## Raisin-Orange Rice Pudding

(Serves 12)

Arborio rice, traditionally used to make risotto, gives this sweet pudding a chewy texture. The pudding can be refrigerated in an airtight container for up to 2 days before serving, stir in a bit of milk or heavy cream to moisten.

- 1 1/3 cup Arborio rice
- 8 cups (2 qt) milk
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 2 tbsp vanilla extract
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 cups sugar or Splenda
- 1 cup raisins
- 6 tbsp finely grated orange zest (about 4 large oranges)
- 6 tbsp shelled pistachios, coarsely chopped
  - 1. Bring rice, milk, vanilla & salt to a boil in a large saucepan stirring frequently! Reduce heat to medium, simmer, stirring frequently, until rice is tender & has absorbed <u>most</u> of the liquid, about 20 to 30 minutes.
  - 2. Remove from heat. Stir in sugar, raisins & orange zest.

Rice pudding can be served warm, cold or at room temperature. Thin with heavy cream as necessary. Garnish each portion with 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp of pistachios.

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