## One Pot Chicken with Rice & Lemon

## Ingredients

- 4 bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs (about 1½ pounds)
- Salt and black pepper
- 2 tsp dried oregano
- Crushed red pepper
- 2 Tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 lemons
- 1 cup pitted Castelvetrano or kalamata olives, smashed and roughly chopped
- 6 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 medium shallot or ½ medium onion, minced
- 2 cups long-grain white rice, rinsed
- 4 cups (32 ounces) chicken broth
- ½ cup roughly chopped fresh parsley, for serving

## **Preparation**

- 1. Heat the oven to 400°
- 2. Use paper towels to pat the chicken thighs until dry on all sides
- 3. Season the chicken with 1 teaspoon each salt, pepper and dried oregano and a pinch of crushed red pepper
- 4. Place a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat and add oil
- 5. Heat up the oil for a few minutes and add thighs to the pot, skin side down, and let cook undisturbed until they self-release from the bottom of the pot, about 5 minutes
- 6. Remove from the pot and set aside
- 7. Cut 1 lemon into 1/4 inch slices
- 8. Add to the pot and cook until caramelized and softened, about 2 minutes
- 9. Remove from the pot and set aside
- 10. Add the olives, garlic, shallot and 1 teaspoon each salt, pepper and dried oregano to the pot
- 11. Cook over medium-low heat, scraping browned bits from the bottom of the pan, until garlic is fragrant, 2-3 minutes
- 12. Turn the heat up to high, add the rice and broth to the pot, stir to combine and cover until it comes to a boil, about 5 minutes
- 13. Remove the pot from heat, add the browned chicken thighs on top of the rice, skin side up, then cover the chicken thighs with the lemon slices
- 14. Place the pot, covered, into the oven and bake until the rice and chicken are fully cooked, 25-30 minutes
- 15. Serve topped with fresh parsley and a squeeze of lemon juice

