Apple Pita/ Serbian-Croatian Apple Pie (Pitasavijačasajabukama)

1 cup shortening ½ lb butter 2 ½ cup sugar 7 egg whites 3 cups flour ½ cup milk or shot of whisky & lemon juice 3 to 4 apples ½ cup tapioca or cream of wheat 1 cup finely chopped nuts

Mix and cream 1 cup shortening, ¼ lb butter and ½ cup sugar. Add 3 egg yolks, mix. Add 3 cups of flour and ½ cup of milk (it is better to use instead of milk, a shot of whisky and lemon juice). Mix and knead the dough lightly by hand, the roll out of a floured board. Peel and cut 3 to 4 apples. Prepare mixture of ½ cup of tapioca and or cream of wheat and ¾ cup sugar and cinnamon- making 1 cup. Put part of dough in the pan, fill it with the apples and the mixture and make a cover with the rest of the dough. Beat until thick, 4 egg whites, 1 cup sugar and stir in a cup of finely chopped nuts. Put meringue on top of the Apple Pita. Bake at 400° for 45-60 minutes.