

Epicurus' Birthday 2021

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[ADMIN EDIT: I will update this first post in this thread for what we conclude. I see Don calculates Jan 24, but last year Takis calculated January 20th, so it's not clear to me yet as I type this what the correct date should be.]

I went back and looked at a previous thread on Epicurus's birthday calculations and found this was the best source for Ancient > Modern calendar calculations:

<http://www.hellenion.org/calendar/>

So, Epicurus's birthday (7 Gamelion) "falls on" Thurs., Jan. 21 this year.

I realize trying to line up Ancient calendars with modern ones is a tricky business and involves some guesswork, but this one seems to use the best current scholarship (even though it's a neo pagan organization). I also found this particular calendar interesting in light of my recent delving into *On Piety* with its commentary on Epicurus's participation in all the festivals... which are noted on this calendar.

Even if only used for entertainment, enjoy!

*So, Takis and this calendar coincide:

Quote

7 Gamelion is "afternoon of 20 January until next afternoon 21 January."