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## **THE NATIONAL HELLENIC MUSEUM CELEBRATES GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY WITH FAMILY- FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES MARCH 23**

*In Observance of Greek Independence Day, Community Members of All Ages May  
Dance, Craft and Celebrate Together*

**CHICAGO (March 2019)** – Home to the largest collection of Greek American artifacts in the world, the **National Hellenic Museum (NHM)**, 333 South Halsted Street, is celebrating Greek Independence Day with its annual [Family Celebration](#) on Saturday, March 23 from 2 – 4 p.m. Guests of all ages are welcome to join the museum staff and community members with Greek Independence Day themed crafts, music and complimentary refreshments. The event is free to the public with general museum admission and no registration is required.

The National Hellenic Museum is proud to commemorate the Greek War of Independence and the long tradition of freedom that originated in ancient Greece and has become the birthright of every human being. Like those nearly 200 years ago, the NHM team recognizes the Greek struggle for independence as an example of the very best of the Hellenic tradition: a love of liberty, a hatred of tyranny and a spirit of independence, celebrating not only the birth of a new nation, but the continuation of an old tradition.

The National Hellenic Museum, which opened the doors of its current location on Halsted Street in 2011, boasts three floors of galleries exploring ancient and modern themes and provides multi-use spaces to host tours, public programs, and private events. The NHM has a rich

repository of 20,000+ artifacts, photos, historic newspapers, books and an archive of 450+ recorded histories. The NHM Collections & Archives serve as a central repository of Greek American history, now many generations strong. The Museum celebrates the mosaic of the Greek diaspora, immigrant journeys, and the breadth of the American experience.

The National Hellenic Museum is open to all ages with admission as follows: adults \$10, seniors \$8, students \$8, and children 3 to 12 years are \$7. Children under 3 years of age and members receive free admission. NHM is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is closed on Mondays.

For information on the National Hellenic Museum and the Greek Independence Day Family Celebration, please visit [www.nationalhellenicmuseum.org](http://www.nationalhellenicmuseum.org).

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### **About the National Hellenic Museum**

The National Hellenic Museum (NHM) portrays and celebrates Greek history, culture and the impact of Hellenism in America through educational classes, exhibits and programs. With a growing repository of over 20,000 artifacts, the Museum catalogs and highlights the contributions of Greeks and Greek Americans to the American mosaic and inspires curiosity about visitors' own family journeys through cultural expression, oral history and experiential education. Located in Chicago's Greektown, the NHM provides lifelong learning for the whole community using artifacts and stories to spark inquiry and discussion about the broader issues in our lives.

For more information, visit <http://www.nationalhellenicmuseum.org> or call 312-655-1234. Follow NHM on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).