

**GREEK COMMUNITY OF NIAGARA - GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF  
ST. CATHARINES AND DISTRICT ("GCN")**

**2025 NIAGARA GREEK FESTIVAL RAFFLE  
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**ABOUT THE RAFFLE**

**When is the draw?**

EARLY BIRD DRAW: 1:00 pm on August 24, 2025

MAIN DRAW: 7:30 pm on September 1, 2025 during the Niagara Greek Festival. Greek Community of Niagara – Greek Orthodox Church of St. Catharines (585 Niagara Street, St. Catharines).

**How many raffle tickets are available?**

There are only 7,500 tickets available for purchase.

**Where do the proceeds go?**

All proceeds go to the Greek Community of Niagara – Greek Orthodox Church of St. Catharines & District. To learn more about our programs, please visit

[www.greekcommunityofniagara.com](http://www.greekcommunityofniagara.com).

**What is the Raffle Licence Number?**

M873279

**ELIGIBILITY**

**How old do you have to be to purchase a ticket?**

Participants must be at least 18 years of age. Tickets cannot be purchased in the name of a minor.

**Can someone outside of Ontario purchase a ticket?**

Raffle tickets licensed in Ontario must not be offered for sale, sold or ordered from outside of Ontario. However, while in Ontario, residents of other countries or provinces may purchase raffle tickets licensed in Ontario.

**PURCHASING TICKETS**

**Where can I purchase a ticket?**

Tickets can be purchased by calling (905)685-3028 or by visiting the office during regular business hours. Tickets will also be available for purchase during the Niagara Greek Festival (August 29 – September 1, 2025) located at 585 Niagara St, St. Catharines (corner of Niagara St. and Linwell Rd.)

**When is the deadline to purchase tickets?**

EARLY BIRD DRAW: Sales will be cut off at 12:45 pm on Sunday, August 24, 2025.

MAIN DRAW: Sales will be cut off at 7:15 pm on September 1, 2025.

**What payment options are acceptable?**

In-Person ticket purchases shall be paid by credit card, debit, or cash. Cheques must be cleared in order for tickets to be entered into the draw.

Acceptance of Cheques:

- EARLY BIRD DRAW (August 24, 2025): In order for a raffle ticket to be entered into the early bird draw, cheques must be received by August 1, 2025 and cleared by August 22.
- MAIN DRAW (September 1, 2025): Cheques will be accepted up until August 15th and cleared by August 29th.
- A fee of \$25 will be charged for any NSF cheques.

**Is my ticket tax deductible?**

No

**What happens if my payment does not go through?**

Only tickets that have been paid for and/or have been verified as paid for are eligible to be entered into the draw.

**DRAW DETAILS****Where will the draw take place?**

The draw will take place at the Greek Community of Niagara - Greek Orthodox Church of St. Catharines & District, 585 Niagara St, St. Catharines (corner of Niagara St. and Linwell Rd.).

**Can anyone attend the draw?**

Yes! Anyone wishing to attend the draw can do so. We will also be live streaming the draw on Facebook.

**How are the winning tickets drawn?**

All ticket stubs will be placed into a drum.

EARLY BIRD DRAW (August 24, 2025): The drum will be spun at least five times prior to the draw. The winning ticket will be drawn by a neutral third party that has not purchased a ticket. The winning ticket will be recorded and placed in the drum for the subsequent draws on September 1, 2025.

MAIN DRAW (September 1, 2025): The drum will be spun at least five times prior to the draw. The draw sequence will begin with the 4th Prize and work backwards until the Grand Prize is drawn. The winning tickets will be drawn by a neutral third party that has not purchased a ticket. Each winning ticket will be recorded and re-entered in the draw for all subsequent draws. The drum will be spun at least five times in between each draw.

## **PRIZES & WINNERS**

### **If I win a prize, does my ticket go back in for the other prizes?**

Yes! Each winning ticket will be recorded and re-entered in the draw for all subsequent draws.

### **Do I need my ticket to claim my prize?**

NO! All you need to do is show a photo identification.

### **How are winners notified?**

The Greek Community of Niagara will call all of the winners. The winning ticket numbers and winners will also be posted on our Niagara Greek Festival website, Facebook and Instagram.

### **How do I claim my prize?**

All prizes will be claimed at the Greek Community of Niagara located at 585 Niagara Street, St. Catharines, ON. Prizes will only be awarded to the registered ticket buyer. Prizes must be claimed within 6 months of the prize date.

### **What do I need to bring with me to claim my prize if I am a winner?**

You will need to bring a photo identification (ie. Driver's Licence, OHIP Card, Passport).

### **Do I pay taxes if I win a prize?**

Lottery winnings are considered a windfall and are not taxable in Canada.

### **Are the prizes donated?**

All of the prizes are donated by:

Early Bird Prize: \$1,000 CASH donated by the Gyros on the Lake

Grand Prize: GREEK GETAWAY donated by the Beforeifly, Air Transat, and Greek Community of Niagara

2nd Prize: LADIES DIAMOND EARRINGS donated by the Karat Jewellers

3rd Prize: \$2,000 TRAVEL VOUCHER donated by George's Greek Village

4th Prize: \$500 CASH + \$500 JOE FETA'S GIFT CARDS donated by Joe Feta's Greek Village.

## **PRIVACY**

### **Will my name be publicized if I am a winner?**

In accordance with the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) regulations, winner information must be collected and provided to the AGCO, including ticket number, full name and contact information.

Winner information (Name only) will also be published in newspaper and posted on the website and social media. By claiming a prize, winner consents to the use of their photograph, first and last name, ticket number, city/town of residence and the audio/video recording (or written transcription) of the winner notification telephone call, for any publicity purposes by the Greek Community of Niagara.

**MORE QUESTIONS? Please call 1-905-685-3028 or email us at [office@greekcommunityofniagara.com](mailto:office@greekcommunityofniagara.com).**