

6 Ionic Capital from the Propylaia, the monumental gate of the Acropolis



It's the upper section of an Ionic column. Imagine how big the whole column was!

Now behind you is a model of the Propylaia. Can you see that on the outside of the building there were Doric columns and Ionic ones inside?

7 a Nike a winged goddess from the small Ionic Temple of Athena Nike (Victory) at the entrance to the Acropolis



The goddess bends over to fix her sandal, and that is why she is called the "Sandal binder". She is one of the most beautiful relief sculptures of the marble parapet that was built around the temple to protect the faithful from falling off the temple!

Try and find:

- A Nike that runs with her wings outstretched
- Two Nikai that drive a bull to sacrifice
- A very serene Nike

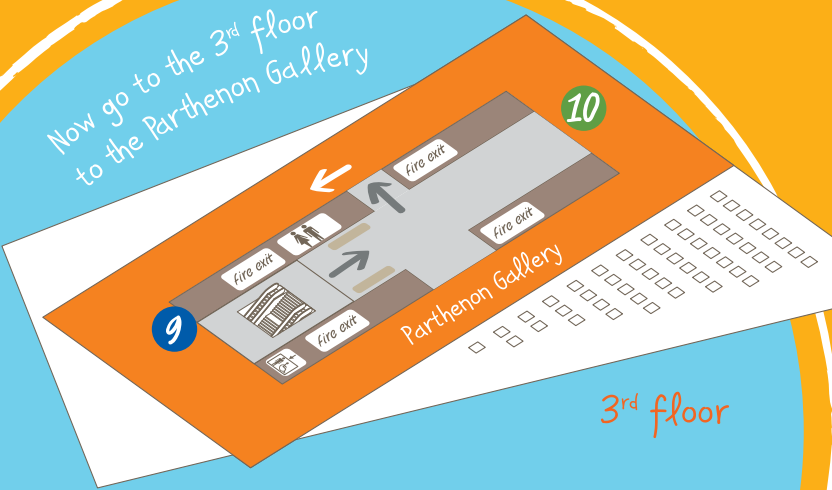
8 Pyrriche, a war dance scene from a dedication to Atarbos



The war dance known as "pyrriche" was a competition during the festival of the Panathenaia. A scene from that dance appears on the base that once held three bronze statues. A choregos (sponsor) called Atarbos had dedicated it, after his troupe won! To the left you can see the sponsor himself with two groups of dancers, each group with four members dancing in step.

Look at the dancers and try to see what they are holding in their left hand.

Now go to the 3rd floor to the Parthenon Gallery



9 The Battle between Athena and Poseidon from the west pediment of the Parthenon



The battle to be the protector of the city between the two gods ended with Athena being the winner and so Athens got its name.

In the center of the pediment stand the two gods with their horse-drawn chariots, one driven by the goddess Nike and the other by the wife of Poseidon, Amphitrite. Beside them two winged messengers, Hermes and Iris arrive to announce the end of the battle.

Now look at the metopes and find the other mythical battles. You'll see a different one on each side of the temple. Do you recognize which battles they are?



10 The handing over of the peplos scene from the east frieze of the Parthenon



In this scene from the frieze a man and a child, hold the gift of the Athenians for their goddess. It's a peplos, a new dress that they offer to Athena during the festival of the Panathenaia.



Can you guess which myth was woven into the peplos:

- The labours of Hercules
- The Gigantomachy
- The abduction of Persephone

Congratulations! You found all 10 exhibits!

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