Much of Greek cooking employs a truly Greek ingredient, Filo Pastry Leaves. These exceptionally thin sheets of pastry dough are used to make all sorts of casserole dishes, appetizers and desserts. Purchased in the frozen food section of the grocery, allowed to thaw, and unrolled, they should be covered with a damp towel while working with the flaky sheets. Our recipe today lines a casserole with sheets of filo with melted butter brushed on each sheet as they are assembled. The casserole is then filled with a savory filling of chicken, aromatic vegetables and pine nuts. The top is then covered with more sheets of buttered filo. When baked the dough becomes very crispy and reminds one of the French puff pastry dough.

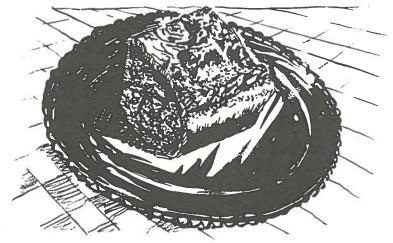
Our Greek chicken pie is accompanied by cauliflower and ham sauced with a bechamel sauce with a Greek flair and a cucumber salad with a definite Greek taste of Tsatziki sauce made with yogurt.

TSATZIKI

CUCUMBER SALAD

| 2 cups | Plain yogurt |
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| 2 | Green onions, chopped |
| 1 tsp | Mint, chopped |
| - | Salt and pepper |
| l4 tsp | Dill weed |
| 2 cloves | Garlic, crushed |
| 4 | Cucumbers, peeled and |
| | thinly sliced |
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- Blend together the yogurt, green onions and mint.
- Salt and pepper.
- Add the dill weed and garlic.
- Add the cucumbers and toss to coat.
- Chill for one or more hours.



KOTOPITA

CHICKEN IN FILO

| 4 lbs | Chicken parts,skin removed and deboned | Saute chicken in butter covered for fifteen minutes. |
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| ½ cup | Butter | Remove chicken and chop finely. |
| 2 tbs | Additional butter | • Set aside. |
| 1 large | Onion, chopped | Add additional butter to skillet. |
| ½ cup | Leek, chopped | Saute onions, leek, celery, garlic, |
| 1 stalk | Celery, chopped | parsley and pine nuts until onions |
| 1 clove | Garlic, crushed | are transparent. |
| 2 tbs | Parsley | • Remove and set aside. |
| 2 tbs | Pine nuts | Add additional butter. |
| 4 tbs | Additional butter | Blend in flour and cook two minutes. |
| 3 tbs | Flour | • Stir in stock. |
| 2½ cups | Chicken stock | • Stir until sauce thickens. |
| ½ cup | Cream | • Remove from heat. |
| 4 | Eggs | Add cream, eggs, nutmeg, dill, reserved |
| ¼ tsp | Nutmeg | chicken and vegetables and wine. |
| ½ tsp | Dill weed | • Salt and pepper. |
| 2 tbs | White wine | • Butter a 12 x 9 inch baking dish. |
| | Salt and pepper | • Line it with six sheets of filo, |
| 1 pkg | Filo dough | brushing each with butter. |
| | Additional butter for filo, | Pour filling over filo. |
| | melted | Top with another six sheets of file as above |
| | | Bake at 350 degrees for fifty minutes. |
| | | Remove from the oven and let rest for |
| | | fifteen minutes. |

KOUNOUPIDI ME ZABON

CAULIFLOWER WITH HAM

| 1 large | Cauliflower | • Cut cauliflower |
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| ½ lb | Ham, chopped | Blanch in salted |
| 4 tbs | Parsley, chopped | about ten min |
| 4 tbs | Flour | Drain and place |
| 4 tbs | Butter | Spread ham and |
| 2 cups | Milk | flower. |
| - | Salt and pepper | Cook flour in but |
| 1 | Egg yolk | lightly. |
| | | Add milk, salt a |
| | | • Stir until sauce |
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- into small florets.
- d water until tender, nutes.

• Cut into square portions and serve.

- e on a platter.
- d parsley over the cauli-
- outter and let brown
- and pepper.
- thickens.
- Remove from heat.
- Beat the egg yolk and slowly add to the sauce.
- Pour over the ham and cauliflower.