

Greek Name Days & Greek Holidays



According to Greek Orthodox tradition, every day of the year is dedicated to a Christian saint or martyr. January 7th for example is the day of Saint John the Baptist and its is the name day for all Greek people named Yannis(or Ioannis= John, male)or Yanna(or Ionna,-female). A person's name day is considered more important than the same person's birthday and it is always celebrated in Greece.

Here is a list of the most important Name Days in Greece:

January 1	New Year's Day -Vasileios(Vasilis)	July 1	Kosmas, Damianos
January 6	Theofanis(Epiphany)- Fotis, Fotoula	July 3	Yakinthos(the Cretan Saint Valentine)
January 7	Ionnis-Ionna or Yannis- Yanna	July 7	Kuriaki
January 10	Grigorios	July 8	Theofilos
January 11	Theodosios	July 11	Olga
January 17	Antonios	July 17	Marina
January 18	Athanasios & Kurillos	July 20	Elisa (Ilias)
January 20	Eythismios	July 26	Paraskevei
January 26	Xenofontas		

February 1	Tryfonas	August 15	Assumption Day-Maria-Marios
February 8	Zaxarias	August 24	Kosmas
February 9	Nikiforos	August 25	Titos
February 10	Charalampos	August 30	Alexandros
February 17	Theodoros		

March 1	Eudokia	September 1	Simeon
March 16	Xristodoulos	September 14	Stavros- Stavroula
March 21	Iakovos	September 15	Nikitas
March 25	Evangelos-Evangelia or Vangelis- Vangelio (Eva). Also Greek National	Independence	Day

April 23	Georgios(Yorgos) –Georgia. If this name day is during Easter Lent, then it is moved to the second day after Easter	October 3	Dionisios
		October 6	Thomas
		October 26	Dimitrios
		October 28	Ohi Day- Greek National Day

May 4	Pelagia	November 8	Michalis, Angelos- Angela, Angeliki
May 5	Eirini	November 9	Nektarios
May 9	Christoforou	November 11	Minas
May 10	Simonos	November 14	Filippos
May 21	Kostas(Konstantinos), Eleni	November 16	Mathaios
		November 25	Aikaterini(Katerina)
		November 26	Stulianos
		November 30	Andreas

June 8	Kalliopi	December 4	Varvara
June 29	Petros, Paulos	December 5	Savvas
		December 6	Nikolaos (Nikos)
		December 9	Anna
		December 12	Spiridon(Spiros)
		December 15	Eleutherios (Lefteris)
		December 25	Christmas Day , Manolis

