

## Lemon Almond Cheesecake A Holiday Favorite

Serves 15

## **INGREDIENTS**

1½ cups graham crackers, crushed (10 graham crackers)

1½ cups sugar (for filling), 1 tablespoon sugar (for crust) and 1 teaspoon sugar (for topping)

6 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted 2½ pounds (40 ounces) cream cheese

5 large eggs

1/4 cup sour cream (for filling), 1/2 cup sour cream (for topping)

1 teaspoon almond extract

1 teaspoon lemon zest

½ teaspoon vanilla extract

## DIRECTIONS

**CRUST:**  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups crushed graham crackers, 1 tablespoon sugar and 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted.

**FILLING:** 2½ pounds cream cheese, 1½ cups sugar, 5 eggs, ¼ cup sour cream, 1 teaspoon almond extract, 1 teaspoon lemon zest.

**TOPPING:** Mix  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sour cream with  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon vanilla extract and 1 teaspoon sugar.

- 1. Preheat oven to 350° F.
- 2. Combine all ingredients for crust and press into round cake pan. Bake for 10 minutes and cool.
- 3. Mix all ingredients for filling with hand mixer at high speed until smooth and pour into crust.
- 4. Bake for 1 hour, then refrigerate for 4 hours.
- 5. Spread the sour cream topping mixture over top of chilled cheesecake and serve.

**NUTRITION:** 

440 calories 7g protein 97 mg phosphorus 117 mg potassium

300mg sodium