

PARTALOS
Greek Men's Dance

This dance is performed in Macedonia (Salonika region) by the men. It probably falls in the category of the Hasapiko.

Learned in Athens in 1957.

Record:

Formation: Chain of dancers with hands joined at shoulder height and forward.
Leader is at right.

Cts FIRST STEP (done four times)

- 1-2 RF to R, LF to R
- 3-4 Step-swing LF in front of RF
- 5-6 Step-swing RF in front of LF

SECOND STEP (done four times)

- 1-2 RF and LF to R while turning on spot CW
- 3-6 Same as Cts 3-6 in first step

THIRD STEP (done four times)

- 1 Point ball of RF to R side and step with LF behind RF
- 2 Repeat
- 3-6 Same as Cts 3-6 in first step

FOURTH STEP (done four times)

- 1 Squat and hop on RF, extending L leg toward the center
- 2-4 Three more squats and L leg extended toward center
- 5-6 Step-swing LF in front of RF
- 7-8 Step-swing RF in front of LF

NOTE: When you squat in a Greek dance and it is followed by more squats, never come up straight, but keep your knee bent in order to be ready for the other squats. These squats are done with the body facing LOD, almost.

FIFTH STEP (done four times)

- 1 Walk CCW on RF, kneeling on L knee
- 2 Walk CCW on LF, kneeling on R knee
- 3-4 Step-swing LF in front of RF
- 5-6 Step-swing RF in front of LF
- 7-8 With a kick CW of RF, which goes behind L knee, spin once in place.

REPEAT DANCE FROM THE BEGINNING