

George Christy



Elgart Aster

The inviting bar at Estiatorio Louká is an impressive addition to the fine dining scene at 340 North Canon Drive.



Owners Theana and Vasili Kotsiovos

Server Elia Lambros

may be generous enough for two.

Along with lamb, there are choices of spanking-fresh fish flown in from the Mediterranean that are immensely popular. Branzino (when available), striped bass, sea bass, etc.

The dessert menu describes *loukoumades* as “baby Greek donuts, honey, cinnamon, walnuts, pistachio, micromint.” Long-time standby of *Baklava* is available, as is the honey drenched semolina cake *Ravani*, and the creamy *Bougatsa* wrapped in phyllo pastry.

For insiders, there is strong Greek coffee.

As we’ve experienced with more dining rooms of late, the noise levels often intrude upon conversations. At Louká, the music of Greek ballads is subdued and, yes, you can converse and listen with ease.

Estiatorio Louká is open for lunch and dinner daily with a fully licensed bar. Located at 340 North Canon Drive in Beverly Hills: (310) 858-4500.

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Louká is here. Waiting for us in the heart of Beverly Hills.

Shera Danese Falk (Mrs. Peter), who seldom misses a beat about what’s going on in her neighborhood, first told us about Estiatorio Louká on Canon Drive. In the former Canon Club space.

“Curiosity drew me into the attractive bar where I tasted some of the Greek dips that were ‘yum-yum’ good. And knew I would go back, which I did. The food is excellent.”

Others later joining in Shera’s enthusiasm with their praise of Louká include **Mick Jagger** with five bodyguards, **Nick Jonas**, **Colin Farrell**, and dozens of local beauties.

Estiatorio translates as “restaurant,” and is owned by **Theana** and **Vasili Kotsiovos**.

The night we dined there we were impressed with the professional and knowledgeable staff, that discussed the Greek menu (and since we are of Greek heritage and know a bit about the cuisine of our forebears).

Impressed we are that the kitchen’s ingredients are sourced from Greece. The olive oil, oregano, cheeses, olives, and even salt.

Named after a small village in the Peloponnese region of Greece. No expense has been spared in the creation of Louká.

It comes as a welcome addition to our other Greek hot spots ... Avra in Beverly Hills, Taverna Tony in Malibu, Petros in Century City and Manhattan Beach.

“Our menu is rustic Greek cuisine, prepared in the simplest ways,” says owner Vasili Kotsiovos. He and his wife Theana consider Louká an ode to family, tradition and philoxenia (hospitality).

Our hosts were the adventurous globetrotters **Elgart Aster** and **Paolo Swerdlove**, who had returned from their annual two-week

sojourn to their favorite Villa d’Este alongside Lake Como, where **Amal** and **George Clooney** own a posh holiday estate.

At Louká, we chanced upon the bright and energetic server **Nansia**. She remembered our birthday party at Taverna Tony from more than a decade ago. Where **Princess Lily Lawrence** created a cake in the shape of a typewriter that Nansia photographed. “Who can ever forget a cake that was so special?” reminds Nansia.



Malin Akerman



Jake Gyllenhaal



J. K. Simmons



Zendaya



Sony Pictures Chairman Tom Rothman



Tom Holland



Nika King



Marisa Tomei



J. B. Smoove



Garcelle Beauvais



Cobie Smulders



The Spider-Man Parade balloon awed the crowd during the world premiere of *Spider-Man: Far From Home* presented by Columbia Pictures at the TCL Chinese Theater

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