## OCEANIA CLUB Greek Easter 2014 Holy Week Traditions

### GOOD FRIDAY

On Good Friday, most shops and businesses are closed and flags are flown at half-mast in commemoration of Christ being taken down from the cross. On Friday evening, the bier of Christ is decorated with gold cloth and fresh flowers, where the faithful bow and stoop to kiss the symbolic body of Christ. After this, the bier is carried out of the church and paraded through the streets in a lengthy funeral.

After dinner you can visit and experience the traditional Good Friday service at the Church in the near by village of Dionisiou \*

Please note that due to the mourning of this day, we are not aloud to play music anywhere, thank you for your understanding.

# Good Friday (18.04.2014)

Main restaurant "Thalassa" Breakfast 07:30 - 11:00 Full American Breakfast Lunch 12:30 - 14:30 Buffet with fasting items too.

**Dinner 18:30 – 21:30** Rich buffet with fasting items too.

**Pool bar 11:00-17:00**Coffee, ouzo, wine and unlimited beer.

Main Blue Bar 09:00 – 01:00 Long drinks, cocktails or coffee at our main bar in the lobby



### HOLY SATURDAY

After breakfast at Thalassa restaurant, you can sip on a frappe at our pool bar Horizon and gaze at the view of the infinity pool with Mount Olympus in the background. For your lunch visit our main restaurant, Thalassa from 12:30 - 14:30.

As the dawn of Easter approaches, we shall have placed the traditional "Tsoureki" cake and red eggs in your room

You may have your dinner in our main restaurant prior to going to church in Dionisiou \*\*

On Holy Saturday the faithful go to church holding a large candle called "lambada" to receive the light of Christ. At exactly midnight, the priest announces the Resurrection of Christ and lights the people's candles from his blessed flame. The holy light is then carried into the homes and therefore also the blessings. The ceremonies come to a close after mass at midnight as people begin to break their fasts, savoring specially prepared dishes like "Magiritsa" soup, traditional red eggs and "Tsoureki" cake.

Close off the day by enjoying a drink at the main bar or Astra Night Club till the early morning hours.

## Holy Saturday (19.04.2014)

Main restaurant "Thalassa" Breakfast 07:30 - 11:00 Full American Breakfast.

Lunch 12:30 – 14:30 Buffet with fasting items too.

Dinner 18:30 - 21:30 Rich buffet with fasting items too. Traditional after midnight snack 24:00 - 02:00

Traditional Magiritsa soup and light buffet.

**Pool Bar 11:00-17:00**Coffee, ouzo, wine and unlimited beer.

Main Blue Bar 09:00 – 02:00 Long drinks, cocktails or coffee at our main bar in the lobby with live music from 23:00 – 01:00

Astra Night Club 24:00-02:00 Cocktails, drinks and dancing till late in the evening

#### **EASTER SUNDAY**

The first part of the day on Easter Sunday is spent preparing the big lamb feast. The Easter Sunday celebrations begin with traditional Greek "Mezedes" and Ouzo. This is a day where the celebrations and the meal begin in the morning and end in the afternoon, along with music and dancing at the grass area next to the playground from 11:00 - 12:30. The lamb is rotated on the spit until it is crispy on the outside and tender inside. The roasting will take place at the playground area and the crisp lamb will be served in Thalassa Restaurant from 12:30 - 14:30 along with a variety of other traditional Greek dishes. Lunch will be accompanied with live music from 13:00 - 15:00. Easter Sunday is the most celebrated holiday in Greece.

### **Easter Sunday (20.04.2014)**

Main restaurant "Thalassa" Breakfast 07:30 - 11:00 Full American Breakfast

Lunch 12:30 - 14:30

Full buffet with traditional items and lamb on the spit Live music from 13:00 – 15:00

**Dinner 18:30 – 21:30** Rich international buffet.

**Pool Bar 11:00 - 17:00**Coffee, ouzo, wine and unlimited beer

Olympus Bar 11:00 - 12:30

Traditional Greek "Mezedes", Ouzo, live music and dancing from 11:00 – 12:30 at the playground area thereafter only residents of Building 5. At the same time we shall have traditional dancing and music

Main Blue Bar 09:00 - 01:00

Long drinks, cocktails or coffee at our main bar in the lobby.

Astra Night Club 23:00 - 02:00

Cocktails, drinks and dancing till late in the evening

- \*A bus service with limited seating is available from 18:45 till 20:00
- \*\* A bus service with limited seating is available from 22:30 till 23:50

## 'HAPPY EASTER'