GREEK · LUNCH · DINNER

Avgolemono (Greek Lemon Chicken and Rice Soup)

35 min · Serves 6 · 256 kcal a serve · Video 5:34 · The Mediterranean Dish

Gluten-free ingredients · Dairy-free · Nut-free

Lean shredded chicken and egg give about 17 g of protein a serve in a light, lemony broth thickened with egg rather than cream, with only 1 tbsp of olive oil in the whole pot.

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Ingredients

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- [ ] 1 tbsp extra **virgin olive oil**
- [ ] ½–1 cup finely chopped **carrots** (about ¾ cup)
- [ ] ½–1 cup finely chopped **celery** (about ¾ cup)
- [ ] ½–1 cup finely chopped **green onions**, white and green parts (about ¾ cup)
- [ ] 2 **garlic** cloves, finely chopped
- [ ] 8 cups **low-sodium chicken broth**
- [ ] 2 **bay leaves** (removed before serving)
- [ ] 1 cup **rice**, rinsed
- [ ] **salt**, to taste (about 1 tsp)
- [ ] **black pepper**, to taste
- [ ] 2 cooked **boneless chicken breasts**, shredded (6–8 oz rotisserie chicken works)
- [ ] ½ cup **freshly squeezed lemon juice**
- [ ] 2 large **eggs**
- [ ] **fresh parsley** (about 1 tbsp), to garnish (optional)

Contains: Egg. Check labels on stock, sauces and spice mixes.

Method

TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Heat the olive oil in a large heavy pot over medium-high heat and briefly sauté the carrots, celery and green onions until they start to sweat, then add the garlic. 1:13
2. Pour in the chicken broth, add the bay leaves and bring to a rolling boil. 2:01
3. Add the rinsed rice with a little salt and pepper, lower the heat to medium-low and simmer for about 20 minutes until the rice is tender. Stir in the shredded chicken. 2:23
4. Whisk the eggs with the lemon juice in a bowl. Still whisking, slowly add about 2 ladles of hot broth to temper the eggs. 3:26
5. Stir the egg-lemon mixture into the soup and take the pot off the heat straight away so the eggs don't scramble. Remove the bay leaves, garnish with parsley and serve hot. 4:23

> **Tip** A good way to use leftover rotisserie chicken. Serve with crusty bread. Reheat gently without boiling so the egg doesn't split. Orzo can replace the rice.

The method is a summary in our words — the video shows every step.

One serve gives you

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ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
256 kcal	17 g	34 g	1.5 g	6 g	1,260 mg
1,070 kJ	34% of a day	32 g net · 3.3 g sugars	5% of a day	1.3 g saturated	55% of a day
		12% of a day		8% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 51% · protein 27% · fat 22%

High in (20%+ of a day) Selenium 41% · Vitamin K 37%

Source of (10–19%) Vitamin A 19% · Vitamin B6 19% · Vitamin C 14% · Vitamin B12 12% · Magnesium 10% · Zinc 10%

⚠ One serve has about 55% of a day's sodium — less salt, stock or sauce (or reduced-salt versions) brings it down.

Recipe and video: The Mediterranean Dish (@TheMediterraneanDish) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=9JVsGiJGc94, published 13 October 2019. All credit for the recipe goes to the cook; please watch and support their channel.

By Notbroken: the method summary, the diet notes and the nutrition estimate — worked out from the ingredient list with USDA FoodData Central values; % of a day compares one serve with the US FDA daily values on food labels (2,000 kcal). Brands, portions and cooking change the real numbers.

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