

# Festivals in Ancient Greece

Post by “Kalosyni” of September 20, 2024 at 8:21 AM

Just a "fun-fact" ...according to Wikipedia, this time of year (August/September) would be the time in ancient Greece for the Metageitnion Apollo festival.

Quote

**Metageitnia** ([Ancient Greek](#): Μεταγείτνια, μετά + γειτονία literally *change of neighborhood*) was an [Ancient Greek](#) festival held in Athens during the month [Metageitnion](#) (August/September) in the honor of [Metageitnion Apollo](#).<sup>[1][2]</sup> The month of Metageitnion was named after the festival Metageitnia, which celebrated the migration of [Theseus](#) from [Melite](#) to [Diomeia](#).<sup>[3]</sup> The celebration of the festival itself declined over time and was replaced by the [Apaturia](#).<sup>[4]</sup> The festival evolved into a celebration of migrations, immigrations, departures, and colonizations among the Ionians - Metageitnion Apollo presided over the [metoikia](#) (*the abode*).

The Metageitnia is also mentioned by [Plutarch](#) in the treatise *On Exile* in [Moralia](#).<sup>[5][6]</sup>

Source: [Wikipedia](#)

And, in Epicurus' will he requests the remembrance of the day of Polyaeus during the month of Metageitnion.

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## [Polyaeus - Main Biography](#)

"There was also Polyaeus, son of Athenodorus, of Lampsacus, a modest and friendly man, as Philodemus and his followers say.' [ Diogenes Laertius 24] Polyaeus was the son of Athenodorus. His friendship with Epicurus started after the latter's escape from Mytilene in 307 or 306 BC when he opened a philosophical school at Lampsacus associating himself with other citizens of the town, like Pythocles, Colotes, and Idomeneus. With these fellow citizens he moved to Athens, where they founded a...



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## **Post by “Don” of September 21, 2024 at 11:17 PM**

FYI here's the ancient Greek calendar along with festivals from the Hellenion group of pagans:

[Calendar - Hellenion](#)

Looks like today is right in the middle of the Greater Eleusinian Mysteries

[Eleusinian Mysteries / Eleusinia ta megala - Hellenion](#)

Philodemus mentions Epicurus taking part in the Mysteries at Athens.