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Sounion

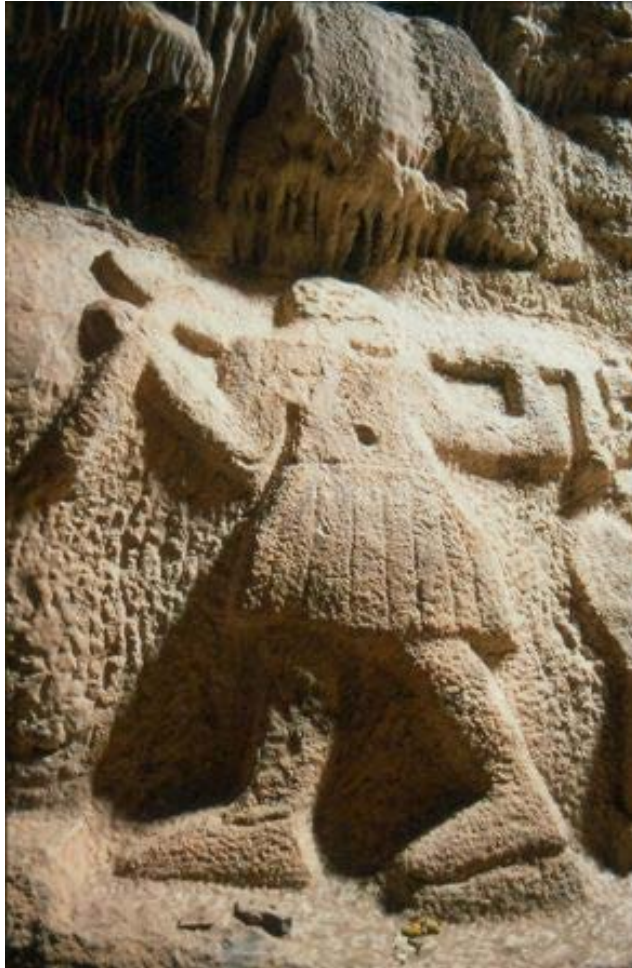
- “at Sounion, for Poseidon a select lamb” ~ Sacrificial calendar of Thorikos
- *Pausanias, Description of Greece 1. 1. 1* :
"When you have rounded the promontory [of Sounion in Attika] you see a harbor and a temple to Athena Sounia (of Sunion) on the peak of the promontory."











Strabo, Geography 9. 1. 21 (trans. Jones) (Greek geographer C1st B.C. to C1st A.D.) :
 "And in the neighborhood of Anaphlystos [in Attika] is also the shrine of Pan."

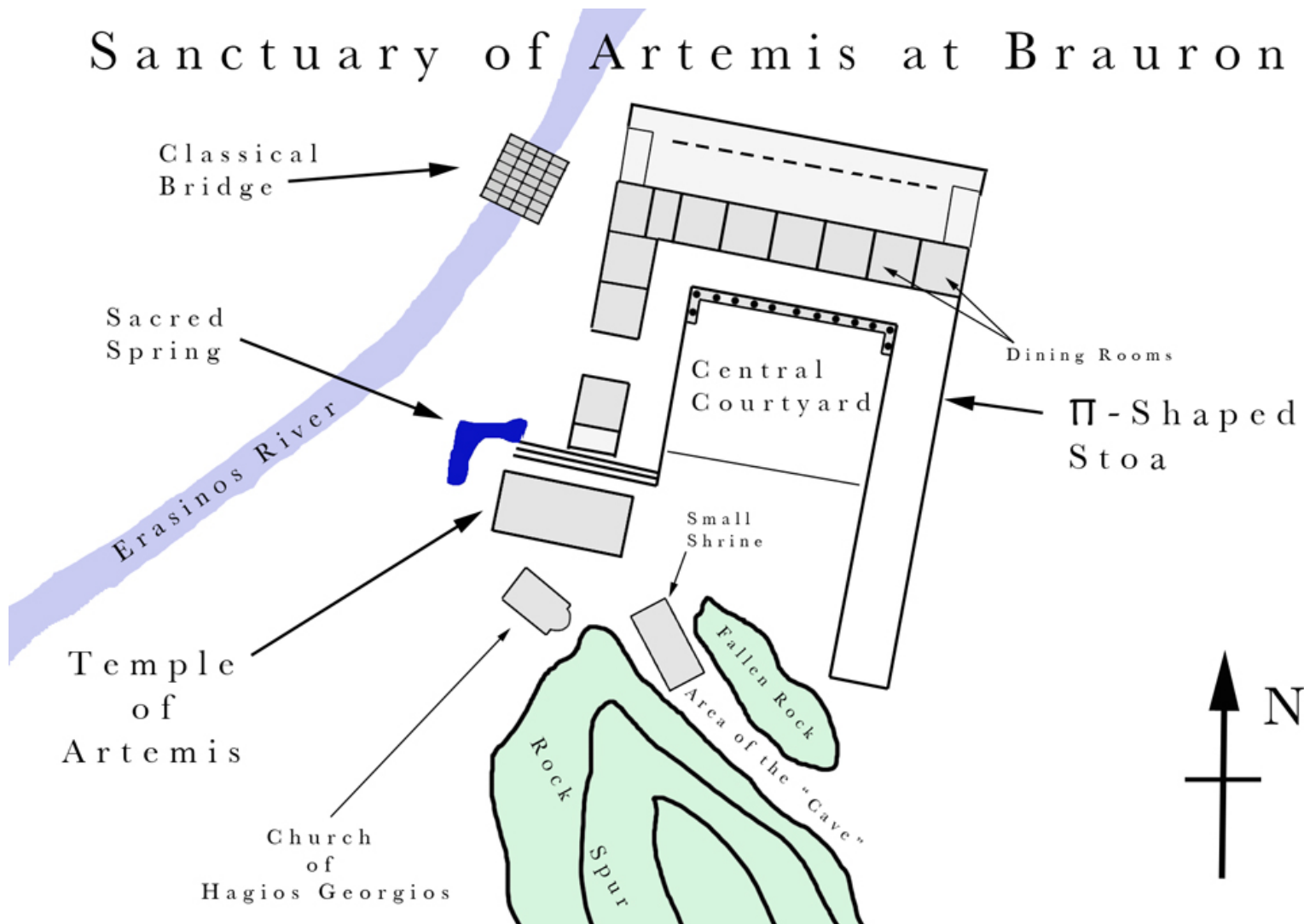
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Vari cave



Sanctuary of Artemis at Brauron



Artemis at Brauron

- *Pausanias, Description of Greece 1. 33. 1 (trans. Jones) (Greek travelogue C2nd A.D.) :*
"At some distance from Marathon is Brauron, where, according to the legend, Iphigeneia, the daughter of Agamemnon, landed with the image of Artemis when she fled from the Tauroi; leaving the image there she came to Athens also and afterwards to Argos. There is indeed an old wooden image of Artemis here, but who in my opinion have the one taken from the foreigners I will set forth in another place."

The arktoi

- *Suidas s.v. Arktos e Brauroniois* (trans. *Suda On Line*) (Byzantine Greek lexicon C10th A.D.):

"*Arktos e Brauroniois* (I was a bear at the Brauronia) : Women playing the bear used to celebrate a festival for Artemis dressed in saffron robes; not older than 10 years nor less than 5; appeasing the goddess. The reason was that a wild she-bear used to come to the deme of Phlaidoi and spend time there; and she became tamed and was brought up with the humans. Some virgin was playing with her and, when the girl began acting recklessly, the she-bear was provoked and scratched the virgin; her brothers were angered by this and speared the she-bear, and because of this a pestilential sickness fell upon the Athenians. When the Athenians consulted the oracle [the god] said that there would be a release from the evils if, as blood price for the she-bear that died, they compelled their virgins to play the bear. And the Athenians decreed that no virgin might be given in marriage to a man if she hadn't previously played the bear for the goddess."





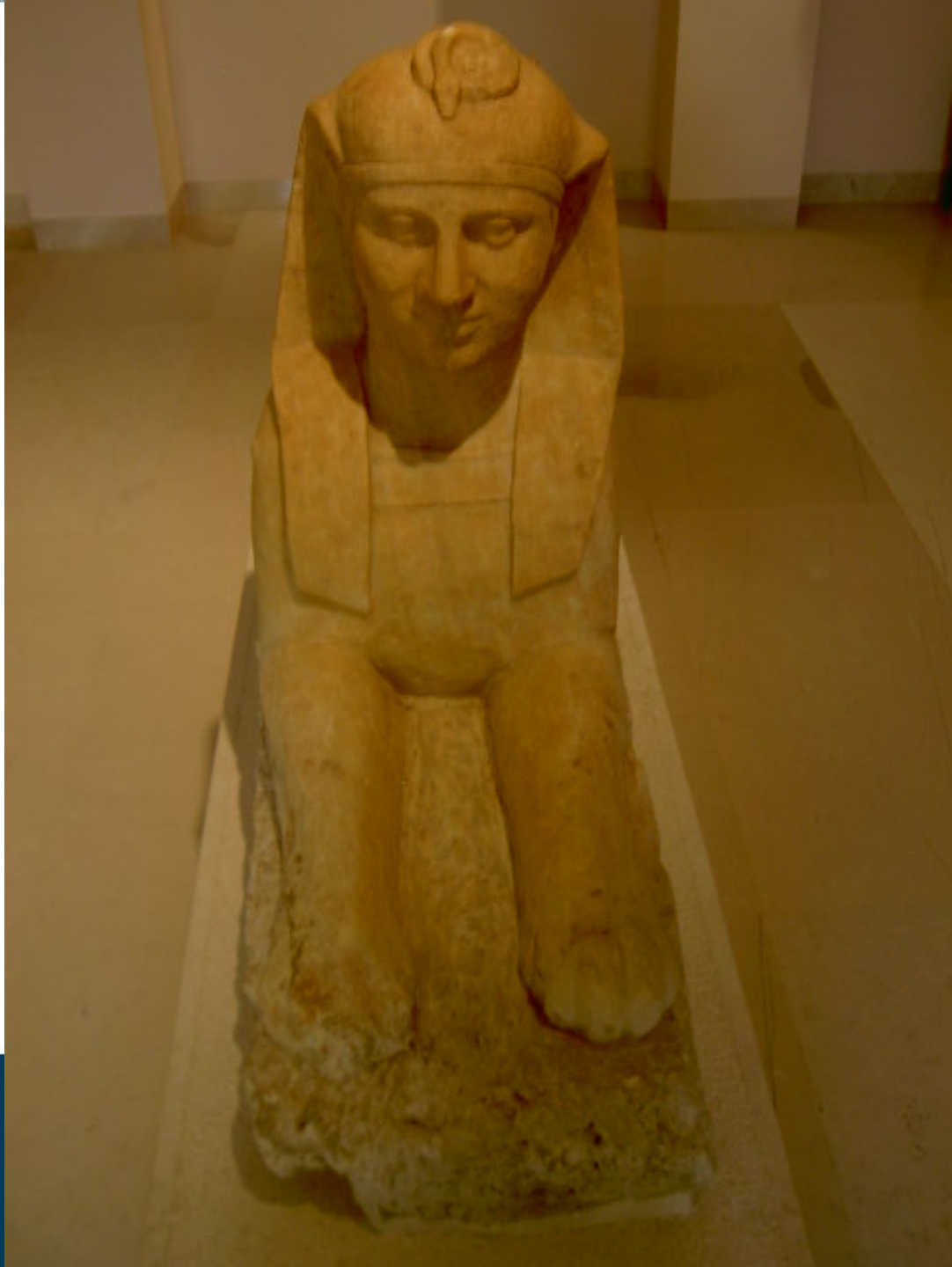
Andronike relief











Sanctuary of Isis At Brexiza



Middle Helladic
Tombs



"About twelve stades from the city [Oropos (Oropus) in Boiotia] is a sanctuary of Amphiaraos. Legend says that when Amphiaraos was exiled from Thebes the earth opened and swallowed both him and his chariot. Only they say that the incident did not happen here, the place called Harma (the Chariot) being on the road from Thebes to Khalkis (Chalcis). The divinity of Amphiaraos was first established among the Oropians, from whom afterwards all the Greeks received the cult. I can enumerate other men also born at this time who are worshipped among the Greeks as gods; some even have cities dedicated to them, such as Eleus in Khersonnesos (Chersonese) dedicated to Protesilaos, and Lebadea of the Boiotians dedicated to Trophonios.





Cicero, De Natura Deorum
3. 19 (trans. Rackham)
(Roman rhetorician C1st
B.C.) :

"If we allow [that] Ino [is
divine], are we going to
make Amphiaraus and
Trophonius divine? The
Roman tax-farmers
finding that lands in
Boeotia belonging to the
immortal gods were
exempted by the censor's
regulations, used to
maintain that nobody was
immortal who had once
upon a time been a
human being."





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