## Beans, Rice (And Everything Mice

## **Greek White Bean Soup**



## **Ingredients**

makes 8 - 10 servings

- 6 cups cooked or 3 cans navy beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 small onion, diced
- 4 cloves garlic, divided, 2 cloves minced
- zest and juice of 1 lemon
- 2 Tablespoons dried oregano
- 1 large or 2 small potatoes. cubed
- 6 carrots. peeled and sliced
- 6 stalks celery. sliced
- 1 156 ml (5.5 ounce) can tomato paste
- 8 cups water or 4 cups vegetable broth and 4 cups water
- parsley (about 1/2 a bunch), minced

salt and pepper, to taste

- 1. If using canned beans, skip this step.
  - Sort and wash, then soak 2 cups of dried navy beans for 8 hours or overnight. The next morning drain the beans and cook them. Drain and rinse the cooked beans. Set aside until ready to use.
- Heat a large soup pot over medium heat. Add the diced onion and saute until translucent, adding a splash of water as needed to prevent the onions from burning. Add the 2 cloves of minced garlic, lemon zest and oregano. Stir to combine.
- 3. Add the beans, celery, carrots, potatoes, and 4 cups of vegetable stock (if using.) Mix the can of tomato paste with 1 cup of the water and add it to pot. Add the remaining 3 cups of water. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, reduce heat the medium-low and simmer partially covered for 30 minutes.
- 4. Add the minced parsley and lemon juice, and grate the remaining 2 cloves of garlic into the pot. Let sit for 5 minutes before serving.