

Zofia Rzeźnicka

# A Glossary of Basic Greek Terminology



- aióra* (αἰώρα) – a medical procedure during which the patient was rocked
- áleuron* (ἄλευρον) – flour, especially that obtained from wheat
- álfita* (ἄλφιτα) – barley groats
- ámylon* (ἄμυλον) – starch
- anthótyron* (ἀνθότυρον), pl. *anthótyra* (ἀνθότυρα) – a type of whey cheese (cf. *apótyron*)
- apótyron* (ἀπότυρον), pl. *apótyra* (ἀπότυρα) – a type of whey cheese (cf. *anthótyron*)
- ásthma* (ἄσθμα) – asthma
- bathysikós* (βαθυσικός) – a type of cheese, Latin name *caseus Vatusicus*
- bláchos tyrós* (βλάχος τυρός) – cf. *vláchos tyrós*
- boúprestis* (βούπρηστις) – a type of beetle
- boús* (βοῦς) – a cow
- boútyron* (βούτυρον) – butter
- cheirágra* (χειράγρα) – arthritis of the hand, wrist or elbow
- chlórós tyrós* (χλωρὸς τυρός) – fresh cheese, quark (cf. *hapalós* [tyrós]; *oxy-galáktinos*)
- chóndros* (χόνδρος) – wheat groats

*chymós* (χυμός), pl. *chymoi* (χυμοί) – an organic fluid, such as blood, yellow bile, black bile and phlegm

*diaitetiké* (διαιτητική) – dietetics: a branch of medical science concerned with the influence of the consumption of particular foodstuffs on the human body

*diáklysma* (διάκλυσμα) – a type of mouthwash (cf. *diakrátema*)

*diakrátema* (διακράτημα) – a type of mouthwash (cf. *diáklysma*)

*dyskrasía* (δυσκρασία) – humoral imbalance

*dýspnoia* (δύσπνοια) – a respiratory disorder

*dzomós* (ζωμός) – meat or vegetable stock, soup or sauce

*élleigma* (ἔλλειγμα) – a type of medicine, taken in small doses through licking

*epideipnís* (ἐπιδειπνίς), pl. *epideipnídes* (ἐπιδειπνίδες) – a snack

*eriómenos* (ἡριώμενος) – containing air (of Paphlagonian cheese)

*eúchymos* (εὔχυμος), pl. *eúchyma* (εὔχυμα) – having good juices, pl. food-stuffs with such properties

*eukrasía* (εὐκρασία) – humoral balance

*fármakon* (φάρμακον), pl. *fármaka* (φάρμακα) – a medicine

*filiatrountes* (φιλιατροῦντες) – amateurs of medical art

*filofármakos* (φιλοφάρμακος) – an amateur pharmacist

*fítheiríasis* (φθειρίασις) – pediculosis

*fíthisis* (φθίσις) – a condition manifested through permanent weight loss

*gála* (γάλα) – milk

*galaktología iatriké* (γαλακτολογία ιατρική) – the medical science of milk, its properties and the use of milk as well as milk products

*galaktopótas anér* (γαλακτοπότας ἀνήρ) – a milk-drinker

*haimodía* (αιμωδία) – hypersensitivity of the teeth

*hapalós* (*tyrós*) (ἀπαλός [τυρός]) – fresh cheese, quark (cf. *chlorós* *tyrós*, *oxygaláktinos*)

*haplón fármakon* (ἀπλὸν φάρμακόν), pl. *haplá fármaka* (ἀπλὰ φάρμακα) – a simple medicament

*hédysma* (ἥδυσμα), pl. *hedýsmata* (ἥδυσματα) – a dainty

*héftho* (ἔφθω) – to boil or cook

*hippaké* (ἱππακή) – mare milk cheese

- hypóρια* (ὑπώρια) – a condition that manifests itself with dark circles under the eyes
- hypótrimma* (ὑπότριμμα), pl. *hypotrimmata* (ὑποτρίμματα) – a type of cheese-based sauce or relish (cf. *myttotón*)
- ítria* (ϊτρια) – flatbreads made from wheat flour (cf. *lágana*)
- káchlekes* (κάχληκες) – hot stones used to boil milk
- kakochymía* (κακοχυμία) – a humoral imbalance of a foodstuff manifested through its unpleasant smell or flavour.
- kakóchymon* (κακόχυμον), pl. *kakóchyma* (κακόχυμα) – a foodstuff tending to produce harmful humours in the human body
- kándaulos* (κάνδαυλος) – a well-known ancient dish, in which cheese was one of the ingredients
- keroté* (κηρωτή) – a type of ointment based on wax
- koiliaké diáthesis* (κοιλιακὴ διάθεσις) – colic
- kollýrion* (κολλύριον) – a type of multi-component medicament in the form of a powder; prior to application combined with, milk or egg white to obtain an ointment
- kómmi* (κόμμι) – acacia tree resin
- kóthon* (κώθων) – a drinking feast
- kotýle* (κοτύλη) – a unit of volume, approx. 0.27 l.
- krásis* (κρᾶσις) – a temperament; a set of individual features of behaviour due to a unique humoral composition
- kýathos* (κύαθος) – a unit of volume, approx. 0.045 l.
- kyriaké té̄s apokréas* (κυριακὴ τῆς ἀποκρέας) – the Sunday that marked the beginning of the period known as *tyriné* (cf. *tyriné*)
- lágana* (λάγανα) – a type of *ítria* (cf. *ítria*)
- liparón* (λιπαρόν) – fat, in this case, milk fat
- melikraton* (μελίκρατον) – a mixture of water and honey
- mélke* (μέλκη) – a foodstuff from curdled milk, obtained with the use of an appropriate culinary technology (cf. *oksýgala*)
- myttotón* (μυττωτόν) – type of cheese-based sauce or relish (cf. *hypótrimma*)
- ofthalmía* (օφθαλμία) – an eye disorder
- oinómeli* (οἰνόμελι) – wine flavoured with honey

- oksygala* (όξυγαλα) – curdled milk, where the curd was obtained as a result of fermentation (cf. *mélke*)
- oksygaláktinos* (όξυγαλάκτινος), pl. *oksygaláktinoi* (όξυγαλάκτινοι) – fresh cheese, quark (cf. *chlorós tyrós*, *hapalós tyrós*)
- oksýmeli* (όξυμελι) – a mixture of honey, vinegar and water
- oksýs* (όξυς) – acidic, sharp
- ópson* (όψων), pl. *ópsa* (όψα) – foods typically eaten with bread
- or(r)ós* (όρ[ρ]ός) – whey (cf. *tyrógala*)
- orthópnoia* (όρθόπνοια) – a respiratory system disorder
- pagén gála* (παγέν γάλα) – set milk
- pimelé* (πιμελή) – liquid fat (cf. *stéar*)
- próton gála* (πρώτον γάλα) – colostrum
- psydrákion* (ψυδράκιον), pl. *psydrákia* (ψυδράκια) – pustules
- ptisáne* (πτισάνη) – a barley soup ascribed with medicinal properties
- pýr* (πῦρ) – fire
- pyróo* (πυρόω) – to heat up over fire
- pýon* (πύον) – quark; cottage cheese (cf. *pyón*; *pyós*; *pyós*)
- pyón* (πυόν) – quark; cottage cheese (cf. *pýon*; *pyós*; *pyós*)
- pyós* (πυός) – quark; cottage cheese (cf. *pyón*; *pyón*; *pyós*)
- pyós* (πύος) – quark; cottage cheese (cf. *pyón*; *pyón*; *pyós*)
- pýou tómoi* (πύου τόμοι) – pieces or slices of cheese
- pyriáte* (πυριάτη) – milk curd obtained through the heating of milk (without the addition of coagulants) (cf. *pyriátes*; *pyriatón*; *pyrifthon*; *pyrifhos*)
- pyriátes* (πυριάτης) – milk curd obtained through the heating of milk (without the addition of coagulants) (cf. *pyriáte*; *pyriatón*; *pyrifthon*; *pyrifhos*)
- pyriatón* (πυριατόν) – milk curd obtained through the heating of milk (without the addition of coagulants) (cf. *pyriáte*; *pyriátes*; *pyrifthon*; *pyrifhos*)
- pyrifthon* (πυρίεφθον), pl. *pyriephtha* (πυρίεφθα) – milk curd obtained through the heating of milk (without the addition of coagulants) (cf. *pyriate*; *pyriátes*; *pyriatón*; *pyrifhos*)
- pyrifhos* (πυρίεφθος) – milk curd obtained through the heating of milk (without the addition of coagulants) (cf. *pyriáte*; *pyriátes*; *pyriatón*; *pyrifthon*)

- schísis* (σχίσις) – the process of milk curdling  
*schistón* [gála] (σχιστὸν [γάλα]) – set milk  
*semídalís* (σεμíδαλις) – durum wheat or durum wheat flour  
*sinapismós* (σιναπισμός) – a therapeutic procedure which involved applying a mustard plaster  
*stéar* (στέαρ) – solid fat (cf. *pimele*)  
*tálaros* (τάλαρος) – a wicker basket in which fresh cheese was placed to drain the whey  
*theletái* – oval-shaped cheese pats produced in Crete  
*trágos* (τράγος) – spelt groats  
*trofális* (τροφαλίς) – a pat of cheese  
*tyrepsítós dzomós* (τυρεψιτὸς ζωμός) – a cheese soup served during *tyriné*  
*tyriné* (τυρινή) – in Byzantine tradition, the week preceding Lent when milk and dairy products were the Lenten food of the clergy and Christian laity (cf. *tyrofágos*)  
*tyródes* (τυρῶδες) – curd  
*tyrofágos* (τυροφάγος) – in Byzantine tradition, the week preceding Lent when milk and dairy products were the Lenten food of the clergy and Christian laity (cf. *tyriné*)  
*tyrógala* (τυρόγαλα) – whey (cf. *or[r]ós*)  
*tyrós* (τυρός), pl. *tyroi* (τυροί) – cheese  
*vláchos tyros* (βλάχος τυρός), pl. *vláchoi tyroi* (βλάχοι τυροί) – Vlach cheese (cf. *bláchos tyros*)

