Mediterranean Garlic Chicken

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PREP TIME	BAKE TIME	SERVES
20 minutes + 6 hours for	25 minutes	4
marinating		

INGREDIENTS

Chicken and Vegetables

- 4 medium boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 3 peppers (one yellow, one orange, one red)
- 1 large onion
- 1/2 teaspoon dried marjoram
- Feta cheese

Fresh parsley

1/3 cup pitted Kalamata olives, drained

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

Marinade

- 2-3 lemons, juiced
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 teaspoon dried marjoram
- 1/8th teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes

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This nutrient-packed dish makes its own deep and flavorful sauce while baking in the oven. It's perfect for serving over whole wheat pasta, brown rice or whole wheat couscous for a delicious and satisfying meal."

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DIRECTIONS

- 1. Combine ¼ cup lemon juice, 3 Tbsp. olive oil, 1 tsp. marjoram, 1/8 tsp. crushed red pepper and minced garlic in a bowl. Whisk for one minute.
- 2. Pound chicken breasts to an even thickness between two sheets of wax paper.
- 3. Place chicken breasts in a plastic bag or sealable container and pour the marinade over the chicken. Let chicken marinate for at least 6 hours in the refrigerator. Never marinate on the counter.
- 4. Wash and slice the peppers and onions into half inch strips. Keep separate from raw chicken.
- 5. Add olive oil to a large sauté pan. Pour in cut onions and peppers.
- 6. Sprinkle with ½ tsp. marjoram. Sauté on medium heat until onions caramelize and peppers brown slightly, stirring often. Set aside.
- 7. Add olive oil to sauté pan. Brown marinated chicken.
- 8. Spread onion and pepper mixture onto a large, lightly greased roasting pan. Top mixture with 1/3 cup Kalamata olives, drained.
- 9. Place each chicken breast on top of pepper & onion mixture in the roasting pan, leaving space between each breast.
- 10. Drizzle contents of the entire pan with 1 Tbsp. olive oil and 1 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice.
- 11. Place pan into a preheated, 400°F oven covered tightly with foil and bake for 25 minutes.
- 12. Use a food thermometer to make sure chicken is 165°F.
- Remove and sprinkle with feta cheese and chopped fresh parsley before serving. Serve over whole wheat pasta, brown rice or whole wheat couscous.

