

Protelia

Our Ritual this day:

Protelia is a modern festival honoring the Protogenitors or Primeval Gods and Goddesses of Ancient Greek. This is a completely modern festival as very little knowledge of how or even IF these Deities were worshipped by the ancient Greeks has been lost.

Items needed: Incense, flowers, clay for creating votive gifts. Charcoal for cooking, Khernips, Nator, matches/lighter.

For the feast: Greens and other veggies for salad, fruits, cheese, meat for grilling, honey and nuts.

Participants will gather and be cleansed with Khernips, then the area will be purified with Nator, and censed. Altar will be decorated with flowers, plate for the Protogenitors and the votive gifts.

The fire will be lit and the following read aloud: (**Each reader can add a few inspired words about the Deity they are speaking about.**)

We come to this place on this day to remember creation, and those who were before everything else. Those who brought into being all that was, all that is and all that will be. We sing of them and give honor to them, these beings, great-grand parents and grand-parents of the Immortal Olympians, and mortal humankind and all other life.

At first there was nothing, no life, no light, only the swirling mix of unordered elements; from this came:

Ananke—Invisible lady of inevitability, emerging from the beginning incorporeal and self-formed, Her arms encompass the breadth of the Universe. On Her own She brought forth the Moirai—Serpent like She is forever entwined with Khronos

Khronos—God of time who remained entwined with His mate Ananke and together They remained cosmic forces of fate and time, forever driving the rotation of the heavens and the passage of time; beyond the reach of the younger Gods whose fate They would control.

Together Ananke and Khronos encircled the cosmic egg in Their coils and split creation in two and thus gave brought into being Khaos, Phanes and Erebus.

Eros—One of the first, fairest of all, He brought order and harmony to the Universe through the binding power of love. The driving force behind the generation of New life in the early cosmos.

Khaos -She is the first born of Ananke and Khronos, the space between the Heavens and the earth

Phanes—Golden offspring of Ananke and Khronos who emerged from the cosmic egg. Generator of life, and driving force behind reproduction. First King of the Universe, beautiful winged, invisible even to the Immortals, His name means “bring to light” or “make appear”

Phusis—The primeval Goddess of Nature She it was who brought nature and saw to the ordering of it. She also emerged at the beginning of time and was both mother and father to all of nature.

Erebos—God of darkness and consort to Nyx, His dark mists envelop the edges of the world and fill the deep hollows of the earth.

Gaia—and then Gaia emerged from the cosmos, from Her all else was born, of sky, earth from beneath the earth; the Ouranos, the Ourea and Pontos, the Titans, and Titanides, the Gigantes, Gods of the Sea, Gods of nature, Daimones, younger Giants, Monsters, the First Kings of men, and tribes of humans.

Pontos—First God of the Sea, with Gaia he fathered Nereus, Thaumias, Phorkys, Keto, and Eurybia. And with His consort and wife Thalassa he was the father of fish and the other creatures of the Sea.

Thalassa—Spirit of the sea, with Pontos she was the mother to all the fish and other creatures of the sea, a beautiful woman made of sea water.

Tartaros—the great stormy pit which lies beneath the earth, the reverse of the bowl of the sky here lies the treasures hidden deep within Gaia, as well as the heat which brings life and stability to Her.

Nyx—Goddess of the night, born of Khaos and Erebros, mother of Aither and Hemera, the three Fates; Sleep, Death, Strife and Pain. Beautiful one of mystery whose raiment is the cloak of night.

Aither—God of the bright, glowing upper air of heaven, the substance of Light. Above Him lay the solid dome of the sky, Ouranos and below the transparent mists of earth bound air, son of Nyx and Erebros, His mother draws Her veil between Him and the Earth bringing Night to humankind.

Hemera—Daughter of Nyx and Erebros, bright sister and wife to Aither. Each morning She dispels the mists of night and brings day to humankind.

Ouranos—Born of Gaia, who became Her mate. the Sky, who Sired the Titans and Titanides, the Erinyes, and Gigantes, the Phaiakai, (Phaeacian Race of Men) and Aphrodite.

Tethys—Daughter of Ouranos and Gaia, wife of Okeanos, mother of the, Potamoi, (rivers), Okeanides (springs, fountains) and the Nephelai, (clouds) Companion of Eileithyia, Goddess of childbirth.

Okeanos—Son of Gaia and Ouranos. He was the source of the great encircling river, the source of all the earth's fresh water. Father of rivers, wells, springs and rain-clouds. He guides the rising and setting of the heavenly bodies, which rise from and sink into his being.

The Ourea—the Daimones of the mountains, each mountain has its own spirit living within the crags and on the peak. Sons of Gaia, some of You are

Athos, a mountain of Thrake;

Helikon, a mountain of Boiotia, He entered a singing contest with His neighbor;

Kithairon, a mountain in Boiotia who entered a singing contest with Helikon.

Nysos, a mountain of Boiotia, nurse of the God Dionysos,

Olympos, mountain of Phrygia,

Oreios mountain-god of mount Othrys in Malis,

Parnes a mountain of Boiotia and Attika,

Tmolos a mountain of Lydia He was the judge of a musical contest between Apollon and Pan.

(**members may add names of other mountains)

Mt. Tamalpais in Marine County California

Mt. Rainier in Pierce county Washington

Mt. Shasta in Siskiyou County, California

Mt. St. Helens in Skamania County, Washington

The Three Sisters in Three Sisters Wilderness Cascade Range, Oregon

Mt. Hood in Northern Oregon

Beings of creation, mothers and fathers of all that is. We give thanks to You and remember You with gifts and sacrifice this day. We ask that You accept them. We ask that you forgive the destruction visited upon those of You who are of the earth and the waters. We ask those of You who are spirit to look kindly upon us. May You all continue to bestow upon creation your blessings. Help us evolve in spirit, in intellect and in compassion.

Sponde! A drink to you all.

Participants will raise salute the Protogentitors of the sky, pour a portion in the ground for the Protogentitors of the earth and waters, then drink themselves.

Devotional activity:

We made votive offerings from clay which we placed on the altar.

We follow with the feast:

Menu for the Feast:

Venison Burgers

Sausages

Green salad with greens, mushrooms, onions, feta cheese

Fruits: Oranges, Limes, Black and Red grapes, dried Apricots
Pistachios
Date rolls
Beer Bread
Nut and seed candy
Cheese

After the feast there will be a second libation:

Sponde! A drink to you all.

Participants will raise salute the Protogentitors of the sky, pour a portion in the ground for the Protogentitors of the earth and waters, then drink themselves.

Afterwards we clean the area and then say,

Be brave for all good things have come to pass.

And have a final drink