

XANTHI 2025

30.08 - 06.09

OLD TOWN FESTIVAL OF XANTHI



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Guided Tour of the Traditional Settlement

Throughout the Festivities, organized daily guided tours will take place in the Old Town, accompanied by licensed tour guides. The tours will be conducted in small groups, with different routes and times. Each tour will last approximately 90 minutes and is free of charge. You can schedule your preferred day and time by scanning the corresponding codes.

Route 1

Starting point: **Dimokratias Square.**

Dates:	Times:
Sat 30.08.2025	10:00-11:30 & 18:30-20:00
Sun 31.08.2025	10:00-11:30 & 18:30-20:00
Mon 01.09.2025	18:30-20:00
Tue 02.09.2025	18:30-20:00
Wed 03.09.2025	18:30-20:00
Thur 04.09.2025	18:30-20:00
Fri 05.09.2025	18:30-20:00
Sat 06.09.2025	10:00-11:30 & 18:30-20:00
Sun 07.09.2025	10:00-11:30 & 18:30-20:00



Route 2

Starting point: **Samakov Bridge, in front of the Limnio Theme Park.**

Dates:	Times:
Sat 30.08.2025	10:30-12:00 & 19:00-20:30
Sun 31.08.2025	10:30-12:00 & 19:00-20:30
Mon 01.09.2025	19:00-20:30
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Saturday, August 30th

20:30 *Main Stage, Mitropoleos Square*

Official Opening of the Old Town Festival by the Mayor of Xanthi, Efstratios A. Kontos.

20:45 *Main Stage, Mitropoleos Square*

**Concert: Stamatis Kraounakis
“The Festingales of Summer”**



19:00

Old Town Hall Courtyard, Mavromichali 6, Old Town Association for the Protection and Revival of the Old Town of Xanthi Children's Theater Workshop (open to children of all ages).

19:00

Folklore and Historical Museum of Xanthi – Hammam Courtyard
Presentation and Game: “Confetti War” by Nikos Tongialidis.

19:30 *Corner of Vasilissis Konstantinou & Venizelou Streets (and throughout the Festival)* **«Sweets on the street»**

21:00

Sarakatsani Association's Lodge “O Lepeniotis”, Vasilissis Sofias St.
Lively traditional Sarakatsani feast

21:00

Lodge of Pontian Dancers Association of Xanthi “Trantellenes”, Limnio park **Traditional Pontian Fest**

21:00

Pontian Association of Xanthi Lodge, Lefkos Pyrgos & Hasirtzoglou Parking Area

Pontian Fest with the traditional music group #Proti Yli.

21:00

Lodge of the Vistones Cultural Club, (Matsini square)

Love in the Interwar Period: A Rebetiko Fest with the Platanos Ensemble.

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21:00 *FEX House of Culture*

Tango Milonga Fest – «El Barrio Antiguo»



Sunday, August 31st

20:30

Main Stage, Mitropoleos Square

Concert: Stelios Dionysiou



19:00

Old Town Hall Courtyard, Mavromichali 6, Old Town

**Association for the Protection and Revival of the
Old Town of XanthiChildren's Theater Workshop**
(open to children of all ages).

19:00

Folklore and Historical Museum of Xanthi – Hammam Courtyard

**Interactive Children's Book Event: «My Lucky Day»
by Chrysoula Karolidou, published by Siel.**



20:30

*Youth Stage (Neaniki Skini), Vasilissis
Sofias & Ydras Streets*

Concert: Rous

21:00

*Lodge of Pontian Dancers Association of Xanthi "Trantellenes", Limnio
park* **Traditional Pontian Fest**

21:00

Sarakatsani Association's Lodge "O Lepeniotis", Vasilissis Sofias St.
Lively traditional Sarakatsani feast.

21:00

Atlas Selinos Xanthi Association's Lodge, Limnio Park

Live music with a traditional and folk program by the band Bandirdi

21:00

Cyprus Association of Xanthi's Lodge, Ydras 4 (next to the Fire Department) Come taste Cypriot sheftalies, sample traditional Cypriot drinks, and dance to Cypriot music!

21:00 *FEX House of Culture*

Latin party

21:00 *Xanthi Evros Greeks Association, Limnio park.*

Traditional feast with the orchestra of Giorgos Symeonidis

21:00

Lodge of the Vistones Cultural Club, (Matsini square)

Love in the Interwar Period: A Rebetiko Fest with the Platanos Ensemble.

21:00

Pontian Association of Xanthi Lodge, Lefkos Pyrgos & Hasirtzoglou Parking Area

Pontian Fest with the renowned singer Stathis Nikolaidis.



Monday, September 1st

20:30 *Main Stage, Mitropoleos Square*

Concert: "Anemi"

Organized by: Region of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace.



18:30 *Limnio Theme Park*

Children's event: "Storytelling for young and old..."

Organization & Curation: ITTP, "ParamythoThrakes"

18:30 *Limnio Theme Park*

Σύλλογος Γυναικών Ν. Ξάνθης

Women's Association of Xanthi, Children's event:

"The Little Cloud and the Child from Gaza."

19:00

Old Town Hall Courtyard, Mavromichali 6, Old Town

Concert by the Polyphonic Ensemble of the Lyceum Club of Greek Women of Xanthi: "Birds Do Not Deceive Us"



19:00

Cultural Association Kaveiroi Venue, Mitropoleos Square.

Creative activities for children aged 4 to 7 by teachers from the private kindergarten "Zougla."



19:30

Youth Stage (Neaniki Skini), Vasilissis Sofias & Ydras Streets

Concert: "Music Workshop"

20:00

Old Town Hall, Mavromichali 6, Old Town

Association for the Protection and Revival of the Old Town of Xanthi. Lecture by Penelope Kampaki Vougioukli, Emeritus Professor of Linguistics, Democritus University of Thrace, titled: "Giorgos Gounaropoulos: from the primordial Sozopoli to the magic of dreamlike painting."

20:00 *Summer Municipal Amphitheater Social Center "Stavros Chaliouris"* **Theatrical performance: "The World is Changing" by Dimitris Bouzaras, directed by theater specialist Vasilis Avgeas.**

21:00

Lodge of Pontian Dancers Association of Xanthi "Trantellenes", Limnio park

Traditional Fest

21:00

Sarakatsani Association's Lodge "O Lepeniotis", Vasilissis Sofias St.

Lively traditional Sarakatsani feast.

21:00

Atlas Selinos Xanthi Association's Lodge, Limnio Park

Live music with a traditional and folk program by the band Bandirdi

21:00

Pontian Association of Xanthi Lodge (Lefkos Pyrgos & Hasirtzoglou Parking)

Pontian Fest with the unique Giorgos Ioannidis

21:00

Cyprus Association of Xanthi's Lodge, Ydras 4 (next to the Fire Department)

Come taste Cypriot sheftalies, sample traditional Cypriot drinks, and dance to Cypriot music!

21:00

Xanthi Evros Greeks Association, Limnio park

Preparation and sale of traditional dishes accompanied by folk music by the ensemble "Akritikos Ichos."

21:00 *ΣLodge of the Vistones Cultural Club, (Matsini square)*

Love in the Interwar Period: Rebetiko fest with the Platanos Ensemble

Tuesday, September 2nd

20:30 *Central Stage – Mitropoleos Square*

"Folklore Fest"

The guest dances and the dance groups of the folk clubs of our city will dance dances from various regions of Greece.



The bands are accompanied musically by "Banda Tetoia"

11:00 – 14:00

Old Town Hall of Xanthi, 6 Mavromichali Street, Old Town

"Express Yourself, Share Without Limits"

Experiential dance-movement workshop by the Equal Access Unit of Democritus University of Thrace.

18:00 *Thematic Park Limnio*

Creative activities and workshops for children

The Municipality of Xanthi and Happy Elephant have prepared an interactive workshop for children, including activities in pastry making, recycling, and crafts.



18:30 *Courtyard of the Church of St. Vlasios, opposite the Hadjidakis house*

Children's event «Neighborhood Games»

(for children aged 7-12)

19:00 *Old Town Hall of Xanthi, 6 Mavromichali Street, Old Town Association for the Protection and Revival of Old Xanthi*
Lecture titled “Events in Antika Square (Balouk Bazaar) in 1909” by the well-known local dentist, Nikos Iosifidis.

19:00 *Thematic Park Limnio*

Creative activities and workshops for children: “Little Artists... in Action”

Children aged 4–7 and 8–12 will have the opportunity to engage in group creativity and visual arts expression.



19:30

Youth Stage – Vasilissis Sofias & Ydras
Concert by the music school “Melodeo – Kostas Kourtidis.”

21:00

Lodge of Pontian Dancers Association of Xanthi “Trantellenes”, Limnio park
Traditional Fest

21:00

Sarakatsani Association's Lodge “O Lepeniotis”, Vasilissis Sofias St.
Lively traditional Sarakatsani feast. Singing by Chara Verra, Panagiotis Outos.

21:00

Pontian Association of Xanthi Lodge (Lefkos Pyrgos & Hasirtzoglou Parking)

Pontic fest with the unique Alexis Parcharidis and Giorgos Sofianidis.

21:00 *Atlas Selinos Xanthi Association's Lodge, Limnio Park*

Live music with a traditional and folk program by the band Bandirdi.

21:00

Cyprus Association of Xanthi's Lodge, Ydras 4 (next to the Fire Department)

Come taste Cypriot sheftalies, sample traditional Cypriot drinks, and dance to Cypriot music!

21:00

Xanthi Evros Greeks Association, Limnio park

Preparation and sale of delicacies accompanied by traditional music with the ensemble of Nikos Zapartas

21:00

Lodge of the Vistones Cultural Club, (Matsini square)

Love in the Interwar Period: Rebetiko fest with the Platanos Ensemble.

21:30 *Lodge of the Cultural Association "Vatrachoi," Pindarou 1*

Live performance by Boukovinoi

22:00

Lodge of the Cretan Brotherhood of Xanthi (Mitropoleos Square)

Traditional celebration with live Cretan music

22:30

Lodge of the Cultural Association "Kaveiroi," Mitropoleos Square.

Presentation of modern dances by the dance studio Adithesis

Wednesday, September 3rd

20:30 *Central Stage – Mitropoleos Square*

Concert: "Eleni and Souzana Vougioukli."

Organization: Region of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace.



18:00

Old Town Hall of Xanthi, courtyard, 6 Mavromichali Street, Old Town.

Cultural Association of Xanthi Students «The Bridge»

Workshop: Magazine Creation



18:00 *Thematic Park Limnio*

Creative activities and workshops for children

The Municipality of Xanthi and Happy Elephant prepared an interactive workshop, in an environment made especially for children.

18:30 *Thematic Park Limnio*

Women's Association of N. Xanthi

Children's event: "The Magical World of Soap Bubbles."

19:00 *Old Town Hall of Xanthi, Mavromichali 6, Old Town*

Association for the Protection and Revival of Old Xanthi

"Manos and Mikis wander through the Old Town"

Thanasis Mousopoulos guides visitors of old Xanthi accompanied by poetry and music of Manos Hadjidakis and Mikis Theodorakis, who are celebrating this year the hundredth anniversary of their birth.

19:00 *Thematic Park Limnio*

"Robotics Activities" (for children aged 5-18)

The Robotics Workshop "RoboSpecialists" of the ITTP invites children aged 5-18 to see up close the robotics exhibits created by its students.

19:00

Folklore and Historical Museum of Xanthi, in the Hammam courtyard

Children's event "Tell Me About You"

Student Writing Groups – Bookbinding Program

19:30 *Youth Stage – Vasilissis Sofias & Hydras*

Concert with «Mousades Music School»

20:30 *Lyceum Club of Greek Women of Xanthi, Agiou Georgiou 1 (Courtyard)*

Shadow theater performance:

"Sometimes Even Words Take Root"

21:00

Lodge of the Cultural Association of Cretan Dancers of Xanthi

"Aposperites", 4 Ydras Street, next to the Fire Department

Cretan celebration with live music by

Giorgos Sfakianakis' band.

21:00

Sarakatsani Association's Lodge "O Lepeniotis", Vasilissis Sofias St.

Lively traditional Sarakatsani feast. song by Giota Griva, Kostas Baniotis, clarinet by Zisis Tsolakidis.

21:00 *Atlas Selinos Xanthi Association's Lodge, Limnio Park*

Live music with a traditional and folk program by the band Bandirdi.

21:00

Pontian Association of Xanthi Lodge (Lefkos Pyrgos & Hasirtzoglou Parking)

Pontian fest with the sweet-voiced Kostas Theodosiadis.

21:00

Lodge of the Kimmeria Cultural Association "O Amferaos", at the corner of Silivias & Orfeos Streets

Live Rebetiko fest with the band "Fer' eipein".

21:00 *Xanthi Evros Greeks Association, Limnio park.*

Preparation and sale of delicacies accompanied by traditional music with the ensemble of Nikos Zapartas.

21:00

Lodge of Pontian Dancers Association of Xanthi "Trantellenes", Limnio park

Traditional Fest



21:00 *Lodge of the Vistones Cultural Club, (Matsini square)*

Love in the Interwar Period: Rebetiko fest with the Platanos Ensemble.

21:30 *Lodge of the Cultural Association "Vatrachoi", 1 Pindarou Street.*

Live DJ Set with Retro & Flou

22:30

Lodge of the Cultural Association "Kaveiroi", Mitropoleos Square.

Presentation - First Aid Information Session by the Hellenic Red Cross.

Thursday, September 4th

20:30 *Main Stage – Mitropoleos Square*

Concert

“Giorgos and Nikos Stratakis”



18:00 *Limnio Thematic Park*

Creative activities and workshops for children

The Municipality of Xanthi and Happy Elephant have prepared an interactive workshop in an environment specially designed for children.



18:30 *Lyceum Club of Greek Women of Xanthi, 1 Agiou Georgiou Street (Courtyard)*

Workshop for children “Handicrafts”

19:00 *Old Town Hall of Xanthi, Mavromichali 6, Old Town.*

Event – Open discussion: «Without production, neither threshing floors nor salons are built.»

Association for the Protection and Revival of Old Xanthi in collaboration with PASTALI AMKE.

19:00 *Limnio Thematic Park*

Creative activities and workshops for children “Open dance lesson...” The Contemporary-Modern Dance Workshop of ITTP invites you to an open class filled with lots of play and dance, featuring children from 4 years old.

19:30 *Central Square Amphitheater*

**Music and dance event by the Social Center
“Stavros Chalioris”**

20:30

Bahamas Café, open-air area, 18 M. Karaoli Street.

Cultural Association of Students of Xanthi «The Bridge»

**An evening of monologues by members of the
theater group.**

21:00 *FEX Cultural Center*

**Traditional night – dance workshop with the group
“Banda Tetoia”**

21:00

Sarakatsani Association’s Lodge “O Lepeniotis”, Vasilissis Sofias St.

**Lively traditional Sarakatsani feast. Singing by
Giannis Kapsalis.**



21:00 *Atlas Selinos Xanthi Association’s Lodge, Limnio Park*

**Live music with a traditional and folk program by
the band Bandirdi.**

21:00 *Lodge of Pontian Dancers Association of Xanthi “Trantellenes”,
Limnio park*

Traditional Fest

21:00 *Pontian Association of Xanthi Lodge (Lefkos Pyrgos & Hasirtzoglou Parking)*

Pontian fest with Panagiotis Theodoridis.

21:00 *Lodge of the Cultural Association of Cretan Dancers of Xanthi
“Aposperites,” Hydras 4, next to the Fire Department.*

**Cretan fest with musical accompaniment by the
ensemble of Panagiotis Chatzoglou and Myron
Fragkiadakis.**

21:00 *Xanthi Evros Greeks Association, Limnio park.*

**Preparation and sale of delicacies accompanied
by traditional music with the ensemble of Alexan-
dros Kokkalidis.**

21:00 *Lodge of the Vistones Cultural Club, (Matsini square)*

**Love in the Interwar Period: Rebetiko fest with the
Platanos Ensemble.**

21:30 *Lodge of the Cultural Association Vatrachoi, Pindarou 1*
Concert with Décho

Friday, September 5th

20:30 *Main Stage - Mitropoleos Square*

Concert

**«Dimitris Zervoudakis
and Melina Kana»**

With special guest Nikos Christidis



16:00 *Old Town Hall of Xanthi, Mavromichali 6, Old Town*
**8th Blitz Chess Tournament in collaboration with
the Xanthi Chess Academy “Demokritos”**

18:30 *Lyceum Club of Greek Women Xanthi, Agiou Georgiou 1, Court-
yard.*

Musical-theatrical Games: “Tradition Meets Theatre”

19:00 *Thematic Park Limnio*

**Creative activities and workshops for children
“Let’s create with clay!”**

Open Ceramic Workshop by ITTP for parents and children.

19:30 *Youth Stage – Vasilissis Sofias and Hydras*

Concert featuring “Art Lab”

20:30 *Thematic Park Limnio*

Shadow Theatre Performance by the troupe “The Tales of Karagiozis” “Alexander the Great and the Riddles of Vezyropoula.”

Organized by the Municipality of Xanthi, free admission.



21:00 *FEX House of Culture*

Traditional evening - Dance Workshop “The Bronzes of Goumenissa”

21:00 *Sarakatsani Association’s Lodge “O Lepeniotis”, Vasilissis Sofias St.*

Lively traditional Sarakatsani feast. Singing by Gogo Tsamba Kostas Zlatinis.

21:00 *Atlas Selinos Xanthi Association’s Lodge, Limnio Park*

Live music with a traditional and folk program by the band Bandirdi.

21:00

Pontian Association of Xanthi Lodge (Lefkos Pyrgos & Hasirtzoglou Parking)

Pontian fest with Giorgos Siamlidis.

21:00

Lodge of the Cultural Association of Cretan Dancers of Xanthi “Aposperites,” Hydras 4, next to the Fire Department.

Cretan fest with musical accompaniment by the ensemble of Panagiotis Chatzoglou and Myron Fragkiadakis.

21:00 *Xanthi Evros Greeks Association, Limnio park.*

Preparation and sale of traditional dishes accompanied by folk music by Alexandros Kokkalidis and his ensemble.

21:00

Lodge of Pontian Dancers Association of Xanthi “Trantellenes”, Limnio park

Traditional Fest

21:00 *Lodge of the Vistones Cultural Club, (Matsini square)*

Love in the Interwar Period: Rebetiko fest with the Platanos Ensemble.

21:30 *Vatrachoi Cultural Lodge, 1 Pindarou Street*

“Kitsarela Party” – the party we all loved!

Saturday, September 6th

20:30

Main Stage – Mitropoleos Square

Concert Alkinoos Ioannidis



15:30 *Old Town Hall of Xanthi, Mavromichali 6, Old Town.*

8th Rapid Chess Tournament in collaboration with the Xanthi Chess Academy “Democritus”.

18:30 *Lyceum of Greek Women of Xanthi, Aghios Georgios 1 (Courtyard)*
Musical Theatre Games. “Game Songs - Dance Songs”

19:00

Folklore and Historical Museum of Xanthi, in the courtyard with the hammams

**Theatrical narration “Crazy Circus”
N. Leivadiotis & R. Kambouraki.**



21:00 *FEX Cultural Center*

Traditional fest – Dance Workshop

21:00 *Lodge of the Cultural Association of Cretan Dancers of Xanthi “Aposperites,” Hydras 4, next to the Fire Department.*

Cretan fest with musical accompaniment by the ensemble of Panagiotis Chatzoglou and Myron Fragkiadakakis.

21:00

*Lodge of Pontian Dancers Association of Xanthi “Trantellenes”,
Limnio park*

Traditional fest

21:00

Sarakatsani Association’s Lodge “O Lepeniotis”, Vasilissis Sofias St.

**Lively traditional Sarakatsani feast. Singing
by Efi Thodi, Yannis Miggos.**

21:00 *Atlas Selinos Xanthi Association’s Lodge, Limnio Park*

**Live music with a traditional and folk program
by the band Bandirdi.**



21:00

*Pontian Association of Xanthi Lodge (Lefkos Pyrgos & Hasirtzoglou
Parking)*

**Pontian fest with Stathis Porfyridis on the lyra and
vocals.**

21:00 *Xanthi Evros Greeks Association, Limnio park.*

Traditional feast with the orchestra of Giorgos Symeonidis

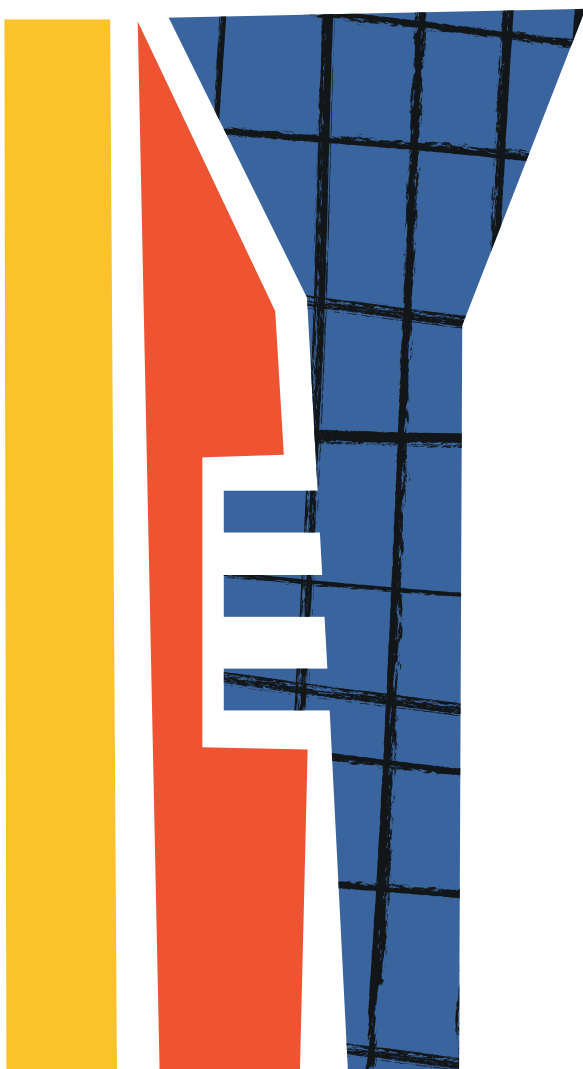
21:00 *Lodge of the Vistones Cultural Club, (Matsini square)*

Love in the Interwar Period: Rebetiko fest with the Platanos Ensemble.

Sunday, September 7th

10:00 *Old Town Hall of Xanthi (Mavromichali 5, old town)*

8th Rapid Chess Tournament in collaboration with the Xanthi Chess Academy 'Demokritos'.



Exhibitions – Visual Arts

Municipal Art Gallery of Xanthi «Christos Pavlidis», Orfeos and Pindarou.

From Saturday, August 30 and throughout the festival period (10:00 – 14:30 and 18:00 – 23:00)

Exhibitions of iconography, painting, pyrography, handicrafts, jewelry.

Old Town Hall of Xanthi, Mavromichali 6

From Saturday, August 30 and throughout the festival period (10:00 – 14:30 and 18:00 – 23:00)

Exhibitions of sculpture and painting

Photographic exhibition by the Ephorate of Antiquities of Xanthi (Ministry of Culture)

Lyceum Club of Greek Women of Xanthi, ground floor, Agiou Georgiou

From Friday, August 29 and throughout the festival period (19:00 – 21:30), exhibition by Zafeiroula Pittaki titled «The yesterday of my soul in the echo of today»

Lyceum Club of Greek Women of Xanthi, 1st floor, 1 Agiou Georgiou Street

From Saturday, August 30 and throughout the festival (19:00 - 21:30), «Exhibition of Traditional Costumes»

Dance Club of Xanthi Hall (above the Municipal Parking)

From Saturday, August 30 and throughout the festival (18:30 – 21:30), photography exhibition «Babinden» – The Celebration of the Midwife in Petroussa, Drama.

Folklore and Historical Museum of Xanthi

From Saturday, August 30 and throughout the festival (starting at 19:00), exhibition «Memories» (contemporary jewelry).

Art and Thought Cultural Center “Manos Hadjidakis House”, Venizelou 15

From Saturday, August 30 and throughout the festival, 19:30 – 21:30, exhibition «The Return» by the Brotherhood of Epirotes of Xanthi.

Pedestrian street, Dagli Street

Friday, September 5 and Saturday, September 6

Artistic group «Apodrasi», photography exhibition «City of Dreams of Music Schools».

Cultural Development Center of Thrace (PAKETHRA), Matsini 13

*From Saturday, August 30 and throughout the festival, 19:30 – 22:00
Exhibition with the theme: Paschidis Family, 50 years in printing.*







Medical coverage

The Volunteer Corps of Samaritans, Rescuers, and Lifeguards of Xanthi of the Hellenic Red Cross, along with the Rescue and Humanitarian Crisis Management Team, will provide medical coverage for the Old Town Festival 2025.



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