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Nick Rigopolis (00:02):

My name is Nick Rigopolis. My place is on 47 8th Eastern Avenue. It's Olympia Coffee House. It's a place where the Greeks come here, have a cup of coffee, read the newspaper, and talk together.

> The coffee is actually a little hot, like that. Yeah. Put the water first. And put it on the fire.

Speaker 2 (00:29):

This is a little one-serving pot here, like an Espressos-sized pot. And we got a Bunsen burner here.

Nick Rigopolis (00:34):

Pour the coffee in the pot. Two minutes, it'll be ready.
Speaker 2 (00:44):
So this Greek coffee looks almost like powder.

Nick Rigopolis (00:47):
Yeah, Greek coffee is a heavy coffee. I used to drink Greek coffee, but now I can't because it bothers me a little in my stomach. I think I make coffee because Greek coffee taste better, but the American coffee is good. It's going to boil a little bit, I'm ready to put in the cups. That's it. The coffee is ready. Sit down at the table and drink it. All right, my friend.

I guess I'm going to go for long here, because I'm over 70 years old. I don't know, I could stay long time. I stay here, I don't do anything else, except coffee house. Nothing else.