

## Transliteration of the Koine Greek Alphabet

| Name    | Greek Spelling of Name | Upper Case Form | Lower Case Form | Letter Sounds Like...  | Transliteration     |
|---------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|---------------------|
| alpha   | ἄλφα                   | A               | α               | spa  | a                   |
| beta    | βῆτα                   | B               | β               | vet  | b                   |
| gamma   | γάμμα                  | Γ               | γ               | ghost (gurgly/guttural)<br>yet (in γε γι γει)<br>sing (in γγ γκ γξ γχ) | g<br>g<br>n         |
| delta   | δέλτα                  | Δ               | δ               | then   | d                   |
| epsilon | ἒ ψιλόν                | E               | ε               | end  | e                   |
| zeta    | ζῆτα                   | Z               | ζ               | zest   | z                   |
| eta     | ῆτα                    | H               | η               | olé  | ē                   |
| theta   | θῆτα                   | Θ               | θ               | thin   | th                  |
| iota    | ἰῶτα                   | I               | ι               | ski  | i                   |
| kappa   | κάππα                  | K               | κ               | skit (unaspirated - not kit)<br>go (in γκ κκ)                          | k                   |
| lambda  | λάμβδα                 | Λ               | λ               | let  | l                   |
| mu      | μῦ                     | M               | μ               | met  | m                   |
| nu      | νῦ                     | N               | ν               | net  | n                   |
| xi      | ξῖ                     | Ξ               | ξ               | elks   | x or ks             |
| omicron | ὀ μικρόν               | O               | ο               | go   | o                   |
| pi      | πί                     | Π               | π               | spin (unaspirated - not pin)<br>bet (in μπ)                            | p                   |
| rho     | ῥῶ                     | P               | ρ               | rest (trilled)   | r / rh <sup>1</sup> |
| sigma   | σίγμα                  | Σ               | σ ς             | set  | s                   |
| tau     | ταῦ                    | T               | τ               | star (unaspirated - not tar)<br>den (in τν)                            | t                   |
| upsilon | ῥῖ ψιλόν               | Υ               | υ               | flu (French u in du)<br>vet (only in αυ ευ ηυ)                         | u / y <sup>2</sup>  |
| phi     | φῖ                     | Φ               | φ               | photo  | ph                  |
| chi     | χῖ                     | Χ               | χ               | loch   | ch                  |
| psi     | ψῖ                     | Ψ               | ψ               | steps  | ps                  |
| omega   | ὦ μέγα                 | Ω               | ω               | go   | ō                   |

<sup>1</sup>When rho begins a word it is transliterated as *rh*. Otherwise, it is transliterated as *r*.

<sup>2</sup>When upsilon occurs as a single vowel it is often transliterated as *y*. In digraphs it is transliterated as *u*.

\*Iota subscripts are not transliterated. Thus: α → *a* η → *ē* ω → *ō*

\*The rough breathing mark at the beginning of a word is transliterated as *h*. Thus: ὀ → *ho*.

\*Accent marks are usually not transliterated.