

Maria & Mike = A+ For Ambrosia Cafe

A few short months ago, a friend of mine gave me what has turned out to be a very good recommendation on a new restaurant. The owners, Maria Efstathiou and Mike Krokidas, were in the midst of revamping and renewing what once was the Greek Grill, situated on the corner of Cherry and Broadway (1923 E Broadway), but were open for business. They had chosen to call their place " Ambrosia Café ", a very apt name indeed.

While the Ambrosia features a large and varied number of Greek dishes, it also offers many dishes with a Mediterranean and American flair. I have had their Selected Seafood Salad

bread. Every one of the sampled items was done just exactly right. This dish also came with the excellent Garden Salad.

The Ambrosia Café menu is quite full of appetizers, many fresh salads, pastas, vegetarian plates and favorites, traditional Mediterranean platters, many American favorites, and many dishes fresh from the grill. Their wine list is quite varied, with many excellent choices being available at reasonable prices. It even features some tips on matching up many of the wines with food choices, or, vice versa

Ambrosia Café is now serving a brunch on weekends. The hours are



(\$ 8.95) and Greek Salad (\$ 5.75), both of which are fresh, tasty, plentiful servings, with excellent dressings available. The other evening, my wife Bea and I went there for dinner. She was most impressed with the enclosed and heated outdoor patio and the very warm, charming décor and atmosphere of the whole place. I chose the Char-broiled Lamb on a Skewer (\$ 13.95) with fresh vegetables and rice pilaf, and it came with a typically fresh Garden Salad. The lamb brochettes were excellent, perfectly grilled with Ambrosia's own lemon sauce having been used as a brush. My wife chose the Ambrosia Platter, also \$ 13.95, and was thoroughly delighted. It is a sampler, consisting of four classic Greek favorites (Spanakopita, Dolma, Roasted Chicken, and Mousaka), served with warm and delicious pita

from 8 AM to 3 PM, Saturday and Sunday, with a wide variety of egg dishes, omelets, grill offerings and Mexican breakfast items being available. These are all offered as separate items. Mimosas are available for \$ 5.00 in a generous sized glass. The lunch menu is also available during this time.

Ambrosia Café is open the following days and hours: Monday-Thursday, 11 AM-10 PM, Friday, 11 AM-11 PM, Saturday, 8AM-11 PM, Sunday.

If you are looking for a warm and inviting atmosphere, made even better by the friendly staff and on-site owners, and excellent food with generous portions, then Ambrosia Café is the place to go. For information or reservations, call (562) 432-1098.