



The Great Greek Mediterranean Grill Opens First Illinois Location in Bolingbrook

Mother-daughter owners are eager to introduce the community to the cuisine they love

BOLINGBROOK, IL (May 12, 2026) – [The Great Greek Mediterranean Grill®](#), the rapidly expanding fast-casual dining brand, is launching its first location in Illinois, at **1246 W. Boughton Road** in Bolingbrook. The new restaurant fulfills the brand's mission to *Live Great. Eat Greek.*, with every dish made fresh and in-house from authentic recipes passed down generation after generation.

Guests will find a wide variety of customizable options, including the Classic Greek Salad and Rice Bowl with a choice of Gyro Meat, Salmon, or several other protein choices. They can also indulge in unique offerings like fresh, made-to-order Feta Fries and must-have desserts like Baklava Ice Cream and Rice Pudding.

The restaurant is owned by Diala Michael and her mother, Carolyn Michael, whose Mediterranean heritage fuels their passion for this new venture.

"My mother and I are both excited about opening the restaurant and making these delicious recipes for our guests, many of whom have never experienced them," Diala Michael said. "We have been eating this type of food all our lives, and we can't wait to share it."

The Great Greek Mediterranean Grill also specializes in catering large parties, events and meetings. It's perfect for family gatherings, offering memorable, mouth-watering Mediterranean spreads complete with bold flavors that leave a lasting impression. Choose from build-your-own Gyros and savory Souvlaki Skewers, accompanied by buttery Rice Pilaf, crisp Greek Salad, authentic dips, and delectable desserts to impress guests at any event.

"Of the many delicious choices on the menu, the Lamb Chops are at the top for me," said Carolyn Michael. "It's a true classic of Mediterranean cuisine with a modern twist and is one of our weekend specials."

Diala is finishing a master's degree in Ancient Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Chicago before joining the business full time. Her mother, Carolyn, has owned three restaurant franchises and enjoys working with food and people. Carolyn's success in the restaurant business inspired Diala to team up with her in opening their own location of The Great Greek Mediterranean Grill. Both Diala and Carolyn love to travel to different parts of the Mediterranean and are passionate about sharing the foods that they enjoy in their own home and as part of their travels.

As part of the Bolingbrook launch celebrations, The Great Greek Mediterranean Grill invites the public to attend a grand opening ribbon-cutting ceremony on **Thursday, May 21 at 4:30 p.m.** The owners will also be donating 15% of sales on the day to the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

The Great Greek Mediterranean Grill's new 2,500 square foot location seats nearly 75 guests for both indoor and outdoor dining. Pick-up, catering and delivery options are also available. The restaurant is

open Sunday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information on the new Bolingbrook location, call 630-448-2449 or visit <https://www.thegreatgreekgrill.com/bolingbrook-il>.

About The Great Greek Mediterranean Grill

The award-winning Great Greek Mediterranean Grill® is a leading franchise within the Greek, Mediterranean, and Middle Eastern fast-casual restaurant industry, offering a vivacious and flavorful menu inspired by foods in the Mediterranean diet. Every dish is made fresh, in-house from authentic recipes passed down generation after generation. Co-founded by two culinary trained, third-generation restaurateurs, Nick A. Della Penna and Trent Jones, The Great Greek Mediterranean Grill is an affiliated brand of United Franchise Group™, a globally recognized leader in franchising, within the United Franchise Group's food division, Big Flavor Brands™. For more information about The Great Greek Mediterranean Grill locations, menu and catering, visit www.thegreatgreekgrill.com, and for franchise information, visit www.thegreatgreekfranchise.com.

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