

Festivals in Greece (2008)

Date	Festival type	Comments
1 st of January	Religious	We celebrate the first day of the new year. We celebrate the Basil the Great or Basil of Caesarea (Agios Vasilios)
6 th of January	Religious	Theofania (Epiphany)
18 th of January	Religious -Regional	Agios Athanasios (the saint of the town)
30 th of January	Religious	We celebrate the three Holy Hierarchs (Basil the Great (known as Basil of Caesarea), Gregory the Theologian (known as Gregory of Nazianzus) and Ioannis Chrysostom. The three are venerated as protectors of education.
9 th of March	Religious	APOKRIES
10 th of March	Religious	Kathara Deutera (CLEAR MONDAY or ASH MONDAY) It's the first day of Great Lent
25 th of March	Religious -National	Euaggelismos Theotokou. Release from Ottomans. Parade.
21 th -27 th of April	Religious	GREAT WEEK
24 th of April	GREAT THURSDAY (Religious)	We bake tsoyrekia (traditional cakes) and we dye red eggs (Easter Eggs)
25 th of April	GOOD FRIDAY (Religious)	The funeral of Jesus Christ. We don't eat oil.
27 th of April	EASTER (Religious)	Anastasi
1 st of May	National	We celebrate the beginning of spring and we go for picnic.
16 th of June	Religious	HOLLY SPIRIT (Kale Panair: It's a local festival)
15 th of August	Religious	The death of Virgin Mary
28 th of October	National	We celebrate the resistance against the fascism and Nazi. This day our Prime minister said "NO" to Mussolini. Parade.

17 th of November	National	We celebrate the uprising against the colonels' dictatorship to the Athens Polytechnic (<i>Polytechnio</i>) in 1973.
4 th of December	Religious	We celebrate the Saint Barbara, known as the Great Martyr Barbara
24 th of December	Religious	Christmas Eve. Christmas Carols
25 th of December	Religious	Christmas (Birthday of Jesus)
31 st of December	Religious	New years Eve. Carols