SPINACH PIE

Source: The Barefoot Contessa by Ina Garten

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Makes: 6-8 servings

3 cups chopped yellow onions (2 onions)

2 tablespoons good olive oil

2 teaspoons kosher salt

1 1/2 teaspoons freshly ground black pepper

3 (10-ounce) packages frozen chopped spinach, defrosted

6 extra-large eggs, beaten

2 teaspoons grated nutmeg

1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

3 tablespoons plain dry bread crumbs

1/2 pound good feta, cut into 1/2-inch cubes

1/2 cup pignoli (pine nuts)

1/4 pound salted butter, melted

6 sheets phyllo dough, defrosted

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.

In a medium saute pan on medium heat, saute the onions with the olive oil until translucent and slightly browned, 10 to 15 minutes. Add the salt and pepper and allow to cool slightly.

Squeeze out and discard as much of the liquid from the spinach as possible. Put the spinach into a bowl and then gently mix in the onions, eggs, nutmeg, Parmesan cheese, bread crumbs, feta, and pignoli.

Butter an ovenproof, nonstick, 8-inch saute pan and line it with 6 stacked sheets of phyllo dough, brushing each with melted butter and letting the edges hang over the pan. Pour the spinach mixture into the middle of the phyllo and neatly fold the edges up and over the top to seal in the filling. Brush the top well with melted butter. Bake for 1 hour, until the top is golden brown and the filling is set. Remove from the oven and allow to cool completely. Serve at room temperature.

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