Glossary for All Heathens

Balikbayan: A Filipino visiting or returning to the Philippines after a period of living in another country.

Balita: The news.

Bibingka: A type of baked rice cake from the Philippines. It is usually eaten for breakfast, especially during the Christmas season. It is traditionally cooked in clay pots lined with leaves.

Caldereta: A goat meat stew from the Philippines. Variations of the dish use beef, chicken, or pork. Commonly, the goat meat is stewed with vegetables and liver paste. Vegetables may include tomatoes, potatoes, olives, bell peppers, and hot peppers.

Dinuguan: In Filipino cuisine, dinuguan is a savory stew usually of pork offal and/or meat simmered in a rich, spicy dark gravy of pig blood, garlic, chili, and vinegar.

Fil Am: Filipino American.

Ginuo: (In Cebuano language) deity, divinity, god. Any supernatural being worshipped as controlling some part of the world or some aspect of life or who is the personification of a force.

Jeepney: Sometimes simply called jeeps, are buses and the most popular means of public transportation in the Philippines. They are known for their crowded seating and decorations, which have become a widespread symbol of Philippine culture and art.

Lapu-Lapu: Was a datu (title for chiefs, sovereign princes, and monarchs) of Mactan in the Visayas (one of the Philippines' 3 main island groups). Modern Philippine society regards him as the first Filipino hero because of his resistance to imperial Spanish colonization.

Lolo, Lola: Grandpa, Grandma.

Lumpia: Various types of spring rolls commonly found in Indonesia and the Philippines.

Momotaro: (桃太郎, "Peach Boy") is a popular hero of Japanese folklore. His name translates as Peach Taro, a common Japanese masculine name, and is often translated as Peach Boy.

Pancit: In Filipino cuisine, noodles and the dishes made from them, usually made with rice noodles.

Pandesal: A common bread roll in the Philippines made of flour, eggs, yeast, sugar, and salt.

Pinakbet: An indigenous Filipino dish from the northern regions of the Philippines. Pinakbet is made from mixed vegetables sautéed in fish or shrimp sauce.

Shabu: A slang term for the drug methamphetamine used in Japan, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Malaysia, and Indonesia.

Sinulog: The Sinulog is an annual cultural and religious festival, and the center of the Santo Niño Catholic celebrations in the Philippines.

Sotanghon: In Filipino cuisine, a popular dish prepared with transparent noodles (made from starch and water) using chicken and wood ears mushrooms.

Tinapa: Filipino term for fish cooked or preserved through the process of smoking, a native delicacy in the Philippines.

Tindahan: Store, grocery store.

Xenagogue: A tour guide.