



## Return to Retail

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# Petros – a Greek ‘rock’ in Westmount

has been more than faithful.

One menu – “small and simple, often offering the fresh fish of the day” – is offered weekly.

“As soon as it is ready, we quickly deliver it ourselves,” adds Gennaro. I chatted with Ted and Gennaro on a bitterly cold day with a Greek-blue sky.

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**Ted, how did you carry on during the lock-downs?**

First and foremost, I would like to thank Westmounters for their support. As many times as we could, our way of showing appreciation was to include a little “thank-you” with the delivery, adding zucchini

chips (a favourite, by the way!) or a dessert. During the lockdowns, obviously, we were open only for pick-up and delivery, which we did with staff – waiters and my son Gennaro. We take all orders by phone, so no one waits. Gennaro’s line is open 24/7.

(For those who passed by to pick up their order, in the pick-up area, formerly the large blue-and-white dining room, I noted tables featuring Petros’ olive oil – “often sold out!” – and other Greek delicious house specialties.)

**What’s next?**

We are very excited about the summer season! People from all over Montreal love our outdoor *terrace*. Sadly, we did have a noise complaint from a local person and had to pay \$1,500 in tickets last summer as we had entertainment for three to four hours outdoors.

(To me, “noise” is drilling cement, but our bouzouki music was becoming a big hit. Nearby neighbours actually started to party on their street! But I digress.)

We are already planning the front and side outdoor seating area as well as a private back *terrace*. Our decorative boxes of herbs –

rosemary, basil and mint – are constantly being pruned by our appreciative guests!

As I left the charming blue-and-white tiled entrance, I recalled my many dinners there. It is a BYOW (bring your own wine), so for those with their own wine cellars (you know who you are) or those who prefer to buy their wine, this is a much-loved part of Petros. Another? It is open seven days a week. And they also offer party platters. Indeed, what’s not to love?

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Ted and Gennaro Dranias.

What’s not to love about Greece, the cradle, as they say, of civilization, inspiring the Romans, whom – curiously – we remember more. And what’s not to love about Westmount’s Petros Greek restaurant?

Westmount’s ample evening parking – many places free – and Petros’ renowned menu of fresher-than-fresh fish, as well as lamb and other classic Greek dishes make it a go-to destination.

Petros is a family story. Owner Ted Dranias named his first restaurant after his father Petros. The rest is history. There are now four Petros-es, the newest and hippest being on William and Guy, soon to be a Greek supper club.

Like all Westmounters and all anxious restaurateurs, Ted and his son and co-partner Gennaro, along with manager Tasso and chef Johnny, are waiting to open their doors again. In the meantime, their food-loving customer base

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