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THE FAMILY TREE OF THE GREEK GODS

This family tree follows Hesiod's poem about the gods, written about 700 BC. Uranus and Gaia were the parents of the Titans Cronus and Rhea. Cronus and Rhea had six children. Zeus, the youngest, became king. Where Homer told a different story, it is shown in small print.



Cronus
Titan, ruled first



Rhea
Titan mother



Aphrodite
Love and beauty
born from the sea foam (Hesiod)
Homer: daughter of Zeus and Dione



Hestia
Hearth and home



Hades
The underworld



Poseidon
The sea



Demeter
Harvest



Zeus
King of the gods



Hera
Queen, marriage



Athena
Wisdom
mother Metis



Apollo
Music, light
mother Leto



Artemis
The hunt
mother Leto



Hermes
Messenger
mother Maia



Dionysus
Wine, theatre
mother Semele



Ares
War
Zeus and Hera



Hephaestus
Fire, the forge
Hera
(Homer: Zeus and Hera)

Persephone
Zeus and Demeter; married Hades

The twelve Olympians lived on Mount Olympus. Ancient lists differ: some name Hestia, others Dionysus. Hades lived in the underworld, so he is not counted as an Olympian. Stories differ about some parents; this tree follows the poet Hesiod (about 700 BC), with Homer's version in small print.