

Athena has a new look

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Athena by the Sea

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This 13-year-old Greek-American restaurant has reopened after closing three months for renovation. "This year with the remodel we will have the biggest [New Year's Eve](#) party in our history," owner Louis Marchelos says. "Our customers are in awe when they see the remodel while walking around town."

The face-lift opened the front to open air, installed cypress wood ceiling beams and columns chiseled from limestone imported from Greece, and expanded the bar along with a frost rail to chill drinks and the ability to keep liquor between 0 to 5 degrees and serve beer at 32 degrees.

A kitchen redesign has expanded the menu selections, such as roasted Mediterranean peppers with a spicy feta blend (\$9), Athena pizza salad (\$15), Louie's barbecue ribs with apple bourbon barbecue sauce (\$22), pork osso buco (\$22) and lamb kebab (\$25).

Marchelos has extended the hours to midnight during the week and until 2 a.m. on weekends.