

Hellenion Calendar 2019



Το Ημερολόγιο του Ελλήνιον 2019

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=2019#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/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 near the summer solstice near Mt. Olympos. At the time of creating this calendar, the exact 2019 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.

New this year: Apatouria, anniversaries of historic events and the daily libations (Gods' names shown in italics on days in the first week of each Hellenic month).

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: Theatre at Epidauros, Greece. Photo by Melissa Gold, 2006. A tour group visits the theatre at the ancient shrine of healing in the southeast Argive region. The round stone in the orchestra (the center of the open area behind the tour guide) is the "sweet spot" from which the voice of the actor could reach every member of the audience, including those on the highest seats. The acoustics of the theater were famed even in ancient times.

January 2019

Poseideon - Gamelion

Ποσειδεών - Γαμηλιών

Year 2 of the 699th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 24 Poseideon	2 25 Poseideon	3 26 Poseideon	4 27 Poseideon	5 28 Poseideon
6 29 Poseideon	7 30 Poseideon Hekate's Deipnon	8 1 Gamelion Noumenia	9 2 Gamelion Agathos Daimon	10 3 Gamelion <i>Athena</i>	11 4 Gamelion <i>Aphrodite, Herakles, Hermes and Eros</i>	12 5 Gamelion Libation to Hera
13 6 Gamelion <i>Artemis</i>	14 7 Gamelion <i>Apollon</i>	15 8 Gamelion <i>Poseidon and Theseus</i>	16 9 Gamelion <i>Helios, the Muses and Rhea</i>	17 10 Gamelion	18 11 Gamelion	19 12 Gamelion Lenaia
20 13 Gamelion Lenaia	21 14 Gamelion Lenaia FULL MOON 12:16 am EST	22 15 Gamelion Lenaia	23 16 Gamelion	24 17 Gamelion	25 18 Gamelion	26 19 Gamelion
27 20 Gamelion	28 21 Gamelion	29 22 Gamelion	30 23 Gamelion	31 24 Gamelion		

Dark of the moon: Jan 5 – 8:28 pm EST; 7:28 pm CST; 6:28 pm MST; 5:28 pm PST, at 43.7°N

February 2019
Gamelion - Anthesterion
Γαμηλιών - Ανθεστηριών
Year 2 of the 699th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 25 Gamelion	2 26 Gamelion
3 27 Gamelion Theogamia	4 28 Gamelion	5 29 Gamelion Hekate's Deipnon	6 1 Anthesterion Noumenia	7 2 Anthesterion Agathos Daimon	8 3 Anthesterion <i>Athena</i>	9 4 Anthesterion Libation to Aphrodite <i>Aphrodite, Herakles, Hermes and Eros</i>
10 5 Anthesterion	11 6 Anthesterion <i>Artemis</i>	12 7 Anthesterion <i>Apollon</i>	13 8 Anthesterion <i>Poseidon and Theseus</i>	14 9 Anthesterion <i>Helios, the Muses and Rhea</i>	15 10 Anthesterion Anthesteria - Pithoigia Anniversary of the Death of Socratēs	16 11 Anthesterion Anthesteria - Khoes
17 12 Anthesterion Anthesteria - Khytrai	18 13 Anthesterion Family Day (Canada) Presidents Day (US)	19 14 Anthesterion FULL MOON 10:53 am EST	20 15 Anthesterion	21 16 Anthesterion	22 17 Anthesterion	23 18 Anthesterion
24 19 Anthesterion	25 20 Anthesterion Lesser Mysteries	26 21 Anthesterion Lesser Mysteries	27 22 Anthesterion Lesser Mysteries	28 23 Anthesterion Lesser Mysteries & Diasia		

Dark of the moon: Feb 4 – 4:03 pm EST; 3:03 pm CST; 2:03 pm MST; 1:03 pm PST, at 43.7°N.

March 2019

Anthesterion - Elaphebolion

Ανθεστηριών - Ελαφηβολιών

Year 2 of the 699th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 24 Anthesterion Lesser Mysteries	2 25 Anthesterion Lesser Mysteries
3 26 Anthesterion Lesser Mysteries	4 27 Anthesterion	5 28 Anthesterion	6 29 Anthesterion	7 30 Anthesterion Hekate's Deipnon	8 1 Elaphebolion Noumenia	9 2 Elaphebolion Libation to Hephaistos Agathos Daimon
10 3 Elaphebolion <i>Athena</i>	11 4 Elaphebolion <i>Aphrodite, Herakles, Hermes and Eros</i>	12 5 Elaphebolion	13 6 Elaphebolion Elaphebolia <i>Artemis</i>	14 7 Elaphebolion <i>Apollon</i>	15 8 Elaphebolion Asklepia <i>Poseidon and Theseus</i>	16 9 Elaphebolion <i>Helios, the Muses and Rhea</i>
17 10 Elaphebolion Dionysia ta astika	18 11 Elaphebolion Dionysia ta astika	19 12 Elaphebolion Dionysia ta astika	20 13 Elaphebolion Dionysia ta astika Anniversary of the martyrdom of Hypatia Equinox FULL MOON 9:42 pm EDT	21 14 Elaphebolion Dionysia ta astika	22 15 Elaphebolion Dionysia ta astika	23 16 Elaphebolion Dionysia ta astika
24 17 Elaphebolion Dionysia ta astika & Pandia	25 18 Elaphebolion	26 19 Elaphebolion	27 20 Elaphebolion	28 21 Elaphebolion	29 22 Elaphebolion	30 23 Elaphebolion
31 24 Elaphebolion						

Dark of the moon: Mar 6 – 11:03 am EST; 10:03 am CST; 9:03 am MST; 8:03 am PST, at 43.7°N.

Daylight Savings Time begins March 10 at 2:00 am in Canada and USA.

April 2019

Elaphebolion - Mounykhion

Ελαφηβολιών - Μουνυχιών

Year 2 of the 699th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 25 Elaphebolion	2 26 Elaphebolion	3 27 Elaphebolion	4 28 Elaphebolion	5 29 Elaphebolion	6 30 Elaphebolion Hekate's Deipnon
7 1 Mounykhion Noumenia	8 2 Mounykhion Agathos Daimon	9 3 Mounykhion <i>Athena</i>	10 4 Mounykhion <i>Aphrodite, Herakles, Hermes and Eros</i>	11 5 Mounykhion	12 6 Mounykhion Delphinia <i>Artemis</i>	13 7 Mounykhion Libation to Artemis <i>Apollon</i>
14 8 Mounykhion <i>Poseidon and Theseus</i>	15 9 Mounykhion <i>Helios, the Muses and Rhea</i>	16 10 Mounykhion	17 11 Mounykhion	18 12 Mounykhion	19 13 Mounykhion	20 14 Mounykhion
21 15 Mounykhion	22 16 Mounykhion Mounykhia Earth Day	23 17 Mounykhion	24 18 Mounykhion Anniversary of the Foundation of Hellenion	25 19 Mounykhion Olympeia	26 20 Mounykhion	27 21 Mounykhion
28 22 Mounykhion	29 23 Mounykhion	30 24 Mounykhion				

Dark of the moon: Apr 5 – 4:50 am EDT; 3:50 am CDT; 2:50 am MDT; 1:50 am PDT, at 43.7°N.

May 2019
Mounykhion - Thargelion
Μουουχιών - Θαργηλιών
Year 2 of the 699th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 25 Mounykhion	2 26 Mounykhion	3 27 Mounykhion	4 28 Mounykhion
5 29 Mounykhion Hekate's Deipnon	6 1 Thargelion Noumenia	7 2 Thargelion Agathos Daimon	8 3 Thargelion <i>Athena</i>	9 4 Thargelion <i>Aphrodite, Herakles, Hermes and Eros</i>	10 5 Thargelion	11 6 Thargelion Libation to Apollon Thargelia <i>Artemis</i>
12 7 Thargelion Thargelia <i>Apollon</i> Mother's Day	13 8 Thargelion <i>Poseidon and Theseus</i>	14 9 Thargelion <i>Helios, the Muses and Rhea</i>	15 10 Thargelion	16 11 Thargelion	17 12 Thargelion	18 13 Thargelion FULL MOON 5:11 pm EDT – Blue Moon
19 14 Thargelion Bendideia	20 15 Thargelion Victoria Day (Canada)	21 16 Thargelion	22 17 Thargelion	23 18 Thargelion	24 19 Thargelion	25 20 Thargelion
26 21 Thargelion	27 22 Thargelion Memorial Day (US)	28 23 Thargelion	29 24 Thargelion Kallynteria	30 25 Thargelion Plynteria	31 26 Thargelion	

Dark of the moon: May 4 – 6:45 pm EDT; 5:45 pm CDT; 4:45 pm MDT; 3:45 pm PDT, at 43.7°N.

June 2019

Thargelion - Skirophorion

Θαργηλιών - Σκίροφοριών

Year 2 of the 699th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 27 Thargelion
2 28 Thargelion	3 29 Thargelion	4 30 Thargelion Hekate's Deipnon	5 1 Skirophorion Noumenia	6 2 Skirophorion Agathos Daimon	7 3 Skirophorion Arrephoria <i>Athena</i>	8 4 Skirophorion Libation to Zeus <i>Aphrodite, Herakles, Hermes and Eros</i>
9 5 Skirophorion	10 6 Skirophorion <i>Artemis</i>	11 7 Skirophorion <i>Apollon</i> Anniversary of the Death of Alexander the Great	12 8 Skirophorion <i>Poseidon and Theseus</i>	13 9 Skirophorion <i>Helios, the Muses and Rhea</i>	14 10 Skirophorion	15 11 Skirophorion
16 12 Skirophorion Skira Fathers' Day	17 13 Skirophorion FULL MOON 4:30 am EDT	18 14 Skirophorion Bouphonia & Dipolieia	19 15 Skirophorion	20 16 Skirophorion	21 17 Skirophorion Solstice	22 18 Skirophorion
23 19 Skirophorion	24 20 Skirophorion	25 21 Skirophorion	26 22 Skirophorion Anniversary of the death of Roman Emperor Julian	27 23 Skirophorion	28 24 Skirophorion	29 25 Skirophorion
30 26 Skirophorion						

Dark of the moon: Jun 3 – 6:01 am EDT; 5:01 am CDT; 4:01 am MDT; 3:01 am PDT, at 43.7°N.

July 2019

Skiorphorion - Hekatombaion

Σκιροφοριών - Εκατομβαιών

Year 2 of the 699th Olympiad – Year 3 of the 699th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 27 Skiorphorion Canada Day	2 28 Skiorphorion	3 29 Skiorphorion Hekate's Deipnon	4 1 Hekatombaion Noumenia Athenian New Year US Independence Day	5 2 Hekatombaion Agathos Daimon	6 3 Hekatombaion <i>Athena</i>
7 4 Hekatombaion <i>Aphrodite, Herakles, Hermes and Eros</i>	8 5 Hekatombaion	9 6 Hekatombaion <i>Artemis</i>	10 7 Hekatombaion <i>Apollon</i>	11 8 Hekatombaion <i>Poseidon and Theseus</i>	12 9 Hekatombaion <i>Helios, the Muses and Rhea</i>	13 10 Hekatombaion Libation to Athena
14 11 Hekatombaion	15 12 Hekatombaion Kronia	16 13 Hekatombaion FULL MOON 5:38 pm EDT	17 14 Hekatombaion	18 15 Hekatombaion	19 16 Hekatombaion Synoikia	20 17 Hekatombaion
21 18 Hekatombaion	22 19 Hekatombaion	23 20 Hekatombaion	24 21 Hekatombaion	25 22 Hekatombaion	26 23 Hekatombaion Panathenaia ta megala	27 24 Hekatombaion Panathenaia ta megala
28 25 Hekatombaion Panathenaia ta megala	29 26 Hekatombaion Panathenaia ta megala	30 27 Hekatombaion Panathenaia ta megala	31 28 Hekatombaion Panathenaia ta megala			

Dark of the moon: Jul 2 – 3:16 pm EDT; 2:36 pm CDT; 1:36 pm MDT; 12:36 pm PDT, at 43.7°N.

Dark of the moon: Jul 31 – 11:11 pm EDT; 10:11 pm CDT; 9:11 pm MDT; 8:11 pm PDT, at 43.7°N. (“Black” moon)

August 2019
Hekatombaion - Metageitnion
Εκατομβαιών - Μεταγειτνιών
Year 3 of the 699th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 29 Hekatombaion Panathenaia ta megala Hekate's Deipnon	2 1 Metageitnion Noumenia	3 2 Metageitnion Agathos Daimon Herakleia?
4 3 Metageitnion <i>Athena</i>	5 4 Metageitnion <i>Aphrodite, Herakles, Hermes and Eros</i> Civic Holiday (Canada)	6 5 Metageitnion	7 6 Metageitnion <i>Artemis</i>	8 7 Metageitnion <i>Apollon</i>	9 8 Metageitnion <i>Poseidon and Theseus</i>	10 9 Metageitnion Libation to Hermes <i>Helios, the Muses and Rhea</i>
11 10 Metageitnion	12 11 Metageitnion	13 12 Metageitnion	14 13 Metageitnion	15 14 Metageitnion FULL MOON 8:29 am EDT	16 15 Metageitnion Eleusinia	17 16 Metageitnion Kourotrophos, Hekate and Artemis Eleusinia
18 17 Metageitnion Eleusinia	19 18 Metageitnion	20 19 Metageitnion The Heroines	21 20 Metageitnion Hera Telkhinia	22 21 Metageitnion	23 22 Metageitnion	24 23 Metageitnion
25 24 Metageitnion	26 25 Metageitnion Zeus Epoptes	27 26 Metageitnion	28 27 Metageitnion	29 28 Metageitnion	30 29 Metageitnion	31 30 Metageitnion Hekate's Deipnon

Dark of the moon: Aug 30 – 6:37 am EDT; 5:37 am CDT; 4:37 am MDT; 3:37 am PDT, at 43.7°N.

September 2019
Boedromion - Pyanepsion
Βοηδρομιών - Πυανεψιών
Year 3 of the 699th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1 Boedromion Noumenia	2 2 Boedromion Agathos Daimon Niketeria Labor Day (US) Labour Day (Canada)	3 3 Boedromion <i>Athena</i>	4 4 Boedromion Basile <i>Aphrodite, Herakles, Hermes and Eros</i>	5 5 Boedromion Genesisios	6 6 Boedromion Artemis Agrotera <i>Artemis</i>	7 7 Boedromion <i>Apollon</i>
8 8 Boedromion <i>Poseidon and Theseus</i>	9 9 Boedromion <i>Helios, the Muses and Rhea</i>	10 10 Boedromion	11 11 Boedromion	12 12 Boedromion Demokratia	13 13 Boedromion	14 14 Boedromion Libation to Demeter & Persephone
15 15 Boedromion Eleusinia ta megala Hellenion membership renewals due	16 16 Boedromion Eleusinia ta megala	17 17 Boedromion Eleusinia ta megala Epidauria?	18 18 Boedromion Eleusinia ta megala	19 19 Boedromion Eleusinia ta megala	20 20 Boedromion Eleusinia ta megala	21 21 Boedromion Eleusinia ta megala Libation to Hades
22 22 Boedromion	23 23 Boedromion Equinox	24 24 Boedromion	25 25 Boedromion	26 26 Boedromion	27 27 Boedromion Sacrifices to Nymphs, Akheloös, others	28 28 Boedromion
29 29 Boedromion Hekate's Deipnon	30 1 Pyanepsion Noumenia					

Dark of the moon: Sep 28 – 2:26 pm EDT; 1:26 pm CDT; 12:26 pm MDT; 11:26 am PDT, at 43.7°N.

October 2019

Pyanepsion - Maimakterion

Πυανεψιών - Μαιμακτηριών

Year 3 of the 699th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 2 Pyanepsion Agathos Daimon	2 3 Pyanepsion <i>Athena</i>	3 4 Pyanepsion <i>Aphrodite, Herakles, Hermes and Eros</i>	4 5 Pyanepsion	5 6 Pyanepsion Proerosia <i>Artemis</i>
6 7 Pyanepsion Pyanepsia & Oskhophoria <i>Apollon</i>	7 8 Pyanepsion Theseia <i>Poseidon and Theseus</i>	8 9 Pyanepsion Stenia <i>Helios, the Muses and Rhea</i>	9 10 Pyanepsion	10 11 Pyanepsion Thesmophoria	11 12 Pyanepsion Thesmophoria	12 13 Pyanepsion Libation to Poseidon Thesmophoria
13 14 Pyanepsion The Heroines	14 15 Pyanepsion Thanksgiving (Canada)	15 16 Pyanepsion Season of Apatouria begins	16 17 Pyanepsion	17 18 Pyanepsion	18 19 Pyanepsion	19 20 Pyanepsion
FULL MOON 5:07 pm EDT						
20 21 Pyanepsion	21 22 Pyanepsion	22 23 Pyanepsion	23 24 Pyanepsion	24 25 Pyanepsion	25 26 Pyanepsion	26 27 Pyanepsion
27 28 Pyanepsion	28 29 Pyanepsion Hekate's Deipnon Khalkeia	29 1 Maimakterion Noumenia	30 2 Maimakterion Agathos Daimon	31 3 Maimakterion <i>Athena</i>		

Dark of the moon: Oct 27 – 11:38 pm EDT; 10:38 pm CDT; 9:38 pm MDT; 8:38 pm PDT, at 43.7°N.

November 2019
Maimakterion - Poseideon
Μαϊμακτηριών - Ποσειδεών
Year 3 of the 699th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 4 Maimakterion <i>Aphrodite, Herakles, Hermes and Eros</i>	2 5 Maimakterion
3 6 Maimakterion <i>Artemis</i>	4 7 Maimakterion <i>Apollon</i>	5 8 Maimakterion <i>Poseidon and Theseus</i>	6 9 Maimakterion <i>Helios, the Muses and Rhea</i>	7 10 Maimakterion Pompaia?	8 11 Maimakterion	9 12 Maimakterion Libation to Ares
10 13 Maimakterion	11 14 Maimakterion Remembrance Day (Canada) Veterans Day (US)	12 15 Maimakterion FULL MOON 8:34 am EST	13 16 Maimakterion	14 17 Maimakterion	15 18 Maimakterion	16 19 Maimakterion
17 20 Maimakterion	18 21 Maimakterion	19 22 Maimakterion	20 23 Maimakterion	21 24 Maimakterion	22 25 Maimakterion	23 26 Maimakterion
24 27 Maimakterion	25 28 Maimakterion	26 29 Maimakterion	27 30 Maimakterion Hekate's Deipnon	28 1 Poseideon Noumenia Thanksgiving (US)	29 2 Poseideon Agathos Daimon	30 3 Poseideon <i>Athena</i>

Dark of the moon: Nov 29 – 10:05 am EST; 9:05 am CST; 8:05 am MST; 7:05 am PST, at 43.7°N.

Daylight savings time ends November 3 in Canada and USA at 2:00 am.

December 2019

Poseideon - Gamelion

Ποσειδεών - Γαμηλιών

Year 3 of the 699th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 4 Poseideon <i>Aphrodite, Herakles, Hermes and Eros</i>	2 5 Poseideon Plerosia	3 6 Poseideon <i>Artemis</i>	4 7 Poseideon <i>Apollon</i>	5 8 Poseideon <i>Poseidon and Theseus</i>	6 9 Poseideon <i>Helios, the Muses and Rhea</i>	7 10 Poseideon Country Dionysia?
8 11 Poseideon	9 12 Poseideon	10 13 Poseideon	11 14 Poseideon	12 15 Poseideon <small>FULL MOON 12:12 am EST</small>	13 16 Poseideon	14 17 Poseideon Libation to Dionysos
15 18 Poseideon Poseidea	16 19 Poseideon	17 20 Poseideon	18 21 Poseideon	19 22 Poseideon	20 23 Poseideon	21 24 Poseideon
22 25 Poseideon Heliogenna Solstice	23 26 Poseideon Heliogenna Haloa	24 27 Poseideon	25 28 Poseideon	26 29 Poseideon	27 30 Poseideon Hekate's Deipnon	28 1 Gamelion Noumenia
29 2 Gamelion Agathos Daimon	30 3 Gamelion <i>Athena</i>	31 4 Gamelion <i>Aphrodite, Herakles, Hermes and Eros</i> New Year's Eve				

Dark of the moon: Dec 26 – 12:13 am EST; Dec 25 - 11:13 pm CST; 10:13 pm MST; 9:13 pm PST, at 43.7°N.