

Episode One Hundred Thirty-Four - The Letter to Menoecus 01- Context and Opening of the Letter

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[Quote from Kalosyni](#)

Found this on Wikipedia (which lists two ways to pronounce the name):

Menoecus ([/məˈniːsiəs](#), [-sjuːs](#);

[Ancient Greek](#): Μενοικεύς *Menoikeús* "strength of the house" derived from *menos* "strength" and *oikos* "house"

Ah, the idiosyncrasies of pronunciation.

The məˈniːsiəs is an *English* pronunciation of the Latin orthography. (Stress on the NI (nee))

Classical Latin would be something like 'men-oy-keh-oos'

Which is directly parallel with the Ancient Greek pronunciation of Μενοικεύς and my preferred pronunciation.

And Modern Greek or even mid- to late Koine Greek pronunciation would probably be something like 'men-ee-kefs' (yes, that's how much pronunciation has changed in the last several thousand years!)

[The Official Wheelock's Latin Series Website](#)

For Ancient Greek pronunciation, there are several YouTube channels including ScorioMartianus and Podium-Arts.

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[Μενοικεύς - Wiktionary](#)

Pronunciation starting with Classical to Modern

/me.noj.kɛʝs/ → /me.ny'keɸs/ → /me.ni'cefs/