

Epicurus' Birthday 2023 - (The Most Comprehensive Picture Yet!)

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[Quote from Cassius](#)

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We have quite a long thread but scrolling back to Nate's chart this is not one of the proposed solutions, or is it?

This is the number Don originally came up with in the original post, but I did not, and I do not know how he did. I calculate that Gamelion 20 this year is the 227th day of an Attic year that began on June 29-30th 2022 with an extra month of Poseideon, so I believe the Gamelion 20 this Attic year will fall on February 11-12th 2023.

Though, I am curious, because if I'm missing something, my chart is based on limited information.

[Quote from Don](#)

Trying to pin down an exact Julian date in modern times for an event that took place 2,000+ years in the past is fraught with danger. In some ways, it's a "how many angels can dance on a pin" question. Even saying something like "Julius Caesar died on March 15" because he was assassinated on the Idēs of "March" is, at best, a rough approximation and convenient shorthand.

[...]

With the intercalated days and missing lists of Archons and the ancients' adding in days when the needed/wanted, it is well nigh impossible to say "this ancient event happened on March 15 and simply could NEVER have happened on March 14 or 16 in 44 BCE!! Furthermore, in 2022, that date exactly corresponds to March 16!!" It can't be done. Like I said, I think this is a fascinating, intriguing, enjoyable intellectual exercise, but there's no way - to my mind - that anyone is going to be 100% iron-clad *right* in these calculations.

Ultimately, I agree with Don that it is almost impossible to nail down any ancient dates with confidence. The Attic calendar was not meant to be an objective measurement of time, but

simply a day-to-day, month-to-month tool that was regularly changed to accommodate the needs of the populace.

Still, I would like to know how you guys (and Panagiotis) came up with January 28th 2023.