National Holidays

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| **National Holidays** | | | | | |
| **Date** | **English Name** | **Greek Name ([transliterated](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transliterated" \o "Transliterated))** | **Greek Name** | **Remarks** |  |
| January 1 | [New Year's Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Year%27s_Day) | Protochroniá | *Πρωτοχρονιά* | Also celebrated ecclesiastically as the feast of [St. Basil the Great](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Basil_the_Great) and of the [Circumcision of Christ](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Feast_of_the_Circumcision_of_Christ). | 3 |
| January 6 | [Epiphany](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Epiphany_(holiday)) or [Theophany](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Epiphany_(holiday)) | Theopháneia | *Θεοφάνεια* |  | 3 |
| [*moveable*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moveable_feast) [Easter](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Easter) – 41 days | [Clean Monday](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clean_Monday) or [Shrove Monday](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shrove_Monday) | Kathará Deutéra | *Καθαρά Δευτέρα* | The first day of [Lent](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lent). Next: March 18, 2013 | 3 |
| March 25 | [Annunciation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Annunciation) | Evangelismós tēs Theotókou | *Ευαγγελισμός της Θεοτόκου* | Celebration of the [Annunciation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Annunciation) – when the Incarnation of [Logos](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Logos_(Christianity)) was announced to the Virgin Mary. | 1 |
| [Independence Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Independence_Day) | Eikostí-pémti Martíou (*lit.* March 25) | *Εικοστή Πέμπτη Μαρτιου* | Anniversary of the declaration of the start of [Greek War of Independence](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greek_War_of_Independence) from the Ottoman Empire, in 1821. |
| [*moveable*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moveable_feast) [Easter](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Easter) – 2 days | [Good Friday](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Good_Friday) | Megálē Paraskevē | *Μεγάλη Παρασκευή* | Next: May 3, 2013 | 3 |
| [*moveable*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moveable_feast) | [Easter](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Easter) | Kyriakē tou Páscha | *Κυριακή του Πάσχα* | Next: May 5, 2013 | \* |
| [*moveable*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moveable_feast) [Easter](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Easter) + 1 day | [Easter Monday](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Easter_Monday) | Deutéra tou Páscha | *Δευτέρα του Πάσχα* | Next: May 6, 2013 | 1 |
| May 1 | [Labour Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Labour_Day) | Ergatikē Protomagiá (*lit.* May 1 of the Workers) | *Εργατική Πρωτομαγιά* |  | 2,4 |
| [*moveable*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moveable_feast) [Easter](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Easter) + 49 days | [Pentecost](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pentecost) or [Whit Sunday](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Whit_Sunday) | Pentēkostē (*lit.* 50th day) | *Πεντηκοστή* | Next: June 23, 2013 | \* |
| [*moveable*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moveable_feast) [Easter](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Easter) + 50 days | [Pentecost Monday](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pentecost_Monday) or [Whit Monday](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Whit_Monday) | Deutéra Pentēkostēs (*lit.* Pentecost Monday) *or* Agíou Pnéumatos (*lit.* Of the Holy Spirit) | *Δευτέρα Πεντηκοστής* or *Αγίου Πνεύματος* | *Monday of the Holy Spirit* or *Pentecost Monday*. Next: June 24, 2013 | 3 |
| August 15 | [Assumption](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assumption_of_Mary) or [Dormition](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assumption_of_Mary) of the Holy Virgin | Koímēsē tēs Theotókou | *Η Κοίμηση της Θεοτόκου* | The most important celebration of the Virgin Mary. | 1 |
| October 28 | [Ochi Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ohi_Day)" | 'To Ochi' or 'Imera tou Ochi" (*lit.* Day of the "No") | *Το Όχι* or *Ημέρα του Όχι* | Celebration of the Greek refusal to the Italian ultimatum of 1940. | 2 |
| December 25 | [Christmas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas) | Christoúgenna | *Χριστούγεννα* |  | 1 |
| December 26 | Glorifying Mother of God | Sínaxis Hyperagías Theotókou Marías | *Σύναξις Ὑπεραγίας Θεοτόκου Μαρίας* | The religious meaning of the holiday is a coming together to glorify the [Theotokos](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theotokos" \o "Theotokos).But in general and in effect the day is considered a holiday because it's the day after Christmas just like [Boxing Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boxing_Day) in some [Commonwealth](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Commonwealth_of_Nations) countries. | 3 |

\* Note that *Easter Sunday* and *Pentecost*, are not official holidays as they always occur on a Sunday