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GREECE

SYMBOLS OF GREECE

The national flag

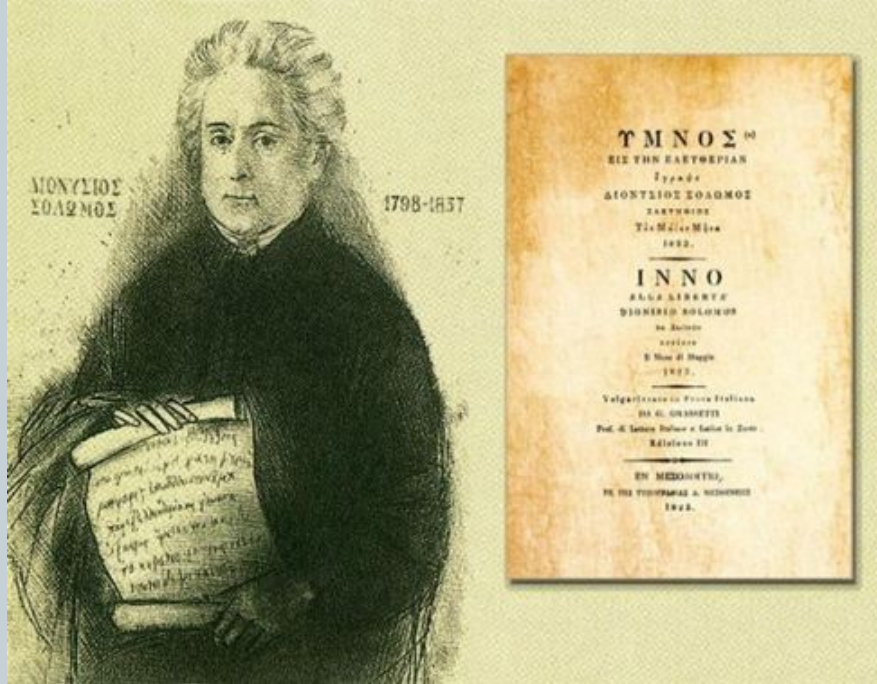


The nine stripes represent the nine syllables of the phrase “Ελευθερία ή Θάνατος” (“Freedom or Death”).

The five blue stripes for the syllables Ελευθερία and the four white stripes ή Θάνατος.

The cross symbolises Eastern Orthodox Christianity, the prevailing religion of Greece.

‘Hymn to liberty’



The ‘Hymn to Liberty’

(“Ὕμνος εἰς τὴν Ελευθερίαν”) is a poem written by Dionysios Solomos in 1823.

He wrote the hymn to honor the struggle of Greeks for independence after centuries of Ottoman rule.

It was set to music by Nikolaos Mantzaros in 1865 and it has served as the **Greek national anthem** ever since.

It is the longest national anthem in the world by length of text with 158 stanzas.



OLYMPIC GAMES ARE CONNECTED WITH GREECE

Held every four years between August 6 and September 19, they occupied such an important place in Greek history that in late antiquity historians measured time by the interval between them—an Olympiad.

SYMBOLS OF GREECE

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES



Acropolis of Athens

The **Acropolis** of Athens is an ancient citadel located on a rocky outcrop above the city of Athens and contains the remains of several ancient buildings of great architectural and historic significance, the most famous being the **Parthenon**. The word acropolis is from the Greek words ἄκρον – akron the highest point and polis "city".





Temple of Poseidon
Sounion, Attica

At the southernmost peninsula of Attica is Cape Sounion, the site of the astonishing cliff-top temple of Poseidon that was completed in 440 BC.



Delphi

- Delphi in ancient times was a sacred precinct that served as the seat of Pythia, the major oracle who was consulted about important decisions throughout the ancient classical world.

- The ancient Greeks considered the center of the world to be in Delphi, marked by the stone monument known as the omphalos (navel). According to Suda, the Delphi took its name from the Delphyne, the dragon who lived there and was killed by the God Apollo



Mycenae

Peloponnese



- The most important and wealthiest of the Mycenaen palaces, in the northwestern Peloponnese, with its famed Lion Gate and the Cyclopean walls mentioned by Homer.

Meteora

- The Meteora is a rock formation in central Greece hosting one of the largest and most precipitously built complexes of Eastern *Orthodox* monasteries, second in importance after Mount Athos.
- Meteora is included in the UNESCO



Epidaurus

Peloponnese

The great comedies and tragedies of the Ancient Greek world are still performed in one of the most beautiful ancient theatres in the world, just 45mins away from Mycenae.



MYSTRAS THE GREAT CASTLE TOWN



Mystras was a fortified Greek city in Laconia. Mystras was the capital of the Byzantine Despotate of Mystras in the 14th and 15th centuries. Furthermore, the Franks settled in 1204 for a fairly long period of time.

OLIVE TREE



Our ancient ancestors crowned the winners of sports with an olive wreath.

It was the sacred tree of the goddess Athena and a symbol of victory and peace.

GREEK ISLANDS



The islands are the main morphological feature of the Greek area and an integral part of the culture and tradition of the country. The Greek territory includes 6,000 islands and islets scattered in the Aegean and Ionian seas, of which only 227 are inhabited. This phenomenon is there only in the European





Ouzo

The Greek “national” drink

Ouzo is a dry anise-flavoured aperitif that is widely consumed in Greece and Cyprus. It is made from rectified spirits that have undergone a process of distillation and flavoring.



Greek Bouzouki

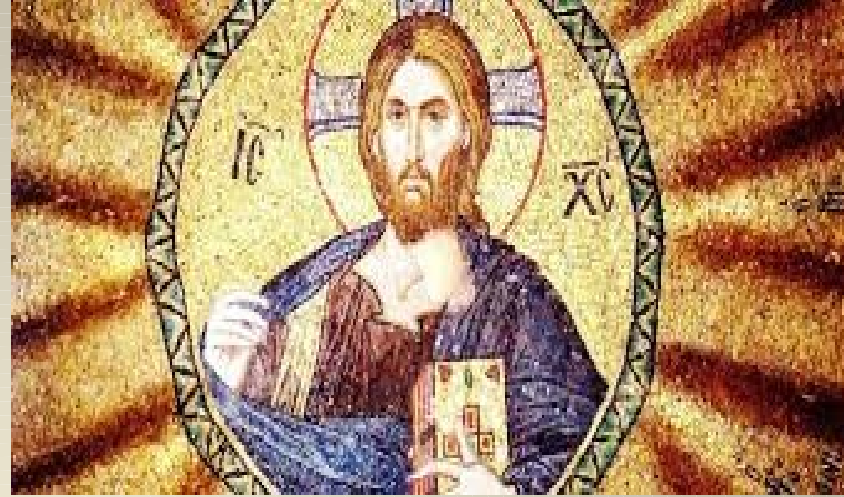
The bouzouki, also spelled buzuki or buzuci, is a musical instrument popular in Greece. The instrument was brought to Greece in the early 1900s by Greek immigrants from Anatolia, and quickly became the central instrument to the rebetiko genre and its music branches..



Greek Ancient Art

Ancient Greeks became known for their perfection to art





Religion in Greece is dominated by the Greek Orthodox Church, which is within the largest communion of the Eastern Orthodox Church.



THANK YOU FOR THE GREATE MOMENTS WE SHARED!

