

Venezia's pizza joint opens Chandler location

Venezia's New York Style Pizzeria is now dishing out homemade meatballs and marinara in a restaurant-light section of the East Valley.

Owner Domenick Montanile opened his second Arizona pizzeria July 2 at the northeast corner of Pecos and McQueen roads in Chandler (1080 E. Pecos Road, Suite 23). Venezia's on Mill Avenue has been tempting Tempeans for five years with its made-from-scratch meals. If you enjoy a good Greek salad, Montanile says his version is the hottest seller at the 2-month-old Chandler location.

Montanile's mom, who opened the original Venezia's in New Mexico 25 years ago, makes everything by hand — from the lasagna to the popular salad dressings — and uses fresh-from-the-garden basil.

The Albuquerque-born pizzeria offers New York-style (\$7.25-\$18.25) and Sicilian-style (\$11-\$19.50) pies, subs made with Boar's Head meats and cheeses (\$5.99-\$6.79), wings (\$5.75 for 12), a variety of salads (\$2.95-\$5.59), pasta (\$5.99-\$7.50) and calzones (\$5.50). Both locations offer daily deals (for example, \$4 off the giant 22-inch party pizza on Wednesdays) and free delivery.

Both East Valley locations are open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

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