

HELLENION CALENDAR 2021



ΤΟ ΗΜΕΡΟΛΟΓΙΟ ΤΟΥ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΟΝ 2021

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 Olympus 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=2020#skycal> and from www.timeanddate.com/calendar/moonphases.html, as well as these 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)

Hellenic Month Established Per Athens (HMEPA). See the relevant pages: <http://www.numachi.com/~ccount/hmepa/calendars/699.html> for the 699th, <http://www.numachi.com/~ccount/hmepa/calendars/700.html> for the 700th.

One of our associated projects, the online version of this calendar, is 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. Olympus. At the time of creating this calendar, the exact 2021 dates were not available, but they will be added to the web version as we learn them. (More information about Prometheia is found at <https://prometheia.wordpress.com>). Gods' names in italics indicate the gods receiving special honors on that day.

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 uses "y" to represent the short "u" of Greek, "kh" to represent "chi" (χ), a sound which does not exist in English, and "e" to represent both epsilon (ε) and eta (η). ***Ερωσο!***

About the cover: Mt. Ida on Crete, considered the birthplace of Zeus. Photo by Robert Orofino, 2017. Graphic design by KM Wehrstein.

January 2021

Poseideon 2 (leap month) – Gamelion

Ποσειδεών Β – Γαμηλιών

Year 4 of the 699th Olympiad

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

Dark of the moon: Jan 13 – 1:00 am AST; 12:00 am EST; Jan 12 – 11:00 pm CST; 10:00 pm MST; 9:00 pm PST, at 43.7°N

February 2021
Gamelion – Anthesterion
Γαμηλιών – Ανθεστηριών
Year 4 of the 699th Olympiad

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

Dark of the moon: Feb 11 – 3:05 am AST; 2:05 am EST; 1:05 am CST; 12:05 am MST; Feb 10 – 11:05 pm PST, at 43.7°N.

March 2021
Anthesterion – Elaphebolion
Ανθεστηριών – Ελαφηβολιών
Year 4 of the 699th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 17 Anthesterion	2 18 Anthesterion	3 19 Anthesterion	4 20 Anthesterion Lesser Mysteries	5 21 Anthesterion Lesser Mysteries	6 22 Anthesterion Lesser Mysteries
7 23 Anthesterion Lesser Mysteries & Diasia	8 24 Anthesterion Lesser Mysteries	9 25 Anthesterion Lesser Mysteries	10 26 Anthesterion Lesser Mysteries	11 27 Anthesterion	12 28 Anthesterion	13 29 Anthesterion Libation to Hephaistos
14 30 Anthesterion Hekate's Deipnon	15 1 Elaphebolion Noumenia	16 2 Elaphebolion Agathos Daimon	17 3 Elaphebolion <i>Athena</i>	18 4 Elaphebolion <i>Aphrodite, Herakles, Hermes and Eros</i>	19 5 Elaphebolion	20 6 Elaphebolion Elaphebolia <i>Artemis</i> Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Hypatia Equinox
21 7 Elaphebolion <i>Apollon</i>	22 8 Elaphebolion Asklepia <i>Poseidon and Theseus</i>	23 9 Elaphebolion <i>Helios, the Muses and Rhea</i>	24 10 Elaphebolion Dionysia ta astika	25 11 Elaphebolion Dionysia ta astika	26 12 Elaphebolion Dionysia ta astika	27 13 Elaphebolion Dionysia ta astika
28 14 Elaphebolion Dionysia ta astika FULL MOON 2:48 pm EDT	29 15 Elaphebolion Dionysia ta astika	30 16 Elaphebolion Dionysia ta astika	31 17 Elaphebolion Dionysia ta astika & Pandia			

Dark of the moon: Mar 13 – 6:21 am AST; 5:21 am EST; 4:21 am CST; 3:21 am MST; 2:21 am PST, at 43.7°N.

Daylight Savings Time begins March 14, 2021, at 2:00 am in Canada and USA.

April 2021

Elaphebolion – Mounykhion

Ελαφηβολιών – Μουνυχιών

Year 4 of the 699th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 18 Elaphebolion	2 19 Elaphebolion	3 20 Elaphebolion
4 21 Elaphebolion	5 22 Elaphebolion	6 23 Elaphebolion	7 24 Elaphebolion	8 25 Elaphebolion	9 26 Elaphebolion	10 27 Elaphebolion Libation to Artemis
11 28 Elaphebolion	12 29 Elaphebolion Hekate's Deipnon	13 1 Mounykhion Noumenia	14 2 Mounykhion Agathos Daimon	15 3 Mounykhion <i>Athena</i>	16 4 Mounykhion <i>Aphrodite, Herakles, Hermes and Eros</i>	17 5 Mounykhion
18 6 Mounykhion Delphinia <i>Artemis</i>	19 7 Mounykhion <i>Apollon</i>	20 8 Mounykhion <i>Poseidon and Theseus</i>	21 9 Mounykhion <i>Helios, the Muses and Rhea</i>	22 10 Mounykhion Earth Day	23 11 Mounykhion	24 12 Mounykhion Anniversary of the Foundation of Hellenion
25 13 Mounykhion	26 14 Mounykhion FULL MOON 11:31 pm EDT	27 15 Mounykhion	28 16 Mounykhion Mounykhia	29 17 Mounykhion	30 18 Mounykhion	

Dark of the moon: Apr 11 – 11:30 pm ADT; 10:30 pm EDT; 9:30 pm CDT; 8:30 pm MDT; 7:30 pm PDT, at 43.7°N.

May 2021
Mounykhion – Thargelion
Μουνηχιών – Θαργηλιών
Year 4 of the 699th Olympiad

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

Dark of the moon: May 11 – 3:59 pm ADT; 2:59 pm EDT; 1:59 pm CDT; 12:59 am MDT; 11:59 am PDT, at 43.7°N.

June 2021

Thargelion – Skirophorion

Θαργηλιών – Σκιροφοριών

Year 4 of the 699th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 20 Thargelion	2 21 Thargelion	3 22 Thargelion	4 23 Thargelion	5 24 Thargelion
6 25 Thargelion Kallynteria	7 26 Thargelion Plynteria	8 27 Thargelion	9 28 Thargelion	10 29 Thargelion	11 30 Thargelion Hekate's Deipnon Anniversary of the Death of Alexander the Great	12 1 Skirophorion Noumenia Libation to Zeus
13 2 Skirophorion Agathos Daimon	14 3 Skirophorion Arrephoria <i>Athena</i>	15 4 Skirophorion <i>Aphrodite, Herakles, Hermes and Eros</i>	16 5 Skirophorion	17 6 Skirophorion <i>Artemis</i>	18 7 Skirophorion <i>Apollon</i>	19 8 Skirophorion <i>Poseidon and Theseus</i> Solstice
20 9 Skirophorion <i>Helios, the Muses and Rhea</i> Fathers' Day Solstice	21 10 Skirophorion	22 11 Skirophorion	23 12 Skirophorion Skira	24 13 Skirophorion FULL MOON 2:39 pm EDT	25 14 Skirophorion Bouphonia & Dipolieia	26 15 Skirophorion Anniversary of the Death of Roman Emperor Julian
27 16 Skirophorion	28 17 Skirophorion	29 18 Skirophorion	30 19 Skirophorion			

Dark of the moon: Jun 10 – 7:52 am ADT; 6:52 am EDT; 5:52 am CDT; 4:52 am MDT; 3:52 am PDT, at 43.7°N.

July 2021

Skirophorion – Hekatombaion

Σκιροφοριών – Εκατομβαιών

Year 4 of the 699th Olympiad – Year 1 of the 700th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 20 Skirophorion Canada Day	2 21 Skirophorion	3 22 Skirophorion
4 23 Skirophorion US Independence Day	5 24 Skirophorion	6 25 Skirophorion	7 26 Skirophorion	8 27 Skirophorion	9 28 Skirophorion	10 29 Skirophorion Hekate's Deipnon Libation to Athena
11 1 Hekatombaion Noumenia Athenian New Year	12 2 Hekatombaion Agathos Daimon	13 3 Hekatombaion <i>Athena</i>	14 4 Hekatombaion <i>Aphrodite, Herakles, Hermes and Eros</i>	15 5 Hekatombaion	16 6 Hekatombaion <i>Artemis</i>	17 7 Hekatombaion <i>Apollon</i>
18 8 Hekatombaion <i>Poseidon and Theseus</i>	19 9 Hekatombaion <i>Helios, the Muses and Rhea</i>	20 10 Hekatombaion	21 11 Hekatombaion	22 12 Hekatombaion Kronia	23 13 Hekatombaion FULL MOON 10:36 pm EDT	24 14 Hekatombaion
25 15 Hekatombaion Sunioikia	26 16 Hekatombaion Sunioikia	27 17 Hekatombaion	28 18 Hekatombaion	29 19 Hekatombaion	30 20 Hekatombaion	31 21 Hekatombaion

Dark of the moon: Jul 9 – 10:16 pm ADT; 9:16 pm EDT; 8:16 pm CDT; 7:16 pm MDT; 6:16 pm PDT, at 43.7°N.

August 2021

Hekatombaion – Metageitnion

Εκατομβαιών – Μεταγειτνιών

Year 1 of the 700th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 22 Hekatombaion	2 23 Hekatombaion Panathenaia ta mikra Civic Holiday (Canada)	3 24 Hekatombaion Panathenaia ta mikra	4 25 Hekatombaion Panathenaia ta mikra	5 26 Hekatombaion Panathenaia ta mikra	6 27 Hekatombaion Panathenaia ta mikra	7 28 Hekatombaion Panathenaia ta mikra
8 29 Hekatombaion Panathenaia ta mikra	9 30 Hekatombaion Hekate's Deipnon Panathenaia ta mikra	10 1 Metageitnion Noumenia	11 2 Metageitnion Agathos Daimon Herakleia?	12 3 Metageitnion <i>_Athena</i>	13 4 Metageitnion <i>Aphrodite, Herakles, Hermes and Eros</i>	14 5 Metageitnion Libation to Hermes
15 6 Metageitnion <i>Artemis</i>	16 7 Metageitnion <i>Apollon</i>	17 8 Metageitnion <i>Poseidon and Theseus</i>	18 9 Metageitnion <i>Helios, the Muses and Rhea</i>	19 10 Metageitnion	20 11 Metageitnion	21 12 Metageitnion
22 13 Metageitnion FULL MOON 8:01 am EDT	23 14 Metageitnion	24 15 Metageitnion Eleusinia	25 16 Metageitnion Eleusinia Kourotrophos, Hekate and Artemis	26 17 Metageitnion Eleusinia	27 18 Metageitnion Eleusinia	28 19 Metageitnion The Heroines
29 20 Metageitnion Hera Telkhinia	30 21 Metageitnion	31 22 Metageitnion				

Dark of the moon: Aug 8 – 10:50 am ADT; 9:50 am EDT; 8:50 pm CDT; 7:50 pm MDT; 6:50 pm PDT, at 43.7°N.

September 2021

Metageitnion – Boedromion

Μεταγειτνίων – Βοηδρομιών

Year 1 of the 700th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 23 Metageitnion	2 24 Metageitnion	3 25 Metageitnion Zeus Epoptes	4 26 Metageitnion
5 27 Metageitnion	6 28 Metageitnion Labor Day (US) Labour Day (Canada) Brazilian Independence Day	7 29 Metageitnion Hekate's Deipnon	8 1 Boedromion Noumenia	9 2 Boedromion Agathos Daimon Niketeria	10 3 Boedromion <i>Athena</i>	11 4 Boedromion Libation to Demeter & Persephone Basile <i>Aphrodite, Herakles, Hermes and Eros</i> Equinox
12 5 Boedromion Genesisios	13 6 Boedromion Artemis Agrotera <i>Artemis</i>	14 7 Boedromion <i>Apollon</i>	15 8 Boedromion <i>Poseidon and Theseus</i> Hellenion membership renewals due	16 9 Boedromion <i>Helios, the Muses and Rhea</i>	17 10 Boedromion	18 11 Boedromion
19 12 Boedromion Demokratia	20 13 Boedromion FULL MOON 7:54 pm EDT	21 14 Boedromion	22 15 Boedromion Eleusinia ta megala Equinox	23 16 Boedromion Eleusinia ta megala	24 17 Boedromion Eleusinia ta megala Epidauria?	25 18 Boedromion Eleusinia ta megala
26 19 Boedromion Eleusinia ta megala	27 20 Boedromion Eleusinia ta megala	28 21 Boedromion Eleusinia ta megala	29 22 Boedromion	30 23 Boedromion		

Dark of the moon: Sep 6 – 9:51 pm ADT; 8:51 pm EDT; 7:51 pm CDT; 6:51 pm MDT; 5:51 pm PDT, at 43.7°N.

October 2021
Boedromion – Pyanepsion
Βοηδρομιών – Πυανεψιών
Year 1 of the 700th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 24 Boedromion	2 25 Boedromion Libation to Hades
3 26 Boedromion	4 27 Boedromion Sacrifices to Nymphs, Akheloös, others	5 28 Boedromion	6 29 Boedromion	7 30 Boedromion Hekate's Deipnon	8 1 Pyanepsion Noumenia	9 2 Pyanepsion Libation to Poseidon Agathos Daimon
10 3 Pyanepsion <i>Athena</i> Season of Apatouria begins	11 4 Pyanepsion <i>Aphrodite, Herakles, Hermes and Eros</i> Thanksgiving (Canada)	12 5 Pyanepsion	13 6 Pyanepsion Proerosia <i>Artemis</i>	14 7 Pyanepsion Pyanepsia & Oskhophoria <i>Apollon</i>	15 8 Pyanepsion Theseia <i>Poseidon and Theseus</i>	16 9 Pyanepsion Stenia <i>Helios, the Muses and Rhea</i>
17 10 Pyanepsion	18 11 Pyanepsion Thesmophoria	19 12 Pyanepsion Thesmophoria	20 13 Pyanepsion Thesmophoria FULL MOON 10:56 am EDT	21 14 Pyanepsion The Heroines	22 15 Pyanepsion	23 16 Pyanepsion
24 17 Pyanepsion	25 18 Pyanepsion	26 19 Pyanepsion	27 20 Pyanepsion	28 21 Pyanepsion	29 22 Pyanepsion	30 23 Pyanepsion
31 24 Pyanepsion						

Dark of the moon: Oct 6 – 8:05 am ADT; 7:05 am EDT; 6:05 am CDT; 5:05 am MDT; 4:05 am PDT, at 43.7°N.

November 2021

Pyanepsion – Maimakterion

Πυανεψιών – Μαιμακτηριών

Year 1 of the 700th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 25 Pyanepsion	2 26 Pyanepsion	3 27 Pyanepsion	4 28 Pyanepsion	5 29 Pyanepsion Hekate's Deipnon Khalkeia	6 1 Maimakterion Noumenia
7 2 Maimakterion Agathos Daimon	8 3 Maimakterion <i>Athena</i>	9 4 Maimakterion <i>Aphrodite, Herakles, Hermes and Eros</i>	10 5 Maimakterion	11 6 Maimakterion <i>Artemis</i> Remembrance Day (Canada) Veterans Day (US)	12 7 Maimakterion <i>Apollon</i>	13 8 Maimakterion Libation to Ares <i>Poseidon and Theseus</i>
14 9 Maimakterion <i>Helios, the Muses and Rhea</i>	15 10 Maimakterion Pompaiā?	16 11 Maimakterion	17 12 Maimakterion	18 13 Maimakterion	19 14 Maimakterion FULL MOON 3:57 am EST	20 15 Maimakterion
21 16 Maimakterion	22 17 Maimakterion	23 18 Maimakterion	24 19 Maimakterion	25 20 Maimakterion Thanksgiving (US)	26 21 Maimakterion	27 22 Maimakterion
28 23 Maimakterion	29 24 Maimakterion	30 25 Maimakterion				

Dark of the moon: Nov 4 – 6:14 pm AST; 5:14 pm EST; 4:14 pm CST; 3:14 pm MST; 2:14 pm PST, at 43.7°N.

Daylight savings time ends November 7, 2021, in Canada and USA at 2:00 am.

December 2021

Maimakterion – Poseideon

Μαιμακτηριών – Ποσειδεών

Year 1 of the 700th Olympiad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 26 Maimakterion	2 27 Maimakterion	3 28 Maimakterion	4 29 Maimakterion
5 30 Maimakterion Hekate's Deipnon	6 1 Poseideon Noumenia	7 2 Poseideon Agathos Daimon	8 3 Poseideon <i>Athena</i>	9 4 Poseideon <i>Aphrodite, Herakles, Hermes and Eros</i>	10 5 Poseideon Plerosia	11 6 Poseideon Libation to Dionysos <i>Artemis</i>
12 7 Poseideon <i>Apollon</i>	13 8 Poseideon Poseidea <i>Poseidon and Theseus</i>	14 9 Poseideon <i>Helios, the Muses and Rhea</i>	15 10 Poseideon Country Dionysia?	16 11 Poseideon	17 12 Poseideon	18 13 Poseideon FULL MOON 11:35 pm EST
19 14 Poseideon	20 15 Poseideon	21 16 Poseideon Heliogenna Solstice	22 17 Poseideon Heliogenna	23 18 Poseideon	24 19 Poseideon	25 20 Poseideon
26 21 Poseideon	27 22 Poseideon	28 23 Poseideon	29 24 Poseideon	30 25 Poseideon	31 26 Poseideon Halos New Year's Eve	

Dark of the moon: Dec 4 – 3:43 am AST; 2:43 am EST; 1:43 am CST; 12:43 am MST; Dec 3 – 11:43 pm PST, at 43.7°N.