



The Olympians

Greek and Roman Gods of the
Pantheon

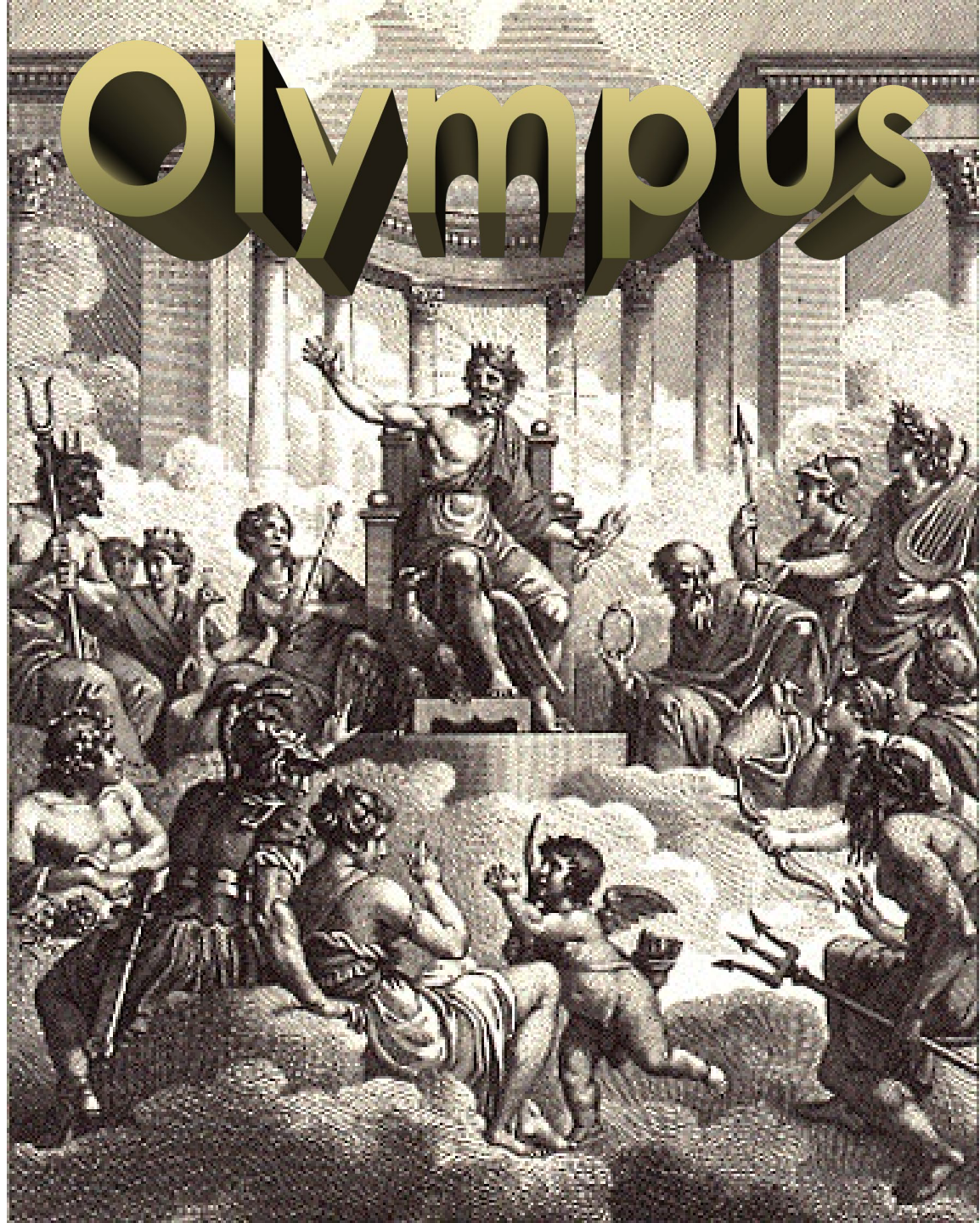








Olympus



Zeus

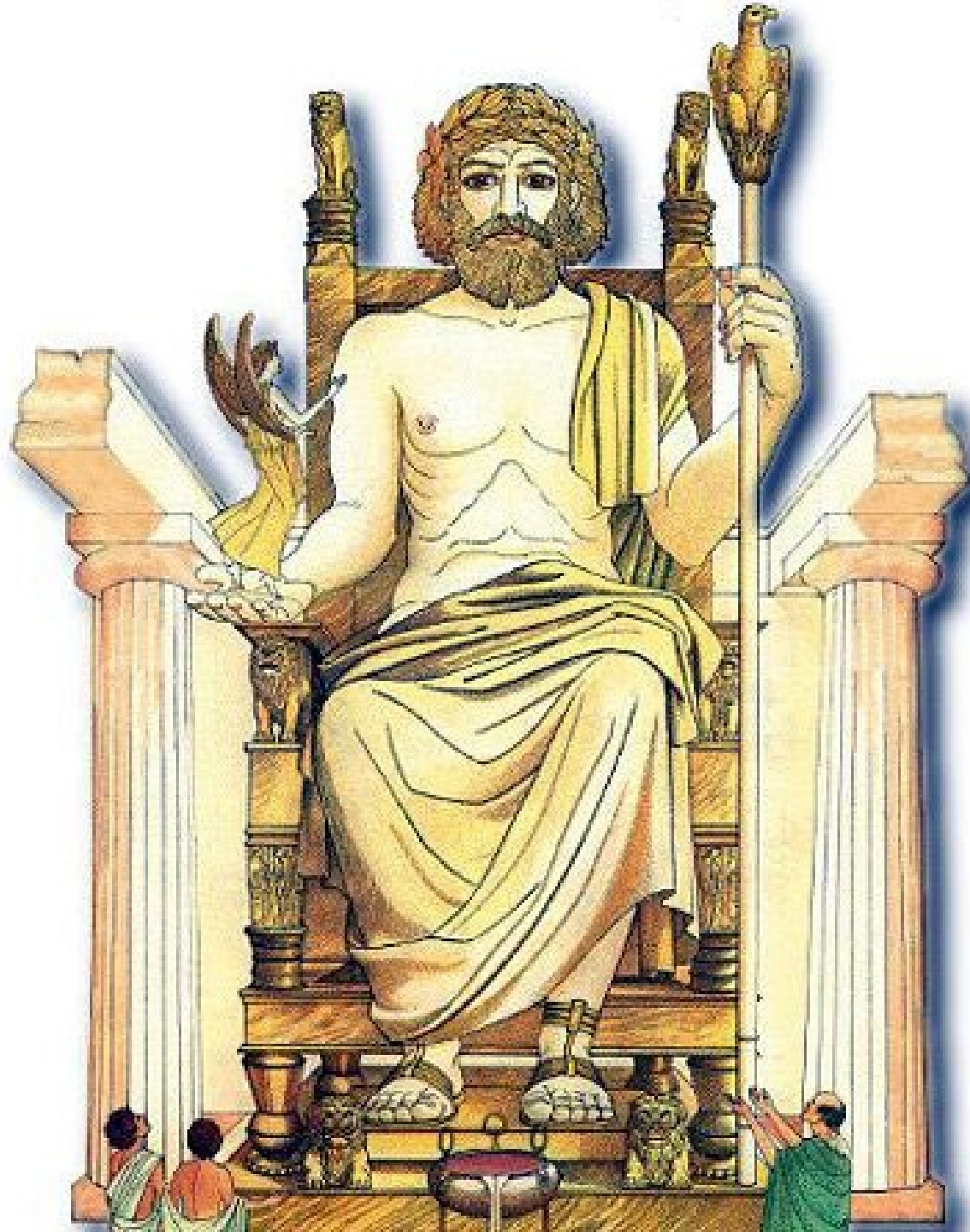
- god of the sky
- Roman name:
Jupiter or
Jove
- king of the gods
- thunderbolt
- aegis
- oak tree
- eagle



Zeus



Zeus



Hera

- protector of marriage
- Roman name:
Juno
- queen of the gods
- cow
- peacock



Poseidon

- god of the sea
- Roman name:
Neptune
- “Earth Shaker”
- trident
- horse



Poseidon



Hades

- god of the underworld
- Roman name:
Pluto
- god of wealth
- wife
Persephone
- helmet of invisibility



Hades



Hades



Athena

- goddess of wisdom
- Roman name:
Minerva
- also battle-goddess
- goddess of the city/civilization
- goddess of handicrafts, esp. weaving



Athena

- sprang from Zeus's head
- carried the aegis and thunderbolt
- “gray-eyed”
- chief of the three virgin goddesses



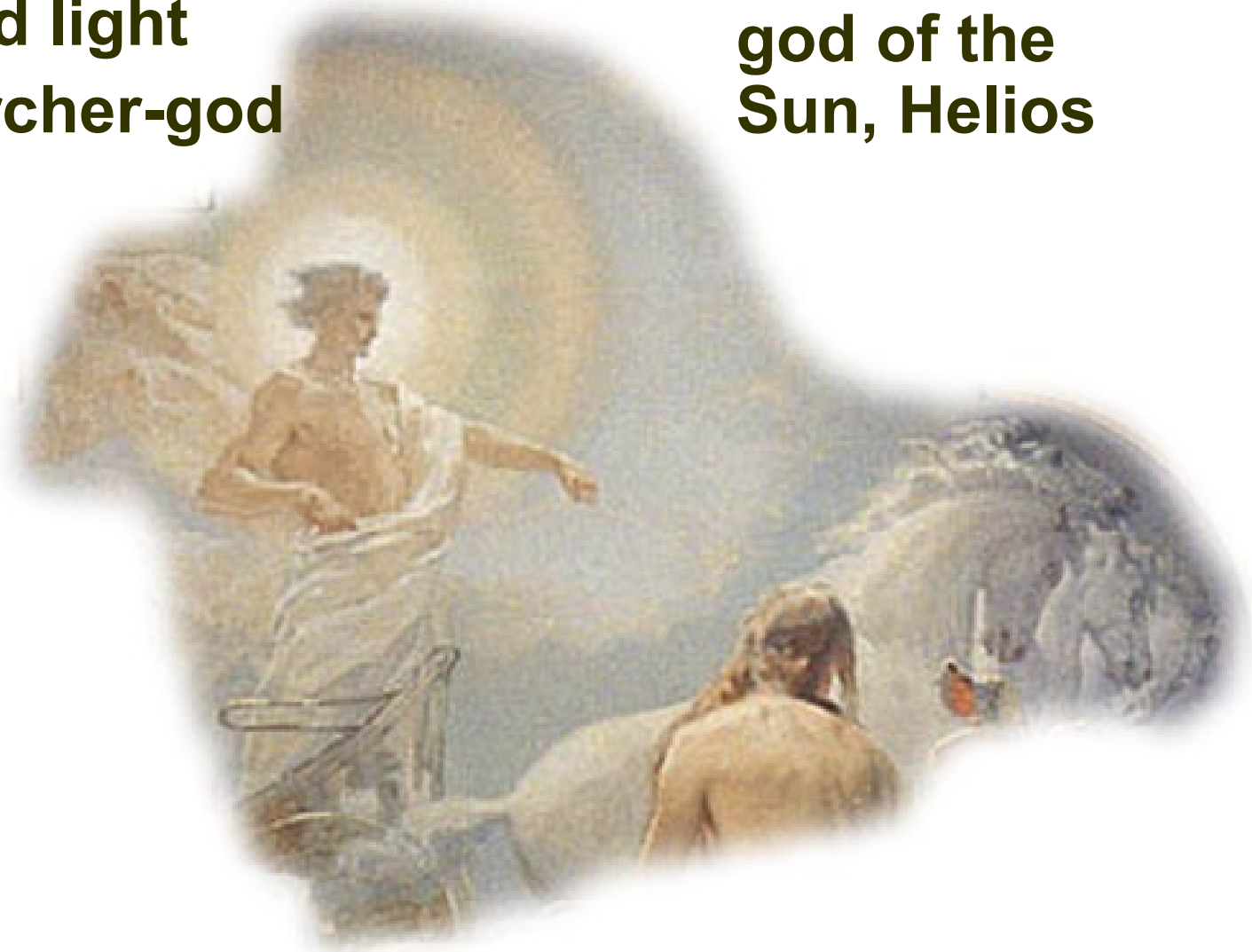
Athena

- the Maiden
Parthenos
- Temple: the
Parthenon
- Sometimes called
Pallas Athena
- olive tree
- owl
- Athens



Phoebus Apollo

- god of truth and light
- Archer-god
- confused with god of the Sun, Helios



Phoebus Apollo

- no Roman name
- master musician
- healer
- lyre
- silver bow
- Delphi
- laurel
- dolphin and crow



Artemis

- goddess of the hunt
- Roman name:
Diana
- Apollo's twin sister
- second of the virgin goddesses
- cypress tree
- deer



Artemis

- confused with goddess of the moon, Selene



Aphrodite

- goddess of love and beauty
- Roman name:
Venus
- sprung from the foam
- wife of Hephaestus



Aphrodite

- myrtle tree
- dove



Hermes

- messenger god
- Roman name:
Mercury
- winged sandals
and cap
- magic wand
Caduceus



Hermes

- created the lyre
- guide of the dead
- appears more than any other god in the myths



Ares

- god of war
- Roman name:
Mars
- detested by other gods
- coward
- vulture
- dog



Ares



Ares



Hephaestus

- god of the fire and forge
- Roman name:
Vulcan
also
Mulciber
- ugly and lame



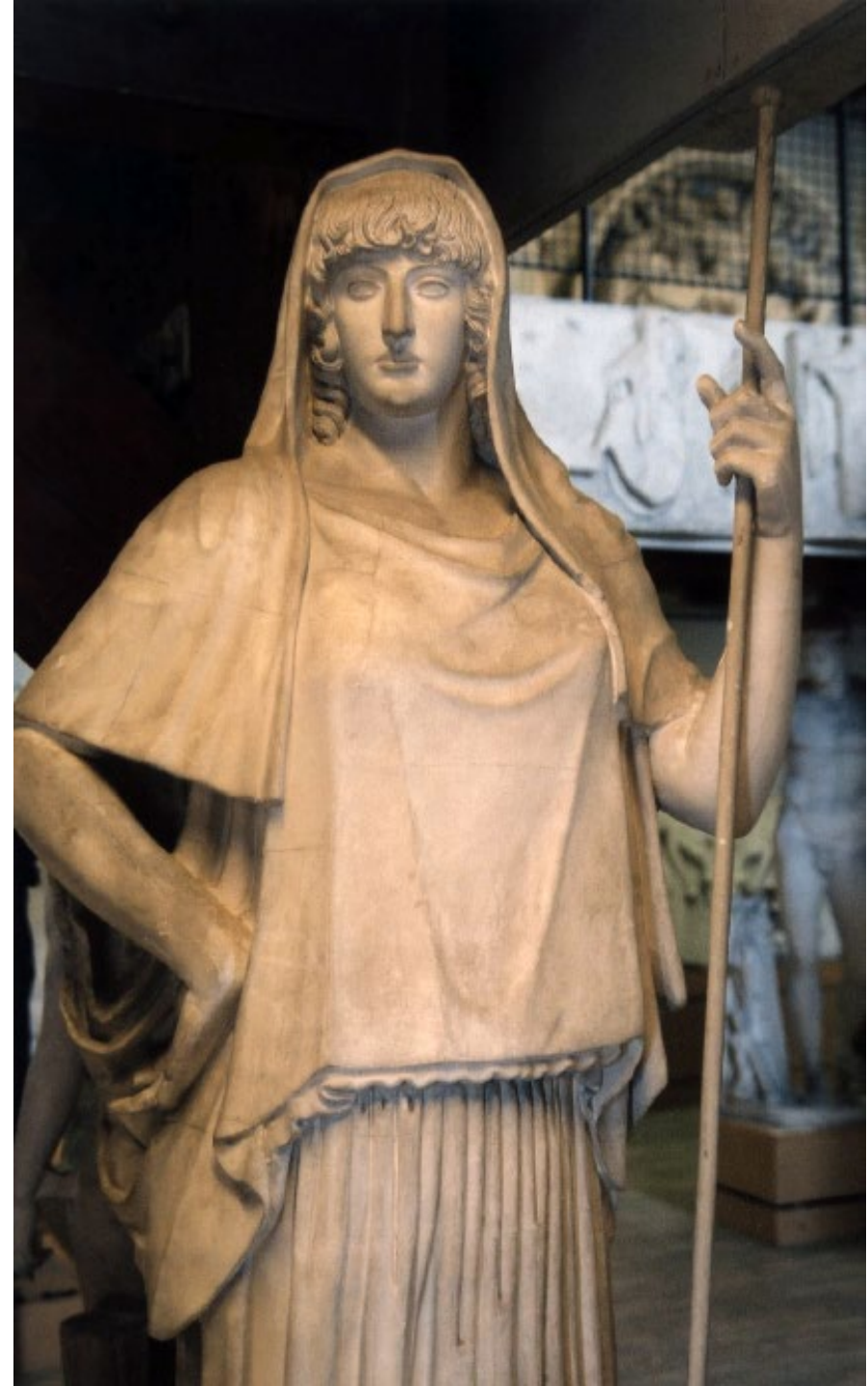
Hephaestus

- armorer and smith for the gods
- kindly, peace-loving



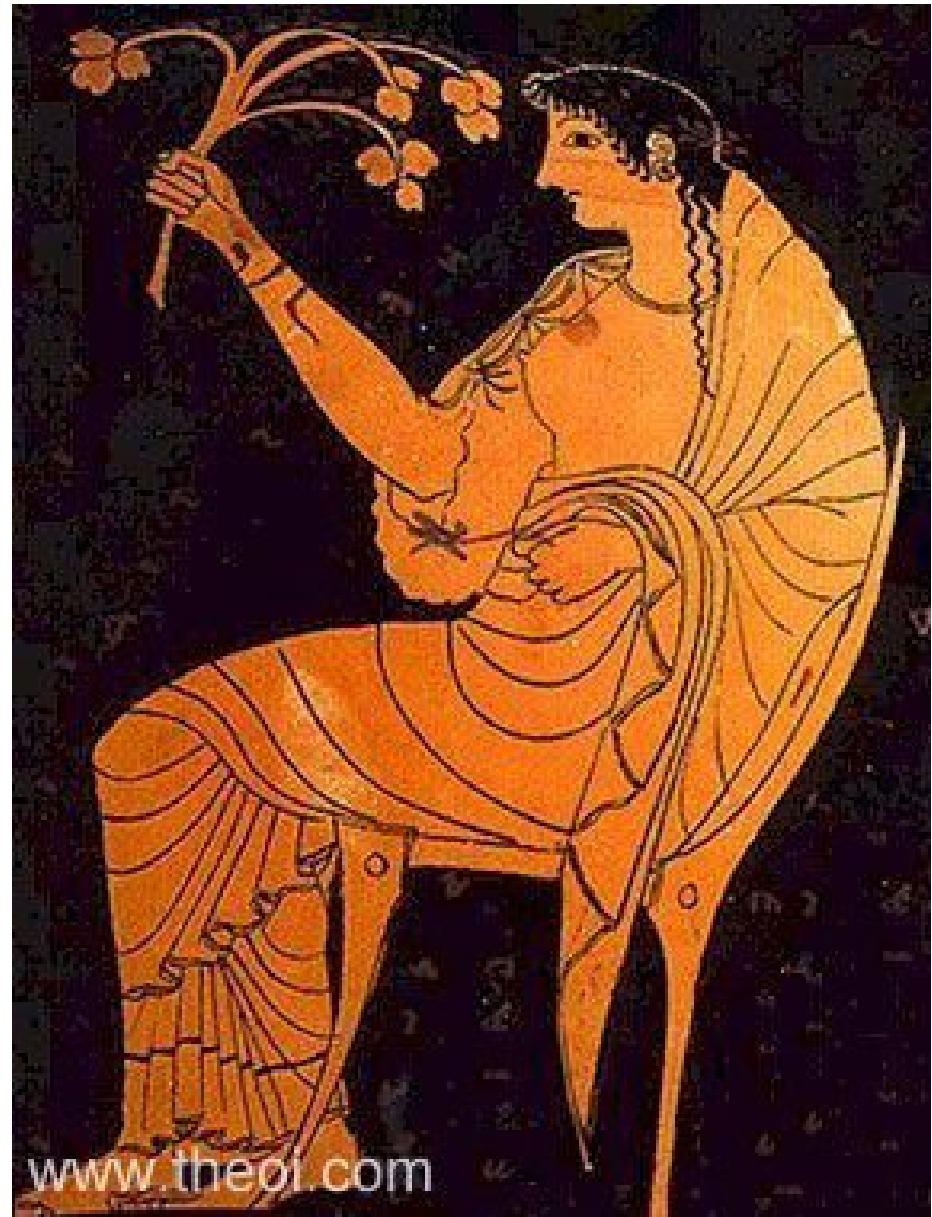
Hestia

- goddess of the hearth and home
- Roman name:
Vesta



Hestia

- third of the virgin goddesses
- plays no part in myths





The Two Great Gods of Earth

Demeter and Dionysus

Demeter

- goddess of the corn (and grain)
- Roman name:
Ceres
- chief festival at harvest time
- responsible for the seasons



Dionysus

- god of wine
- Roman name:
Bacchus
- New form of
worship:
Maenads
- associated
with ecstatic
joy and savage
brutality

