

Hellenion Calendar ~ 2012

Το Ημερολόγιο του Ελλήνιον ~ 2012



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This calendar is the working calendar of Hellenion, a diverse group of Hellenic polytheists sharing the common goal of living a life of piety and proper respect for the Gods of Olympos and ancient Hellenic tradition.

The calendar is based on the monthly and annual observances and festivals of the ancient Athenians from about 800 BCE to 323 BCE. This version was created using information derived from <http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/SKYCAL/SKYCAL.html?cal=2011#skycal> and from www.timeanddate.com/calendar/moonphases.html as well as the sources *Greek Religion* by Walter Burkert (Harvard University Press, 1977, English translation: Basil Blackwell Publisher and Harvard University Press, 1985), *Old Stones, New Temples; ancient Greek paganism reborn*, by Drew Campbell (Xlibris Corporation, 2000), *Festivals of the Athenians*, by H. W.Parke (London, Thames and Hudson, 1977) and HMEPA at www.numachi.com/~ccount/hmepa.

One of our associated projects, the creation of an on-line version of this calendar, is almost complete and is now available at the Hellenion web site: <http://www.hellenion.org>. That version contains links to descriptions of all the special days noted on this calendar and suggestions about how to observe them in the 21st century. You are under **no** obligation to observe all the occasions and days mentioned here; in fact, that would be all but impossible at present, since none of us live in a wholly polytheistic city. Every observance is *optional*. This calendar is made available to you as a learning tool, and as a framework to begin or extend your practice of ancient Hellenic religious tradition. Needless to say, ancient Hellenic religion involved many more practices than are implied by this calendar, which is adapted to the modern secular calendar.

The calendar outlines ancient monthly practices, such as Hekate's Deipnon, Noumenia (the visible crescent moon) and the Agathos Daimon. It also lists ancient Athenian festivals on the exact dates where these are known. Where the exact date has not been revealed by research, a question mark follows the name of the festival. Information about the specific observance can be found in the references mentioned above and on the on-line version. Note that the date of the new moon is determined by when the crescent is visible in the EST/EDT time zone; notes for other North American Time Zones are included.

In addition to ancient festivals and observances, certain modern occasions are listed as well. This includes the Hellenion monthly libation (ensuring that at least one day a month is shared by the community, albeit scattered, at the same time, and also ensuring that each of the twelve Olympians is honored at least once during the year). Note that this libation is not an official practice of Hellenion but a voluntary activity endorsed by many Hellenion members. Some modern festivals are also listed, such as Heliogenna in December, and Prometheia, held in Greece on the summer solstice near Mt. Olympos (see www.ysee.gr/index-eng.php for more information about this festival).

Remember that, among the ancient Greeks, **the day begins at sundown of the previous day**. Days in gray indicate the new moon/beginning of Greek month and the Hellenion monthly libation date.

Transliteration of Greek month names and festivals below used “y” to represent the short “u” of Greek, “kh” is used to represent “chi” (χ), a sound which does not exist in English, and “e” represents both epsilon (ε) and eta (η). Ἐρρωσο!

The cover illustration is the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Athens, Greece, taken by Melissa Gold 2008..

January 2012

Gamelion - Anthesterion Γαμηλιών - Ανθεστηριών Year 3 of the 697th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 6 Gamelion	2 7 Gamelion	3 8 Gamelion	4 9 Gamelion	5 10 Gamelion	6 11 Gamelion	7 12 Gamelion Lenaia
8 13 Gamelion Lenaia	9 14 Gamelion Lenaia ○	10 15 Gamelion Lenaia	11 16 Gamelion	12 17 Gamelion	13 18 Gamelion	14 19 Gamelion Libation to Hera
15 20 Gamelion	16 21 Gamelion	17 22 Gamelion	18 23 Gamelion	19 24 Gamelion	20 25 Gamelion	21 26 Gamelion
22 27 Gamelion Theogamia	23 28 Gamelion	24 29 Gamelion Hekate's Deipnon	25 1 Anthesterion Noumenia	26 2 Anthesterion Agathos Daimon	27 3 Anthesterion	28 4 Anthesterion
29 5 Anthesterion	30 6 Anthesterion	31 7 Anthesterion		○ = full moon		

Dark of the moon: Jan 23 – 2:39 am EST; 1:29 am CST; 12:29 am MST; Jan 22 – 11:29 pm PST

February 2012

Anthesterion - Elaphebolion

Ανθεστηριών - Ελαφηβολιών

Year 3 of the 697th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
○ = full moon			1 8 Anthesterion	2 9 Anthesterion	3 10 Anthesterion	4 11 Anthesterion Anthesteria - Pithiogia
5 12 Anthesterion Anthesteria - Khoes	6 13 Anthesterion Anthesteria - Khutroi	7 14 Anthesterion ○	8 15 Anthesterion	9 16 Anthesterion	10 17 Anthesterion	11 18 Anthesterion Libation to Aphrodite
12 19 Anthesterion	13 20 Anthesterion Lesser Mysteries	14 21 Anthesterion Lesser Mysteries	15 22 Anthesterion Lesser Mysteries	16 23 Anthesterion Lesser Mysteries & Diasia	17 24 Anthesterion Lesser Mysteries	18 25 Anthesterion Lesser Mysteries
19 26 Anthesterion Lesser Mysteries	20 27 Anthesterion	21 28 Anthesterion	22 29 Anthesterion Hekate's Deipnon	23 1 Elaphebolion Noumenia	24 2 Elaphebolion Agathos Daimon	25 3 Elaphebolion
26 4 Elaphebolion	27 5 Elaphebolion	28 6 Elaphebolion	29 7 Elaphebolion			

Dark of the moon: Feb 21 – 5:35 pm EST; 4:35 pm CST; 3:35 pm MST; 2:35 pm PST

Note: the crescent moon may be visible in some regions on Feb 22.

March 2012

Elaphebolion - Mounykhion Ελαφηβολιών - Μουνυχιών Year 3 of the 697th Olympiad

←Last month / Next month→

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
○ = full moon				1 8 Elaphebolion Asklepieia	2 9 Elaphebolion	3 10 Elaphebolion Dionysia ta astika
4 11 Elaphebolion Dionysia ta astika	5 12 Elaphebolion Dionysia ta astika	6 13 Elaphebolion Dionysia ta astika	7 14 Elaphebolion Dionysia ta astika	8 15 Elaphebolion Dionysia ta astika ○	9 16 Elaphebolion Dionysia ta astika	10 17 Elaphebolion Libation to Hephaistos Dionysia ta astika & Pandia
11 18 Elaphebolion	12 19 Elaphebolion	13 20 Elaphebolion	14 21 Elaphebolion	15 22 Elaphebolion	16 23 Elaphebolion	17 24 Elaphebolion
18 25 Elaphebolion	19 26 Elaphebolion	20 27 Elaphebolion Equinox	21 28 Elaphebolion	22 29 Elaphebolion	23 30 Elaphebolion Hekate's Deipnon	24 1 Mounykhion Noumenia
25 2 Mounykhion Agathos Daimon	26 3 Mounykhion	27 4 Mounykhion	28 5 Mounykhion	29 6 Mounykhion Delphinia	30 7 Mounykhion	31 8 Mounykhion

Dark of the moon: Mar 22 – 10:37 am EDT; 9:37 am CDT; 8:37 am MDT; 7:37 am PDT; daylight savings time begins March 11 in Canada and USA.

April 2012

Mounykhion - Thargelion

Μουνυχιών - Θαργηλιών

Year 3 of the 697th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ⁹ Mounykhion	2 ¹⁰ Mounykhion	3 ¹¹ Mounykhion	4 ¹² Mounykhion	5 ¹³ Mounykhion	6 ¹⁴ Mounykhion ○	7 ¹⁵ Mounykhion
8 ¹⁶ Mounykhion Mounykhia	9 ¹⁷ Mounykhion	10 ¹⁸ Mounykhion	11 ¹⁹ Mounykhion Olympeia	12 ²⁰ Mounykhion Leukaspis	13 ²¹ Mounykhion Tritopatores	14 ²² Mounykhion Libation to Artemis
15 ²³ Mounykhion	16 ²⁴ Mounykhion	17 ²⁵ Mounykhion	18 ²⁶ Mounykhion	19 ²⁷ Mounykhion	20 ²⁸ Mounykhion	21 ²⁹ Mounykhion
22 ³⁰ Mounykhion Hekate's Deipnon Earth Day	23 ¹ Thargelion Noumenia	24 ² Thargelion Agathos Daimon	25 ³ Thargelion	26 ⁴ Thargelion	27 ⁵ Thargelion	28 ⁶ Thargelion Thargelia
29 ⁷ Thargelion Thargelia	30 ⁸ Thargelion			○ = full moon		

Dark of the moon: Apr 21 – 3:19 am EDT; 2:19 am CDT; 1:19 am MDT; 12:19 am PDT

May 2012

Thargelion - Skirophorion
Θαργηλιών - Σκιροφοριών
 Year 3 of the 697th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
☉ = full moon		1 9 Thargelion	2 10 Thargelion	3 11 Thargelion	4 12 Thargelion	5 13 Thargelion ☉
6 14 Thargelion Mother's Day	7 15 Thargelion	8 16 Thargelion Zeus Epakrios	9 17 Thargelion	10 18 Thargelion	11 19 Thargelion Bendideia	12 20 Thargelion Libation to Apollon
13 21 Thargelion	14 22 Thargelion	15 23 Thargelion	16 24 Thargelion	17 25 Thargelion Kallynteria	18 26 Thargelion Plynteria	19 27 Thargelion
20 28 Thargelion	21 29 Thargelion Hekate's Deipnon Victoria Day (Canada)	22 1 Skirophorion Noumenia	23 2 Skirophorion Agathos Daimon	24 3 Skirophorion Arrephoria	25 4 Skirophorion	26 5 Skirophorion
27 6 Skirophorion	28 7 Skirophorion Memorial Day (US)	29 8 Skirophorion	30 9 Skirophorion	31 10 Skirophorion		

Dark of the moon: May 20 – 7:47 pm EDT; 6:47 pm CDT; 5:47 pm MDT; 4:47 pm PDT

June 2012

Skirophorion - Hekatombaion
Σκιροφοριών - Εκατομβαιών
 Year 3-4 of the 697th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
○ = full moon					1 11 Skirophorion	2 12 Skirophorion Skira
3 13 Skirophorion	4 14 Skirophorion Bouphomia & Dipolieia ○	5 15 Skirophorion	6 16 Skirophorion	7 17 Skirophorion	8 18 Skirophorion	9 19 Skirophorion Libation to Zeus
10 20 Skirophorion	11 21 Skirophorion	12 22 Skirophorion	13 23 Skirophorion	14 24 Skirophorion	15 25 Skirophorion	16 26 Skirophorion
17 27 Skirophorion Fathers' Day	18 28 Skirophorion	19 29 Skirophorion	20 30 Skirophorion Hekate's Deipnon Solstice	21 1 Hekatombaion Noumenia Athenian New Year	22 2 Hekatombaion Agathos Daimon	23 3 Hekatombaion Nemean Games Prometheia
24 4 Hekatombaion	25 5 Hekatombaion	26 6 Hekatombaion	27 7 Hekatombaion	28 8 Hekatombaion	29 9 Hekatombaion	30 10 Hekatombaion

Dark of the moon: Jun 19 – 11:03 am EDT; 10:03 am CDT; 9:03 am MDT; 8:03 am PDT

Note: the crescent moon may be visible in some regions on June 20.

July 2012

Hekatombaion - Metageitnion Εκατομβαιών - Μεταγειτινιών Year 4 of the 697th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 11 Hekatombaion Canada Day	2 12 Hekatombaion Kronia	3 13 Hekatombaion ○	4 14 Hekatombaion US Independence Day	5 15 Hekatombaion	6 16 Hekatombaion Synoikia	7 17 Hekatombaion
8 18 Hekatombaion	9 19 Hekatombaion	10 20 Hekatombaion	11 21 Hekatombaion	12 22 Hekatombaion	13 23 Hekatombaion Panathenaia ta mikra	14 24 Hekatombaion Panathenaia ta mikra Libation to Athena
15 25 Hekatombaion Panathenaia ta mikra	16 26 Hekatombaion Panathenaia ta mikra	17 27 Hekatombaion Panathenaia ta mikra	18 28 Hekatombaion Panathenaia ta mikra	19 29 Hekatombaion Panathenaia ta mikra	20 30 Hekatombaion Panathenaia ta mikra Hekate's Deipnon	21 1 Metageitnion Noumenia
22 2 Metageitnion Agathos Daimon Herakleia?	23 3 Metageitnion	24 4 Metageitnion	25 5 Metageitnion	26 6 Metageitnion	27 7 Metageitnion	28 8 Metageitnion
29 9 Metageitnion	30 10 Metageitnion	31 11 Metageitnion		○ = full moon		

Dark of the moon: Jul 19 – 12:25 am EDT; Jul 18 – 11:25 am CDT; 10:25 am MDT; 9:25 am PDT

Note: the crescent moon may be visible in some regions on July 20.

August 2012

Metageitnion - Boedromion

Μεταγειτνιών - Βοηδρομιών

Year 4 of the 697th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
○ = full moon			1 ¹² Metageitnion ○	2 ¹³ Metageitnion	3 ¹⁴ Metageitnion	4 ¹⁵ Metageitnion
5 ¹⁶ Metageitnion Kourotrophos , Hekate and Artemis	6 ¹⁷ Metageitnion Civic Holiday in Canada	7 ¹⁸ Metageitnion	8 ¹⁹ Metageitnion The Heroines	9 ²⁰ Metageitnion Hera Telkhinia	10 ²¹ Metageitnion	11 ²² Metageitnion Libation to Hermes
12 ²³ Metageitnion	13 ²⁴ Metageitnion	14 ²⁵ Metageitnion Zeus Epoptes	15 ²⁶ Metageitnion	16 ²⁷ Metageitnion	17 ²⁸ Metageitnion	18 ²⁹ Metageitnion Hekate's Deipnon
19 ¹ Boedromion Noumenia	20 ² Boedromion Agathos Daimon Niketeria	21 ³ Boedromion	22 ⁴ Boedromion	23 ⁵ Boedromion Genesisios	24 ⁶ Boedromion Artemis Agrotera	25 ⁷ Boedromion
26 ⁸ Boedromion	27 ⁹ Boedromion	28 ¹⁰ Boedromion	29 ¹¹ Boedromion	30 ¹² Boedromion Demokratia	31 ¹³ Boedromion ○	

Dark of the moon: Aug 17 – 11:55 am EDT; 10:55 am CDT; 9:55 am MDT; 8:55 am PDT

Note: the crescent moon may be visible in some regions on Aug 18.

September 2012

Boedromion - Pyanepsion

Βοηδρομιών - Πυανεψιών

Year 4 of the 697th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
○ = full moon						1 14 Boedromion
2 15 Boedromion Eleusinia ta megala	3 16 Boedromion Eleusinia ta megala Labor Day	4 17 Boedromion Eleusinia ta megala Epidauria?	5 18 Boedromion Eleusinia ta megala	6 19 Boedromion Eleusinia ta megala	7 20 Boedromion Eleusinia ta megala	8 21 Boedromion Libation to Demeter & Persephone Eleusinia ta megala
9 22 Boedromion	10 23 Boedromion	11 24 Boedromion	12 25 Boedromion	13 26 Boedromion Hellenion membership renewals due	14 27 Boedromion Sacrifices to Nymphs, Akheloös, others	15 28 Boedromion
16 29 Boedromion	17 30 Boedromion Hekate's Deipnon	18 1 Pyanepsion Noumenia	19 2 Pyanepsion Agathos Daimon	20 3 Pyanepsion	21 4 Pyanepsion	22 5 Pyanepsion Equinox
23 6 Pyanepsion Proerosia	24 7 Pyanepsion Pyanepsia	25 8 Pyanepsion Theseia	26 9 Pyanepsion Stenia	27 10 Pyanepsion	28 11 Pyanepsion Thesmophoria	29 12 Pyanepsion Thesmophoria ○
30 13 Pyanepsion Thesmophoria						

Dark of the moon: Sep 15 – 10:11 pm EDT; 9:11 pm CDT; 8:11 pm MDT; 7:11 pm PDT

Note: the crescent moon may be visible in some regions on Sep 17.

October 2012

Pyanepsion - Maimakterion

Πυανεψιών - Μαιμακτηριών

Year 4 of the 697th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
○ = full moon	1 ¹⁴ Pyanepsion The Heroines	2 ¹⁵ Pyanepsion	3 ¹⁶ Pyanepsion	4 ¹⁷ Pyanepsion	5 ¹⁸ Pyanepsion	6 ¹⁹ Pyanepsion
7 ²⁰ Pyanepsion	8 ²¹ Pyanepsion Thanksgiving (Canada)	9 ²² Pyanepsion	10 ²³ Pyanepsion	11 ²⁴ Pyanepsion	12 ²⁵ Pyanepsion	13 ²⁶ Pyanepsion Libation to Poseidon
14 ²⁷ Pyanepsion	15 ²⁸ Pyanepsion	16 ²⁹ Pyanepsion Khalkeia Hekate's Deipnon	17 ¹ Maimakterion Noumenia	18 ² Maimakterion Agathos Daimon	19 ³ Maimakterion	20 ⁴ Maimakterion
21 ⁵ Maimakterion	22 ⁶ Maimakterion	23 ⁷ Maimakterion	24 ⁸ Maimakterion	25 ⁹ Maimakterion	26 ¹⁰ Maimakterion Pompaia?	27 ¹¹ Maimakterion
28 ¹² Maimakterion	29 ¹³ Maimakterion ○	30 ¹⁴ Maimakterion	31 ¹⁵ Maimakterion			

Dark of the moon: Oct 15 – 8:03 am EDT; 7:03 am CDT; 6:03 am MDT; 5:03 am PDT

Note: the crescent moon may be visible in some regions on October 16.

November 2012

Maimakterion – Poseideon 1 Μαιμακτηριών - Ποσειδεών Year 4 of the 697th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
○ = full moon				1 16 Maimakterion	2 17 Maimakterion	3 18 Maimakterion
4 19 Maimakterion	5 20 Maimakterion	6 21 Maimakterion	7 22 Maimakterion	8 23 Maimakterion	9 24 Maimakterion	10 25 Maimakterion Libation to Ares
11 26 Maimakterion Remembrance Day Veterans Day	12 27 Maimakterion	13 28 Maimakterion	14 29 Maimakterion Hekate's Deipnon	15 1 Poseideon 1 Noumenia	16 2 Poseideon 1 Agathos Daimon	17 3 Poseideon 1
18 4 Poseideon 1	19 5 Poseideon 1	20 6 Poseideon 1	21 7 Poseideon 1	22 8 Poseideon 1 Thanksgiving (USA)	23 9 Poseideon 1	24 10 Poseideon 1
25 11 Poseideon 1	26 12 Poseideon 1	27 13 Poseideon 1	28 14 Poseideon 1 ○	29 15 Poseideon 1	30 16 Poseideon 1	

Dark of the moon: Nov 13 – 5:08 pm EST; 4:08 pm CST; 3:08 pm MST; 2:08 pm PST

Daylight savings time ends November 4 in Canada and USA.

December 2012

Poseideon 1 – Poseideon 2

Ποσειδεών Α' – Ποσειδεών Β'

Year 4 of the 697th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
○ = full moon						1 17 Poseideon Poseidea
2 18 Poseideon	3 19 Poseideon	4 20 Poseideon	5 21 Poseideon	6 22 Poseideon	7 23 Poseideon	8 24 Poseideon Libation to Dionysos
9 25 Poseideon	10 26 Poseideon Haloa	11 27 Poseideon	12 28 Poseideon	13 29 Poseideon	14 30 Poseideon Hekate's Deipnon	15 1 Poseideon 2 Noumenia
16 2 Poseideon 2 Agathos Daimon	17 3 Poseideon 2	18 4 Poseideon 2	19 5 Poseideon 2	20 6 Poseideon 2 Heliogenna	21 7 Poseideon 2 Heliogenna Solstice	22 8 Poseideon 2
23 9 Poseideon 2	24 10 Poseideon 2	25 11 Poseideon 2	26 12 Poseideon 2	27 13 Poseideon 2	28 14 Poseideon 2 ○	29 15 Poseideon 2
30 16 Poseideon 2	31 17 Poseideon 2 New Year's Eve					

Dark of the moon: Dec 13 – 3:42 am EST; 2:42 am CST; 1:42 am MST; 12:42 am PST

Note: the crescent moon may be visible in some regions on December 14.