsirekas, said the Festival would expose Sydneysiders to the richness of Greek culture,

through an incredible calendar of food and community events.

"I'm deeply passionate about my Greek heritage, and love nothing more than sharing this with people through my food and cooking. This celebration will bring the best of Greek food, culture, arts and entertainment together in Sydney's CBD in a way we haven't seen before," said Tsirekas.

Xanthi, located within the Level Six premium dining precinct at Westfield Sydney, will also host a calendar of special dining events throughout the Festival.

"We're thrilled to be able to support the Greek Festival of Sydney, David and his

fabulous restaurant Xanthi. He is such a central pillar to the Sydney Greek community, and the dining experience he creates at Xanthi. It is the finest in Greek cuisine that Australia has to offer," said Rachele Godridge Westfield Regional Manager – Central Sydney.

The Greek Festival of Sydney runs from the 16th of March to 28th April. For a full list of events, visit www.greekfestivalofsydney.com.au or contact Dimitra Lafazanous on (02)9750 0440

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Emir of Qatar purchases six Greek islands

No one, not two, not three.... The Emir of Qatar purchased a whole bunch of Greek islands. Six! They all belong to Exinades island group in the Ionian Sea. The most expensive of the six is Oxia island, for which the generous investor reportedly gave 4,900,000 euro for the purchase.

Speaking to news portal newsit.gr, the mayor of nearby Ithaki island, claimed that the Emir of Qatar wanted to buy one island for each of his 24 children and build palaces on them.

"We have just 18 islands around the area, he has 24 children, that is 6 islands are missing," mayor Ioannis Kassianos said adding that the emir was planning to have a bathroom of 250 square meters and therefore he face some problems with the urban planning authorities.

The Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, has 11 sons and 13 daughters and three wives. So I assume, he would need three more islands to spend relaxing days with each of the three wives...



Path cleared for Cyprus bailout

Eurogroup head Jeroen Dijsselbloem and European Commission Vice President Olli Rehn confirmed at a press conference after Monday's Eurogroup meeting that the eurozone finance ministers had decided to proceed with the inspection of the Cypriot credit system for signs of money laundering, but under the monitoring of the Central Bank of Cyprus.

This clears the way for an agreement on a bailout for Nicosia, expected to be ratified later this month.

Dijsselbloem also welcomed new Cyprus President Nikos Anastasiades's resolve to cooperate closely with his country's partners regarding the terms of the bailout agreement, while Rehn spoke of an acceleration in procedures toward a program that will aim at credit stability, debt sustainability and the reduction of funding requirements.