

BULGUR AND CHICKPEA PILAF (PLIGOUROPILAFO ME REVITHIA)

Bulgur is a classic ingredient from the Greeks of Asia Minor. Enjoy this nutrient packed dish as a side dish or as a filling Lenten dish.

Yield: 4 main dish servings, 1 cup per serving

Ingredients:

- 1 cup coarse bulgur wheat (cracked wheat)
- 1 can **chickpeas**, drained and rinsed
- 3 Tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- salt and pepper to taste
- strained juice of half a **lemon**
- dash of **hot red pepper flakes** (optional)

Instructions:

- 1. Place bulgur in a medium pot and cover with water. Bring to a boil, and boil until bulgur is soft, about 15 min. Strain well and place bulgur into a bowl.
- 2. In a medium-sized serving bowl, combine the bulgur, chick-peas, parsley and olive oil. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Add lemon juice and hot red pepper flakes (if using) and mix well. Serve warm or at room temperature.
- 3. Alternatively, this dish can be a side dish to any roasted meat or fish.

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