ÁIS GIÓRGIS — Ionian Is.

"Αης Γιώργης

(Line dance, no partners)

Translation: St. George.

Rhythm: 4/4

Starting Position: "V" position. (Properly each dancer holds diagonal ends of a handkerchief so his hands are about three feet apart; neighbors then link little fingers because hands are occupied with the handkerchief.) Right foot free.



Count

VARIATION I — Basic

- 1-2 1 Facing slightly and moving right, TWO WALKING STEPS (right, left).
 3-4 1 Turning to face center, STEP-TOUCH* SIDEWARD RIGHT.
 5-6 11 STEP-TOUCH* (left) FORWARD.

- 7-8 JJ STEP-TOUCH* (right) diagonally BACKWARD RIGHT.
- 9-10 JJ STEP-TOUCH* (left) diagonally BACKWARD LEFT.

VARIATION II - Turn

1-2 33 Moving right, TWO WALKING STEPS (right, left) TURNING right once around. As I above, counts 1-10 (complete).

Note: For an eight-measure routine, do Variation I twice, Variation II once.

*See Glossary. In this dance the "touch" is on ball of foot.

BERÁTIS - Epirus

Μπεράτης

(Line dance, no partners)

Translation: Beráti, also called Antipatría (now Berat, Albania), is a town in northern Epirus. Rhythm: 8/4(JJJ) counted 1-2, 3-4-5, 6-7-8.

Starting Position: "W" formation. Right foot free.

- 1
- CROSS AND STEP on RIGHT foot in BACK of left (count 1), With left foot across in front of right ankle, left knee bent, KICK LEFT foot FORWARD slightly, straightening left knee then bending it again to resume same position (counts 2-and), Straighten left knee and ROCK FORWARD on LEFT foot (count 3),
 - Bend right knee forward and CURL RIGHT FOOT around left calf (count 4);
 - PAUSE (count 5)
 - A slight LEAP SIDEWARD RIGHT on ball of right foot (count 6),
 - CROSS AND STEP on LEFT foot in FRONT of right (count 7),
 A slight LEAP SIDEWARD RIGHT on ball of right foot (count 8).
- - CROSS AND STEP on LEFT foot in FRONT of right (count 1), J SWING RIGHT foot around in a small outward arc and across in front of left, bending right knee (count 2),
 - J. SWING RIGHT foot around to BACK, bending right knee forward, and CURL RIGHT FOOT around left calf (count 3), PAUSE (counts 4-5)
 - ROCK BACK on RIGHT foot extending left leg slightly forward (count 6), PAUSE (count 7
 - A slight LEAP SIDEWARD LEFT on left foot (count 8).

Note: The Greeks usually listen to the music awhile and get into the dance initially on count 6 of measure 1.