

The building program on Athenian Acropolis

Athena is the patron of Athens

The Acropolis is the defense of civilization against barbarian assault.

- The sculpture of Athena Promachos greeted you first.
- The Parthenon rules the roost.
- The Erechtheum venerates the archaic cult.

Sculpture of the Athena Parthenos, the cult idol inside the Parthenon

Athena Parthenos (“virgin”)

Athenian Acropolis (448 B. C.-437 B. C.)

Victory over Persians

East pediment depicted Birth of

Athena

Birth of Athena

West pediment

Contest with Poseidon over the divine control of Athens

Doric frieze (metopes)

Lapiths and Centaurs

Sack of Troy

Gigantomachy

Greeks v. Amazons

Panathenaia (Ionic frieze); ceremonial robe (peplos)

Statue of Athena Parthenos by Pheidias

A model of the Athenian Acropolis

