

Summer Festival Proposal
July 4-6, 2025

in Orland Park





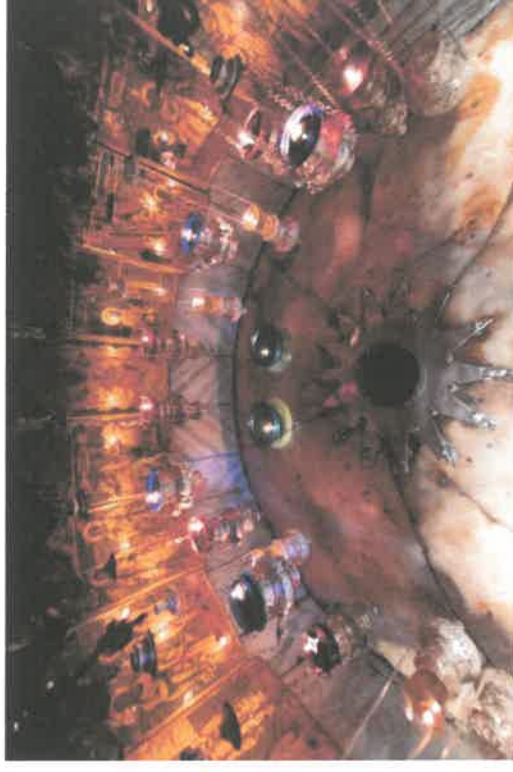
Who We Are

Our Lady of the Holy Land Community serves Catholic families originally from the Holy Land

**the birthplace of Christianity,
including those born in Jordan near
the Jordan River and Mount Nebo**



Our Christian Arab culture is distinct: it is rooted in the Gospel, born in the streets of Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Nazareth, and shaped by centuries of peaceful coexistence with peoples of many faiths and backgrounds



- Our heritage carries a spirit of resilience, dialogue, and respect for diversity, values that we believe are essential for building stronger, united communities here in America.
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- Our mission is to nurture faith, serve families, and contribute positively to our new home communities.



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Why We Are Organizing This Festival



Celebrate as proud
U.S. citizens who are
the successors of the
first Church.

Promote our noble
goals and traditions.

Share our heritage
and faith as Arab
Christians.

Build bridges of
friendship and
cultural
understanding.

Celebrate the values
of freedom, family,
and community.

Strengthen the sense
of belonging for our
youth and families

Express our gratitude to the United States for the opportunities and
freedoms we enjoy.

Why We Chose Orland Park



- **Orland Park embodies strong family values, community spirit, and opportunity.**
- **Many of our families live, work, and worship in and around Orland Park.**
- **We feel welcomed here and want to contribute to this vibrant community.**
- **Hosting our first festival on July 4th in Orland Park symbolizes our gratitude and commitment to our American home.**



Festival Open to All

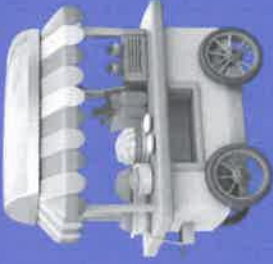
- The festival warmly welcomes families and individuals of all backgrounds, faiths, and cultures.
- We aim to create a joyful, inclusive, and family-friendly environment where everyone feels at home.
- Our festival is not only a celebration of our roots, but a bridge to new friendships.
- As Christian Arabs from the Holy Land, we have lived side by side with many cultures, traditions, and religions. We bring with us a deep respect for diversity and a sincere desire to contribute to the rich cultural tapestry of Orland Park.
- We believe that sharing our faith, food, music, and joy will help foster understanding and unity across all backgrounds.

Festival Activities



Bouncy
houses and
children's
play areas

Cultural
performances,
music, and
games



Food booths
featuring
Mediterranean
and American
favorites

Live music and
entertainment
for all ages



Celebrations
of faith,
culture, and
community

Food and Vendors

- Mediterranean seafood and traditional foods provided by **AlBawadi Restaurant**, a licensed local restaurant.
- All food vendors will be properly licensed and insured.



Alcohol Service

- Beer and wine service managed by experienced, licensed individuals.
- Beer served in closed bottles or cans.
- Wine served in glasses.
- Alcohol consumption restricted to within fenced festival grounds.
- Strict ID checks and responsible serving practices enforced.



Security and Safety

- Professional, licensed security staff on-site at all times: during setup, during the festival, and during takedown.
- Temporary security fencing enclosing the entire festival area.
- Controlled entrances and exits.
- No public access from 143rd Street; all traffic through John Humphrey Drive.
- Additional supervision by trained youth volunteers and adult community ushers.



Respect for Neighbors

- Noise kept within Village-approved guidelines.
- Organized parking and traffic flow.
- Full cleanup immediately after the event to restore property to original condition..



Our Goal



- **Celebrate faith, family, and freedom together.**
- **Introduce Our Lady of the Holy Land Community to Orland Park.**
- **Build bridges of understanding and friendship.**
- **Strengthen our youth's connection to American values.**
- **Contribute positively to Orland Park's community life.**



Our Request



- We kindly and respectfully ask for the Village of Orland Park's support and approval to host our festival.
- We are committed to full cooperation with the Village to ensure a safe, respectful, and successful event.
- We are deeply grateful for your time, your leadership, and your consideration.



**We look forward to celebrating together
faith, family, freedom, and community!**



THANK YOU!