



**The prefecture
of Imathia is
located in
Northern
Greece.
Imathia is a
part of the
Central
Macedonia
region.**





Imathia is one of the oldest inhabited districts in Greece. Its name is mentioned by ancient poet Homer as well as by the famous historian Herodotus.



This is a detailed topographical map of the Thessaloniki region in Greece. The map shows the city of Thessaloniki (Θεσσαλονίκη) in the upper left, with the city of Katerini (Κατερίνη) to its east. The map includes numerous smaller towns and villages, such as Pella (Πέλλα), Veria (Βέροια), and Larissa (Λάρισα). The map also shows the Aegean Sea (Αιγαίο Πέλαγος) to the east and the Balkan Mountains (Βαλκάνια) to the south. The map is labeled with Greek text and includes a scale bar at the bottom.



The old logo of the municipality of Platy proves how important the Railway Station has been for the local population. We'll see more about that later on!



PLATY

Our region is flat and rural. It is a part of the vast Thessaloniki plains which is considered to be a very fertile district.



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**By 1925 it
had expanded
with the
arrival of
Greek-origin
refuges from
the town of
Varasos in
Kappadokia
of Asia Minor.**



**The refugees
came in
Greece as part
of a deal of
mutual
exchange of
populations
between
Greece and
Turkey.**



οτικό σπίτι στο Πλατύ Ημαθίας, 1925 (ΚΜΣ, Προσφυγική Ελλάδα).

**They started
building
their houses
themselves
with
material
supplied by
local support
committees.**





ΑΡΧΕΙΟΝ ΠΟΛΙΤΙΣΜΟΥ



One of them was renovated recently and is functioning as a Folklore Museum.



They were
given
tracts of
land by the
Greek state
and began
cultivating
the soil.



Coming from places where they highly appreciated education and school, they brought with them their love for learning.



**Here we see
students
posing with
their
teachers in
a picture
taken in
1938.**

Ο ΕΟΡΤΑΣΜΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΠΡΩΤΟΧΡΟΝΙΑΣ ΕΙΣ ΤΟ ΠΛΑΤΥ

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Ἡ πρωτοχρονιά ἐωρτάσθη εἰς τὸ Πλατύ, ὅπως κατ' ἔθος, συμφώνως πρὸς τὰ παλαιὰ ἔθιμα τῆς Καππαδοκίας. Οὕτω νέοι καὶ νεάνιδες περιήρχοντο καθ' ὅλην τὴν ἡμέραν τὰς ὁδοὺς, χορεύοντες τοὺς χοροὺς τῆς Καππαδοκίας. Τὰς ἐκδηλώσεις παρηκολούθησαν ὁ ἀντιπρύτανης τοῦ πανεπιστημίου Θεσσαλονίκης καὶ ἡ κ.

Ἀνδριώτου, ὁ δουλευτὴς καὶ ἡ κ. Γιαμᾶ, ὁ δήμαρχος Ἀλεξανδρείας κ. Παπαποστόλου, ὁ πρόεδρος τῆς κοινότητος Πλατέος κ. Α. Γαβριηλίδης, ὁ ἀστυνόμος κ. Καλαμπαλίκης, κ.ἄ. Εἰς τὴν φωτογραφίαν νεάνιδες τοῦ Πλατέος μὲ ἔθνικὰς ἐνδυμασίας, αἱ ὁποῖαι ἐχόρευσαν τοὺς χοροὺς τῆς Καππαδοκίας.

People of modern day Platy honour their ancestors by wearing traditional costumes and dancing to traditional songs.





The Railway Station of Platy started operating in 1894.



Nowadays it is a transportation junction for Northern Greece.

photo:Stefanos Vardaris

A beautiful
foggy
caption of
the Railway
Station at
dawn.



Religion is a prominent aspect of people's life in Greece. Citizens of Platy worship two saints who were both born in Varasos, the motherland of the refugees : Saint Arsenios of Kappadokia and Saint Paisios.



In July 2019 this church was inaugurated in a central area of Platy in honour of both saints.



**Platy is a
rural town.
The
economy of
our region
is mostly
based on
cotton.**



**Another basic product of
our region is sugar beet.**



Sugar beet has been cultivated in Greece since 1961.



There was a big factory outside Platy that processed sugar beets in order to make sugar. It is no longer operating.



They are covered with peach trees, another exceptional product of our land.





**THIS IS THE PRIMARY EDUCATION SCHOOL OF PLATY,
WHICH ALL THE CHILDREN OF OUR TOWN AGED 7-12
ATTEND**



Asteroupoli is a cultural organization in Platy that prepares and hosts various celebrations.

That was the history of
Platy, its past and its
present, the things that it
offers and everything
that differentiates it from
other towns. Thank you
for watching!