## 240222 BRA St Pete Bakery Taste of Kurdistan



Just when you think you know everything there is in town you run into a new café or small restaurant that you never knew existed. Deceptively named the Saint Pete bakery, located at 600 1st Ave. N. in downtown St. Petersburg, this bakery is actually owned and operated by a lady from Kurdistan.



Inside, you will find a little bit of everything that comes from the Middle East. There is a blend of Turkish, Kurdish, Iranian, and Egyptian. The owner has a full display on one wall of Kurdish history and crafts.



The owners name is Tanya and she is very proud of her heritage. The food that she makes is all homemade. She also imports items of use in the kitchen from Kurdistan, Turkey and Egypt.



Tanya has a limited hot menu, but a great display of sweets. All of the food items are homemade.



We tried the pistachio cream cake and it

was delicious. It's also worthy of note that it was not sickly sweet, like you would expect at most places.



If you're interested, Tanya (above) has four or five hot dishes. Most of them are soups. They are all vegan in quality and made from organic products. She can give you a sampling of four different soups on one tray which was nice and allows you to taste a little bit of each of the Items.



Tanya talked extensively about Kurdistan. She learned all of her cooking and has all of her recipes from her mother who lives with her. Her mother is 84 years old and in good health. We talked extensively about our background, and that we have had two children born in the Middle East, and that I also was stationed in Iraq for two years.

Kurdistan is now part of Iraq. The people of Kurdistan have suffered a lot. It was good to see her flourishing in America.





Each Saturday she has a booth at the Saturday morning market. We are great lovers of this market and it's good that she is active in the local community.



She says she sells out of everything she brings each Saturday. In fact, it was her success at the Saturday morning market and the Support, and urging of her many customers, that made her open her restaurant.



We hope that she does well, and if this BLOG helps promote her business, all the better.

That's it for today. And you can go to either the bakery or the Saturday morning market, please. Just great to see all the people out with the pets having a great time.

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