

# A touch of the Mediterranean at 5th Street Market

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Part of campus life involves experiencing the world outside of the University. Luckily, Eugene has more to offer than your average college town. A perfect example of this is the Fifth Street Market, located right downtown. To get there, it is only a short bike ride, bus ride, or drive (there's even free parking), or, if weather permits, it is a nice walk from campus.

Fifth Street has come a long way from the urban market by the train tracks that it used to be. Renovated within the past 5 years, it now has an upscale assortment of eclectic shops and boutiques, as well as an eatery for every taste imaginable. Unlike most urban centers, though, high prices are not commonplace; you can find something for any budget. One of these affordable gems is the Cafe Glendi.

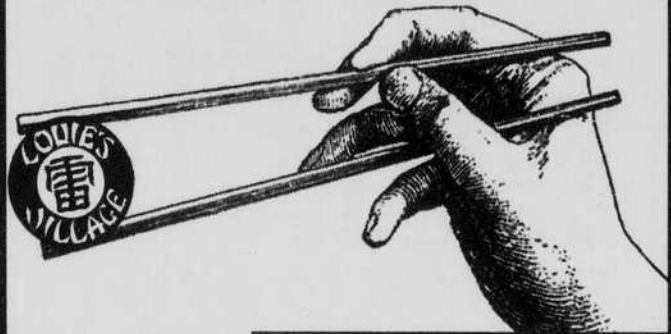
Cafe Glendi is a centerpiece in the two-level food court at the 5th Street Market, and it is one of the only places in Eugene where you will find good authentic Greek cuisine. Don't be intimidated, though; their menu is simple and accessible for seasoned Greek connoisseurs, or first-timers. No item costs more than seven dollars, so it won't put a strain on your pocketbook.

We sampled a variety of dishes at Cafe Glendi, ranging from their pita and hummus dip, to the moussaka and spanakopeta, which we both agreed were to die for. If you're unsure about these names, don't worry. The recipes are very simple, with natural and healthy ingredients characteristic of Mediterranean cuisine. Having been to Greece, Kim knows full well what "Greek cuisine" should taste like, and the food at Cafe Glendi is without a doubt authentic Greek fare transported here from Athens. The staff is friendly and accommodating, with professional cooks, rather than fast-food assembly workers.

As part of the 5th Street experience, don't be surprised to see a jazz combo or other live musical act filling the food court with pleasant music at any given time, even a Saturday afternoon. For a fun escape from campus alone, with your date, or in a group, travel to 5th Street Market, where you can easily take in a day of window-shopping. Just be sure to treat yourself to the wonderful tastes found at the Cafe Glendi.

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