

Το Ημερολόγιο του Ελλήνιον 2017



Hellenion Calendar 2017

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 two astronomical associations, <http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/SKYCAL/SKYCAL.html?cal=2017#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 Hellenic Month Established Per Athens (HMEPA). See the relevant pages at <http://www.numachi.com/~ccount/hmepa/calendars/698.html> for the 698th Olympiad and <http://www.numachi.com/~ccount/hmepa/calendars/699.html> for the 699th Olympiad.

One of our associated projects, the online version of this calendar, 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 online version.

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. At the time of creating this calendar, the exact 2017 dates were not available. (More information about this festival is found at <https://prometheia.wordpress.com>).

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. The dark of the moon is an approximation based on the Eastern Time Zone (based in Toronto, Ontario) and the exact time of dark of moon and Noumenia varies in other locations depending on your time zone, where in the time zone you live and your latitude.

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). **Ἐρωσο!**

About the cover: ALTAR FOR MODERN HELLENIC WEDDING, for a wedding that took place in Toronto, Canada, in September 2016. The altar is decorated in traditional wedding colors of red and gold. Household gods on the altar (L to R): Zeus Ktesios kathiskos of the new household, Peitho, Aphrodite, Hermes, Zeus Teleios, Hera Teleia, Apollo and the Moirai. Also on the altar: barley, honey and coins—some of many ritual offerings—as well as a tray with the wedding wreaths and sweet almonds, the wedding rings, libation cup, myrtle branches and systrom. The embroidered mat under the tray was sewn by the groom's mother. Photo by Melissa Gold, graphic design by Karen Wehrstein, both of Hellenion Proto-Demos Hellenic Spirit, Toronto.

January 2017

Gamelion-Anthesterion

Γαμηλιών - Ανθεστηριών

Year 4 of the 698th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 2 Gamelion Agathos Daimon	2 3 Gamelion	3 4 Gamelion	4 5 Gamelion	5 6 Gamelion	6 7 Gamelion	7 8 Gamelion
8 9 Gamelion	9 10 Gamelion	10 11 Gamelion	11 12 Gamelion Lenaia	12 13 Gamelion Lenaia FULL MOON 6:33 am EST	13 14 Gamelion Lenaia	14 15 Gamelion Libation to Hera Lenaia
15 16 P Gamelion	16 17 Gamelion	17 18 Gamelion	18 19 Gamelion	19 20 Gamelion	20 21 Gamelion	21 22 Gamelion
22 23 Gamelion	23 24 Gamelion	24 25 Gamelion	25 26 Gamelion	26 27 Gamelion Theogamia	27 28 Gamelion	28 29 Gamelion Hekate's Deipnon
29 1 Anthesterion Noumenia	30 2 Anthesterion Agathos Daimon	31 3 Anthesterion				

Dark of the moon: Jan 27 – 7:07 pm EST; 6:07 pm CST; 7:07 pm MST; 4:07 pm PST, at 43.7°N

February 2017

Anthesterion - Elaphebolion

Ανθεστηριών - Ελαφηβολιών

Year 4 of the 698th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 4 Anthesterion	2 5 Anthesterion	3 6 Anthesterion	4 7 Anthesterion
5 8 Anthesterion	6 9 Anthesterion	7 10 Anthesterion	8 11 Anthesterion Anthesteria - Pithoigia	9 12 Anthesterion Anthesteria - Khoes	10 13 Anthesterion Anthesteria - Khytrai FULL MOON 7:32 pm EST	11 14 Anthesterion Libation to Aphrodite
12 15 Anthesterion	13 16 Anthesterion	14 17 Anthesterion	15 18 Anthesterion	16 19 Anthesterion	17 20 Anthesterion Lesser Mysteries	18 21 Anthesterion Lesser Mysteries
19 22 Anthesterion Lesser Mysteries	20 23 Anthesterion Lesser Mysteries & Diasia Family Day (Canada) Presidents Day (US)	21 24 Anthesterion Lesser Mysteries	22 25 Anthesterion Lesser Mysteries	23 26 Anthesterion Lesser Mysteries	24 27 Anthesterion	25 28 Anthesterion
26 29 Anthesterion	27 30 Anthesterion Hekate's Deipnon	28 1 Elaphebolion Noumenia				

Dark of the moon: Feb 26 – 9:58 am EST; 8:58 am CST; 7:68 am MST; 6:68 am PST, at 43.7°N.

March 2017
Elaphebolion - Mounykhion
Ελαφηβολιών - Μουνυχιών
Year 4 of the 698th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 2 Elaphebolion Agathos Daimon	2 3 Elaphebolion	3 4 Elaphebolion	4 5 Elaphebolion
5 6 Elaphebolion Elaphebolia	6 7 Elaphebolion	7 8 Elaphebolion Asklepia	8 9 Elaphebolion	9 10 Elaphebolion Dionysia ta astika	10 11 Elaphebolion Dionysia ta astika	11 12 Elaphebolion Libation to Hephaistos Dionysia ta astika
12 13 Elaphebolion Dionysia ta astika	13 14 Elaphebolion Dionysia ta astika	14 15 Elaphebolion Dionysia ta astika	15 16 Elaphebolion Dionysia ta astika	16 17 Elaphebolion Dionysia ta astika & Pandia	17 18 Elaphebolion	18 19 Elaphebolion
FULL MOON 10:53 am EDT						
19 20 Elaphebolion	20 21 Elaphebolion Equinox	21 22 Elaphebolion	22 23 Elaphebolion	23 24 Elaphebolion	24 25 Elaphebolion	25 26 Elaphebolion
26 27 Elaphebolion	27 28 Elaphebolion	28 29 Elaphebolion Hekate's Deipnon	29 1 Mounykhion Noumenia	30 2 Mounykhion Agathos Daimon	31 3 Mounykhion	

Dark of the moon: Mar 27 – 10:57 pm EDT; 9:57 pm CDT; 8:57 pm MDT; 7:57 pm PDT, at 43.7°N.

Daylight Savings Time begins March 12 at 2:00 am in Canada and USA.

April 2017
Mounykhion - Thargelion
Μουνοχιών - Θαργηλιών
Year 4 of the 698th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 4 Mounykhion
2 5 Mounykhion	3 6 Mounykhion Delphinia	4 7 Mounykhion	5 8 Mounykhion	6 9 Mounykhion	7 10 Mounykhion	8 11 Mounykhion Libation to Artemis
9 12 Mounykhion	10 13 Mounykhion	11 14 Mounykhion FULL MOON 2:08 am EDT	12 15 Mounykhion	13 16 Mounykhion Mounykhia	14 17 Mounykhion	15 18 Mounykhion
16 19 Mounykhion Olympeia	17 20 Mounykhion	18 21 Mounykhion	19 22 Mounykhion	20 23 Mounykhion	21 24 Mounykhion	22 25 Mounykhion Earth Day
23 26 Mounykhion	24 27 Mounykhion	25 28 Mounykhion	26 29 Mounykhion	27 30 Mounykhion Hekate's Deipnon	28 1 Thargelion Noumenia	29 2 Thargelion Agathos Daimon
30 3 Thargelion						

Dark of the moon: Apr 26 – 8:16 am EDT; 7:16 am CDT; 6:16 am MDT; 5:16 am PDT, at 43.7°N.

May 2017

Thargelion - Skirophorion

Θαργηλιών - Σκιροφοριών

Year 4 of the 698th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 4 Thargelion	2 5 Thargelion	3 6 Thargelion Thargelia	4 7 Thargelion Thargelia	5 8 Thargelion	6 9 Thargelion
7 10 Thargelion	8 11 Thargelion	9 12 Thargelion	10 13 Thargelion FULL MOON 5:42 pm EDT	11 14 Thargelion	12 15 Thargelion	13 16 Thargelion Libation to Apollon
14 17 Thargelion Mother's Day	15 18 Thargelion	16 19 Thargelion Bendideia	17 20 Thargelion	18 21 Thargelion	19 22 Thargelion	20 23 Thargelion
21 24 Thargelion Kallynteria	22 25 Thargelion Plynteria Victoria Day (Canada)	23 26 Thargelion	24 27 Thargelion	25 28 Thargelion	26 29 Thargelion Hekate's Deipnon	27 1 Skirophorion Noumenia
28 2 Skirophorion Agathos Daimon	29 3 Skirophorion Arrephoria Memorial Day (US)	30 4 Skirophorion	31 5 Skirophorion			

Dark of the moon: May 25 – 3:44 pm EDT; 2:44 pm CDT; 144 pm MDT; 12:44 pm PDT, at 43.7°N.

June 2017

Skirophorion - Hekatombaion

Σκιροφοριών - Εκατομβαιών

Year 4 of the 698th Olympiad – Year 1 of the 699th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6 Skirophorion	2 7 Skirophorion	3 8 Skirophorion
4 9 Skirophorion	5 10 Skirophorion	6 11 Skirophorion	7 12 Skirophorion Skira	8 13 Skirophorion	9 14 Skirophorion Bouphomia & Dipolieia FULL MOON 9:09 am EDT	10 15 Skirophorion Libation to Zeus
11 16 Skirophorion	12 17 Skirophorion	13 18 Skirophorion	14 19 Skirophorion	15 20 Skirophorion	16 21 Skirophorion	17 22 Skirophorion Prometheia
18 23 Skirophorion Fathers' Day	19 24 Skirophorion	20 25 Skirophorion Solstice	21 26 Skirophorion	22 27 Skirophorion	23 28 Skirophorion	24 29 Skirophorion Hekate's Deipnon
25 1 Hekatombaion Noumenia Athenian New Year	26 2 Hekatombaion Agathos Daimon	27 3 Hekatombaion	28 4 Hekatombaion	29 5 Hekatombaion	30 6 Hekatombaion	

Dark of the moon: Jun 23 – 10:30 pm EDT; 9:30 pm CDT; 8:30 pm MDT; 7:30 pm PDT, at 43.7°N.

July 2017

Hekatombaion - Metageitnion

Εκατομβαιών - Μεταγειπνιών

Year 1 of the 699th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 7 Hekatombaion Canada Day
2 8 Hekatombaion	3 9 Hekatombaion	4 10 Hekatombaion US Independence Day	5 11 Hekatombaion	6 12 Hekatombaion Kronia	7 13 Hekatombaion	8 14 Hekatombaion Libation to Athena
9 15 Hekatombaion Synoikia FULL MOON 12:07 am EDT	10 16 Hekatombaion Synoikia	11 17 Hekatombaion	12 18 Hekatombaion	13 19 Hekatombaion	14 20 Hekatombaion	15 21 Hekatombaion
16 22 Hekatombaion	17 23 Hekatombaion Panathenaia ta mikra	18 24 Hekatombaion Panathenaia ta mikra	19 25 Hekatombaion Panathenaia ta mikra	20 26 Hekatombaion Panathenaia ta mikra	21 27 Hekatombaion Panathenaia ta mikra	22 28 Hekatombaion Panathenaia ta mikra
23 29 Hekatombaion Panathenaia ta mikra	24 30 Hekatombaion Panathenaia ta mikra Hekate's Deipnon	25 1 Metageitnion Noumenia	26 2 Metageitnion Agathos Daimon Herakleia?	27 3 Metageitnion	28 4 Metageitnion	29 5 Metageitnion
30 6 Metageitnion	31 7 Metageitnion					

Dark of the moon: Jul 23 – 5:45 am EDT; 4:45 am CDT; 3:45 am MDT; 2:45 am PDT, at 43.7°N.

August 2017

Metageitnion - Boedromion

Μεταγειτνίων - Βοηδρομιών

Year 1 of the 699th Olympiad

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

Dark of the moon: Aug 21 – 2:30 pm EDT; 1:30 pm CDT; 12:30 pm MDT; 11:30 am PDT, at 43.7°N.

September 2017
Boedromion - Pyanepsion
Βοηδρομιών - Πυανεψιών
Year 1 of the 699th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 10 Boedromion	2 11 Boedromion
3 12 Boedromion Demokratia	4 13 Boedromion Labor Day (US) Labour Day (Canada)	5 14 Boedromion	6 15 Boedromion Eleusinia ta megala FULL MOON 3:02 am EDT	7 16 Boedromion Eleusinia ta megala	8 17 Boedromion Eleusinia ta megala Epidauria?	9 18 Boedromion Libation to Demeter & Persephone Eleusinia ta megala
10 19 Boedromion Eleusinia ta megala	11 20 Boedromion Eleusinia ta megala	12 21 Boedromion Eleusinia ta megala	13 22 Boedromion	14 23 Boedromion Hellenion membership renewals due	15 24 Boedromion	16 25 Boedromion
17 26 Boedromion	18 27 Boedromion Sacrifices to Nymphs, Akheloös, others	19 28 Boedromion	20 29 Boedromion	21 30 Boedromion Hekate's Deipnon	22 1 Pyanepsion Noumenia _Equinox	23 2 Pyanepsion Agathos Daimon
24 3 Pyanepsion	25 4 Pyanepsion	26 5 Pyanepsion	27 6 Pyanepsion Proerosia	28 7 Pyanepsion Pyanepsia & Oskhophoria	29 8 Pyanepsion Theseia	30 9 Pyanepsion Stenia

Dark of the moon: Sep 20 – 1:29 am EDT; 12:29 am CDT; Sept 19 - 11:29 pm MDT; 10:29 am PDT, at 43.7°N.

October 2017

Pyanepsion - Maimakterion

Πυανεψιών - Μαιμακτηριών

Year 1 of the 699th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10 Pyanepsion	2 11 Pyanepsion Thesmophoria	3 12 Pyanepsion Thesmophoria	4 13 Pyanepsion Thesmophoria	5 14 Pyanepsion The Heroines FULL MOON 2:40 pm EDT	6 15 Pyanepsion	7 16 Boedromion
8 17 Pyanepsion	9 18 Pyanepsion Thanksgiving (Canada)	10 19 Pyanepsion	11 20 Pyanepsion	12 21 Pyanepsion	13 22 Pyanepsion	14 23 Pyanepsion Libation to Poseidon
15 24 Pyanepsion	16 25 Pyanepsion	17 26 Pyanepsion	18 27 Pyanepsion	19 28 Pyanepsion	20 29 Pyanepsion Hekate's Deipnon Khalkeia	21 1 Maimakterion Noumenia
22 2 Maimakterion Agathos Daimon	23 3 Maimakterion	24 4 Maimakterion	25 5 Maimakterion	26 6 Maimakterion	27 7 Maimakterion	28 8 Maimakterion
29 9 Maimakterion	30 10 Maimakterion Pompaia?	31 11 Maimakterion				

Dark of the moon: Oct 19 – 3:12 pm EDT; 2:12 pm CDT; 1:12 pm MDT; 12:12 pm PDT, at 43.7°N.

November 2017
Maimakterion - Poseideon
Μαμακτηριών - Ποσειδεών
Year 1 of the 699th Olympiad

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

Dark of the moon: Nov 18 – 6:42 am EST; 5:42 am CST; 4:42 am MST; 3:42 am PST, at 43.7°N.
Daylight savings time ends November 5 in Canada and USA at 2:00 am.

December 2017

Poseideon – Poseideon 2

Ποσειδεών – Ποσειδεών β

Year 1 of the 699th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 12 Poseideon	2 13 Poseideon FULL MOON 10:47 am EST
3 14 Poseideon	4 15 Poseideon	5 16 Poseideon	6 17 Poseideon	7 18 Poseideon	8 19 Poseideon	9 20 Poseideon Libation to Dionysos
10 21 Poseideon	11 22 Poseideon	12 33 Poseideon	13 24 Poseideon	14 25 Poseideon	15 26 Poseideon	16 2 7 Poseideon
17 28 Poseideon	18 29 Poseideon	19 30 Poseideon Hekate's Deipnon	20 1 Poseideon 2 Noumenia	21 2 Poseideon 2 Agathos Daimon Heliogenna Solstice	22 3 Poseideon 2 Heliogenna	23 4 Poseideon 2
24 5 Poseideon 2	25 6 Poseideon 2	26 7 Poseideon 2	27 8 Poseideon 2 Haloo	28 9 Poseideon 2	29 10 Poseideon 2 Country Dionysia	30 11 Poseideon 2
31 12 Poseideon 2 New Year's Eve						

Dark of the moon: Dec 18 – 1:30 am EST; 12:30 am CST; Dec 17 – 11:30 pm MST; 10:30 pm PST, at 43.7°N.