



Events on Greek Islands

The Greek Orthodox Church celebrates the Saints days, and also you will locate that there is generally a name (or saints') day on the majority of days of the year. Whether there is one happening on Symi will depend on just what the day is, and also the names of the saints to which the churches are devoted.

For instance, February 10th is the name day of Agios Haralambos as well as is celebrated in the church of Agios Athanasios in Horio, the higher part of Symi also known just as 'the village.' It is celebrated below despite the fact that the church is committed to another saint, due to the fact that this is where an icon of Haralambos is situated. The eve the name day sees a service at the church and, on the morning of the name day, February 10th in this situation, there is one more solution. If you remain in the village you will certainly hear the bells ring, they sometimes begin really early. The solution ends at around 10.00 am, it could differ, [Read the Full Report](#) and also after that you will certainly locate coffee and cakes offered in the church premises.

Yet are vacationers welcome? Yes, absolutely on Symi. We always are, as deportees that live here, and also we have actually a godson birthed in Greece so we take him to his name day event where he receives communion. If you are mosting likely to attend the solution then please dress properly; no shorts or swimwears certainly, conceal and also look decent. You don't have to cover your head or anything like that yet you will locate that the ladies are commonly really smartly turned out, and also so are a few of the guys. 'wise casual' is acceptable.

There are lots of sites that provide the saint's name days as well as a few Symi based sites that bring info regarding them, where the churches are as well as exactly what other festivals are happening on just what days.

Tsiknopempti. There are various translations of this word, from 'bar-b-que Thursday' which is not literal, to 'smoky Thursday' which is a little bit a lot more literal, words originating from 'Tsikno' to shed (in food preparation) or to have a burned odor (not to be perplexed with the expression 'ta tsiknisav' 'they had a tiff'), and also words for Thursday, 'Pempti'.

On today it is traditional to eat meat prior to the fasting of Lent commences. On Symi Tsiknopempti is usually commemorated up in Horio, the village. There is music, the mayor as well as the council bbq souvlakies, there is dance and an excellent carnival atmosphere. It could be a cool event as the event falls before Lent, which starts 40 days before Easter. In 2010 Tsiknopempti was in February, not the hottest time of the year. This doesn't stop the kids, as well as some grownups, sprucing up in costume though.

Everybody rates to this event. Must you be on Symi around the moment of the start of Lent, simply contact somebody exactly what is happening; there is another circus day as well, also closer to Clean Monday, the day prior to Lent begins. Tsiknopempti, on Symi, usually starts at around 6.30 at night up in Syllogos Square, the primary square for the town. The neighboring bars are open too. Simply show up and also enjoy the free wine and souvlakies as well as indulge in the environment of enjoyable. The neighborhood ladies frequently dance as do most of the men, however do keep an eye out for the kids splashing foam and ridiculous string, and also take care not to slip on this as you head off down, or up, the actions afterwards.

When visiting Symi, or anywhere in Greece, be sure to ask if there is a name day celebration taking place. The Greek Orthodox Church celebrates the Saints days, as well as you will find that there is generally a name (or saints') day on most days of the year. Whether there is one occurring on Symi will certainly depend on what the day is, and also the names of the saints to which the churches are committed. The evening prior to the name day sees a solution at the church and, on the morning of the name day, February 10th in this situation, there is one more solution. Must you be on Symi around the time of the start of Lent, just examine with someone what is taking area; there is one more carnival day also, even closer to Clean Monday, the day before Lent beginnings.