

# INTRODUCTION

Steve Worboys and I began this calendar in 1980 or 1981 when we discovered that the exact dates of many events survive from Roman antiquity, the most famous being the ides of March murder of Caesar. Flipping through a few books on Roman history revealed a handful of dates, and we believed that to fill every day of the year would certainly be impossible. From 1981 until 1989 I kept the calendar, adding dates as I ran across them. In 1989 I typed the list into the computer and we began again to plunder books and journals for dates, this time recording sources. Since then I have worked and reworked the Calendar, revising old entries and adding many, many more.

## The Roman Calendar

The calendar was reformed twice, once by Caesar in 46 BC and later by Augustus in 8 BC. Each of these reforms is described in A. K. Michels' book *The Calendar of the Roman Republic*. In an ordinary pre-Julian year, the number of days in each month was as follows:

29 January	31 May	29 September
28 February	29 June	31 October
31 March	31 Quintilis (July)	29 November
29 April	29 Sextilis (August)	29 December.

The Romans did not number the days of the months consecutively. They reckoned backwards from three fixed points: The kalends, the nones, and the ides. The kalends is the first day of the month. For months with 31 days the nones fall on the 7th and the ides the 15th. For other months the nones fall on the 5th and the ides on the 13th. The position of the kalends, nones, and ides were not changed in either of the two reforms. III Non. Ian. is to be read "three before the nones of January" which, considering the Roman inclusive count, falls on January 3. V Kal. Iun. is "five before the kalends of June," or May 28. The day before one of the three reference days is labeled "pridie." Prid. Kal. Ian. is always the last day of December.

Fortunately, each time the calendar was reformed, the positions in the month of annual events and anniversaries remained unchanged. The Saturnalia always began on December 17th, even though the representation for that day changed from XIII Kal. Ian. to XV Kal. Ian. to XVI Kal. Ian. Naturally then we arranged the months according to the modern reckoning, adding the Roman notations for reference.

The old Roman year had 355 days. To account for the ten day error there was an intercalary month placed inside February every few years. There seemed to be no rule as to when the month was to be added, and the intercalation probably became a political tool in the late Republic. By the time of Caesar the calendar was months off the solar year, and to rectify the problem the Dictator hired the Greek astronomer Sosigenes to reform the calendar.

47 BC was the last normal year of the old Republican calendar. 46 BC was "the year of confusion," or better, "the last year of confusion." To rectify the calendar year to the solar year, 67 extra intercalary days were added to the normal 23, making a year of 445 days. We do not know the precise location in the calendar of these intercalary days. 45 BC was then the first Julian year. The lengths of many of the months were changed, and instead of an intercalary month, an intercalary day was to be placed every fourth year. This was to be an extra VI Kal. Mar. (six before the kalends of March), to be called Bissexto Kal. Mar. (thus "bissextile year"). With a normal 29 day February, VI Kal. Mar. fell on February 25th. It is not known if

the extra day was added before or after the ordinary VI Kal. Mar. We have placed it after VI Kal. Mar. in our calendar. The year then looked like this:

31 January	31 May	31 September
29/30 February	30 June	30 October
31 March	31 July	31 November
30 April	30 Sextilis (August)	30 December.

Unfortunately the priests responsible for the maintenance of the calendar misinterpreted the instruction “every fourth year,” and imposed their inclusive count to produce a leap day every three years. This error was detected nearly four decades later, when in 8 BC Augustus altered the Julian calendar. First, the leap years: The years BC 42, 39, 36, 33, 30, 27, 24, 21, 18, 15, 12, and 9 were bissextile. Because too many days had been added, there was no intercalation until AD 8, when the normal once-each-four-years was obeyed. There is no reason to believe that any problems occurred after this. Second, “To satisfy his vanity” Augustus desired a month to be named after himself. His choice was Sextilis, the month after July, in which he had enjoyed so many illustrious successes. But it had only 30 days under the Julian reform, so in order to correct this injustice he changed the lengths of each month from Sextilis (August) through December: whichever had 31 days now has 30, and whichever had 30 days now has 31. The extra day added by this permutation was taken from February, which had enjoyed 30 days for only the 12 leap years mentioned above. Beginning 8 BC we have:

31 January	31 May	30 September
28/29 February	30 June	31 October
31 March	31 July	30 November
30 April	31 August	31 December.

This is the version of the Julian calendar which remained unaltered until the sixteenth century. England abandoned the Julian calendar in the eighteenth century, and Russia in the twentieth century.

For pre-reform dates we attribute an event to its place in the calendar in use at the time, rather than calculate its Julian date. The Romans themselves did likewise when they considered anniversaries.

### Notation

[Bar, 4] means that the date (not necessarily other details) is to be found in Barnes’ *The New Empire of Diocletian and Constantine* on page 4. See the list of sources in the back. If you see [L-AM III, 23ed], the III refers to the volume, and the “ed” means the date was supplied by the editor of the work. For [Huzar, 23n], the “n” means the date was taken from a footnote or endnote.

A date beginning with a dash (—) occurred in the same year (and day) as the preceding event. Thus Ovid was born on the very day that Sextus Pompey was voted a naval command (see March 20).

All annual events, such as festivals, are printed in italics.

When we find that a certain day was sacred to some deity, the date is usually associated with a particular temple and its dedication. A typical cult day is that of Fortuna Equestris on August 13. In 180 BC Q. Fulvius Flaccus vowed to build this temple during a campaign against the Celtiberians. On August 13, 173 BC his temple was dedicated near the Theater of Pompey. Other temples to Fortuna were dedicated on different days, like her temple in the Forum Boarium, which was dedicated June 11. May 25 was the day sacred to Fortuna at her temple on the Quirinal.

When the year of dedication is known, it is included as if it was not an annual event, but the entry remains in italics because the dedication day became an annual celebration, in which sacrifices and prayers were offered. Annual events with no date are preceded by a “●”.

The kalends of each month were sacred to Juno and the Ides were sacred to Jupiter.

There are several Hellenistic dates in the Calendar, mostly associated with Alexander the Great. These were computed according to the Julian calendar and have no relation to the pre-Julian Roman events listed on the same day.

### **Other Comments**

This calendar is not a serious work. Though I have tried to be rigorous and scholarly, my main aim has been to have some fun with Roman history. The work has been most useful when I include ancient events on birthday cards. A wall calendar with an event for each day would be nice, also.

Over 1,750 events and festivals are included, and it is not free of mistakes. Any corrections, additions, or clarifications are wholly welcome. Often our sources contradict one another. We have seen the death of Elagabalus placed at March 6, 11, 12, and 13. Nero's suicide took place on three days: June 6, 9, and 11. Rarely do the sources indicate that the date is in question, or that others have foolishly promoted a different date. Some historians are not even aware of the pre-Julian calendar, like [Kap] who claims that Cicero delivered a speech on December 31, 63 BC. December had only 29 days that year! We have kept many sources for seemingly secure dates as protection against typographical errors (there are many out there), but eventually we will discard many.

There is still a lot more to do. Standard works like Cicero's complete letters and the Theodosian Code remain largely unplundered. If you have comments or corrections, write me at

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# CALENDAR OF ROMAN EVENTS

**January.** 29 days to 46 BC, 31 days from 45 BC.

Jan 1 Kalends

- 291 BC *Dedication of the Temple to Aesculapius on the Tiber Island. There had been a plague in 293 BC, and after the Sibylline Books were consulted, an embassy was sent to Epidaurus to bring the worship of Aesculapius to Rome* [FCRR, 55][NTD, 3]
- 194 BC *C. Servilius dedicates a temple to Vediovis on the Tiber Island. L. Furius Purpureo had vowed the temple in 200 BC during a war with the Gauls* [FCRR, 56][NTD, 406]
- *Consuls take office, the senate meets and distributes provinces, 153 BC and after. The date was moved from March 15 so that proconsuls could reach their provinces earlier* [RR, 94] [ARC, 221, 366n][FCRR, 52]
- 104 BC Jugurtha is rendered a trophy in Marius' triumph over Numidia [Lidd, 554][P-Sall, 148] [Keav, 28]
- 86 BC Marius orders the senator Sex. Licinius to be cast from the Tarpeian Rock. There was no trial [Lidd, 592]
- 65 BC P. Autronius and P. Sulla, disqualified for electoral corruption, join with Catiline in an unsuccessful plot to murder the consuls L. Aurelius Cotta and L. Manlius Torquatus. They will try again February 5 [P-Cic PS, 83n][P-Sall, 172ed][Gelzer, 39]
- 63 BC Cicero attacks the agrarian bill of Rullus in his first *de lege agraria* [Sto, 84][Gelzer, 43n]
- 57 BC Lentulus Spinther brings up a motion to recall Cicero [Ward, 248][Sto, 192]
- 49 BC The tribune Curio reads in the senate Caesar's proposal for a mutual Caesar-Pompey disarmament. The consuls refuse to hold a vote [PRP, 129][FGN, 122]
- Pompey invites the entire senate home for dinner [PRP, 131]
- 43 BC Hirtius and Pansa open a debate in senate which lasts four days, Cicero delivers his fifth Philippic [Syme, 167][Jones A, 18][Sto, 300]
- 42 BC Caesar is recognized by the senate as a god [Huzar, 116]
- 41 BC Triumph of L. Antonius over the peoples of the Alps [RCS, 220][CIL I, 461]
- 39 BC L. Marcius Censorinus celebrates a triumph for his victory over Macedonia as he enters the consulship [CIL I, 461][Syme, 222]
- 33 BC On Octavian's first and last day as consul, he delivers an invective against Antony [Huzar, 200, 205]
- *Early empire: day of the Vatorum Nuncupatio. See January 3.*
- 7 BC Triumph of Tiberius for his campaigns in Germany [Garz, 562]
- 12 *Dedication of the shrine Fortuna Augusta Stata near the Temple of Tellus* [NTD, 157]
- 69 4th and 22nd legions at Mainz refuse to renew the oath of allegiance to Galba, and smash the emperor's statues [CAW, 237][YOFE, 30][Garz, 199][L-Suet, 217]
- 112 Inauguration of Trajan's forum and basilica [Carc, 4][Garz, 663]
- *Dedication by Trajan of a Temple to Fortune, an attempt to consolidate the various guises of the deity* [NTD, 155] (Did the sources of the previous event (112) confuse the temple with the forum and basilica?)
- 138 Tubercular death of Aelius Caesar in Rome [Sear][CAW, 239][Bir MA, 14][Hen, 261][Garz, 438]
- 193 Pertinax is declared emperor by the senate [CAW, 240][Bir MA, 14][Bir SS, 89]
- 202 Decennalia celebrations begin for Septimius in Antioch [Bir SS, 141]
- 248 Philip celebrates a triumph over the Carpi [Wolf, 44]
- 287 Consular ceremonies for Maximian are disrupted by news of a barbarian raid from the Rhine region [Bar, 7]
- 363 Libanius delivers his 12th Oration, a panegyric to Julian [L-Lib, ?]
- 379 Death of Basil, pro-Melitian bishop of Caesarea, at age 49 [Chad, 149][Frend, 634]
- 385 Augustine delivers a panegyric on Bauto [PLRE]
- 417 Constantius and a reluctant Galla Placidia marry [PLRE][LRE I, 176][Bury L I, 203] [Wolf, 164]

- 456 Sidonius delivers a panegyric on Anthemius [Wolf, 389n]  
 468 Sidonius delivers another panegyric on Anthemius [PLRE][Kaegi, 41][Wolf, 492n]
- Jan 2 III Non.
- 49 BC Two Caesarean tribunes, Antony among them, veto a measure requiring Caesar's disarmament [P-Cic SW, 125n]  
 69 Vitellius is proclaimed emperor by the legions of lower Germany [Sear][TD 6, 116ed] ([YOFE, 31] and [Garz, 200] say January 3.)  
 193 Statues of Commodus are overthrown in the Capitol [Bir SS, 91]  
 423 Aelia Eudocia is proclaimed Augusta the day after her uncle, Asclepiodotus, assumed the consulship [PLRE][Hol, 123][Bury L I, 220]
- Jan 3 III Non.
- *Ludi Compitales*. This was a moveable feast held sometime between the Saturnalia and January 5. In the time of Cicero it lasted one day. In the late empire it was held January 3-5 [FCRR, 58]
- 106 BC Birth of Cicero at his grandfather's estate near Arpinum, to Helvia and M. Cicero [Bailey, 2] [Sto, 2][CIL I, 335][LTA, 7ed]  
 58 BC Four bills of Clodius pass, one allowing for *collegia*, soon to be used as a front for gangs, and another substituting cheap corn with free corn for the urban masses [Gelzer, 96] ([Sto, 187] says January 4.)  
 46 BC Several of Caesar's missing troop transports, scattered in a storm off the Bay of Carthage, turn up at Leptis Minor, where Caesar has installed himself for an assault on Hadrumetum (Susa) [Momm IV, 416]  
 69 All seven Rhine legions proclaim Vitellius emperor [YOFE, 31][Garz, 200]  
 • *Day of the Vatorum Nuncupatio*, on which vows for the emperor's health were taken by officials and priests. Also, soldiers proclaim their loyalty to the emperor. It was held on January 1 in the early empire [L-HA III, 312ed][YCS VII, 266][CIL I, 334]  
 193 At the oath of loyalty ceremony to Pertinax, some praetorians grab the senator Triarius Maternus, and "elect" him in camp. He later ran naked to Pertinax's palace, and all was forgiven [Bir SS, 91]  
 250 For today's *Vatorum Nuncupatio*, Decius orders sacrifices to be performed to Jupiter at all Roman cities, not just Rome. The order, issued today, took some time to reach the provinces [Frend, 319]  
 396 Claudian issues a panegyric in honor of Honorius [L-Claud I, xiv]  
 401 The head of Gainas, a gift from Uldin the Hun to Arcadius, arrives in Constantinople [Wolf, 150]
- Jan 4 Prid. Non.
- *Ludi Compitales*, day 2.
- 49 BC Cicero arrives at Rome, but doesn't enter, hoping for a triumph [Gelzer, 191][Bailey, 142]  
 48 BC Caesar sails for Palaeste from Brundisium with 20,000 soldiers and 600 cavalry to attack Pompey [Bal, 131][Fuller, 210][Momm IV, 380][Gelzer, 223]  
 46 BC The rest of Caesar's army lands in Africa and begins to march [Gelzer, 265]  
 43 BC Cicero delivers his sixth Philippic to the populace in the Forum [Huzar, 105][Sto, 307]  
 122 Cavalryman L. Valerius Noster receives a certificate of discharge [RCS, 522]  
 304 Arcadius Rufinus<sup>10</sup> becomes urban prefect in Rome, replacing Junius Tiberianus<sup>7</sup> [PLRE]

- Jan 5 Nones
- *Last day of the Ludi Compitales.*
  - *Dedication date of the shrine of the goddess Vica Pota at the foot of the Velia* [FCRR, 60] [NTD, 420]
- 277 BC Triumph of C. Junius Brutus over the Lucanians and Bruttians [CIL I, 457]
- 49 BC Caesar arrives at Palaeste, and sends an envoy to Pompey for terms of peace. In the evening Caesar sets out for Oricum [Fuller, 210ff]
- 117 Lucia Macrina fails in her legal attempt to recover the property of her deceased soldier-husband [RCS, 518]
- 323 Pappus calculates the longitudes of the sun and moon, as recorded in Books III and V of Theon's *Almagest* Commentary [GR&B 31, 111]
- Jan 6 VIII Id.
- 62 BC Cicero writes to his brother that in the senate house the speaker Appius had to call off a meeting because of the cold [Lanc A, 78][Lanc R, 262]
- 29 BC Finally, at the end of the civil wars, Octavian enters Rome [RCS I, 307]
- 168 Aurelius addresses the Praetorians on, of other things, relieving the problem of bachelor soldiers in the guard [Bir MA, 155][Garz, 520]
- *Nativity of Christ celebrated today in the Eastern part of the Empire* [Chad, 259]
- 341 Dedication of Antioch's new cathedral by Constantius and 97 eastern bishops [Chad, 137]
- 356 Syrianus, military commander and enemy of Athanasius, enters Alexandria for trouble. See February 7 [PLRE][Frend, 356]
- 361 Julian attends Epiphany in Vienne, not having yet revealed his paganism [Brow, 109] [P-AM, 209][RIC VIII, 45][Frend, 600]
- 402 Baptism of Honorius [Hol, 55]
- 438 Rufius Antonius Agrypnius Volusianus, a senator, former prefect, and frank pagan, dies in Constantinople on a mission from the west to settle the arrangements of the recent wedding. See October 29, 437 [Hol, 183]
- Jan 7 VII Id.
- *Third century AD: Day of honorary discharge, enjoyment of privileges granted, salary installments given to soldiers* [RCS, 567]
- 50 BC Cicero leaves Tarsus for the province of Asia to alleviate their debt problems [Bailey, 112]
- 49 BC Antony and Cassius are told to leave Rome (they head for Gaul), and the senate decrees a state of emergency—Pompey becomes consul *sine collega* [Bal, 119][PRP, 132][Seag P, 162] [Momm IV, 338][Gelzer, 192][Sto, 253][FGN, 122][Bailey, 143]
- 43 BC Octavian first assumes the fasces, ceremonially inaugurating his imperium [RCS, 66] [Jones A, 19][YCS VII, 266][CIL I, 312]
- 41 Caligula terminates his fourth and last consulship, begun January 1 [P-Suet, 161]
- 193 Pertinax, in a move to mollify the Praetorians, "ratified the concessions that Commodus had made to the soldiers and the veterans" [Bir SS, 91]
- 312 At a trial in Nicomedia, Maximinus condemns and executes the Christian scholar Lucian of Antioch [C&E, 40, 159][Frend, 494]
- 328 Constantine re-founds the Bithynian city of Drepanum as Helenopolis, in honor of his mother. Drepanum was Helena's birthplace [Bar, 9n, 77][C&E, 221]
- Jan 8 VI Id.
- 364 Simultaneous edicts in Rome on breadmaking: Once a breadmaker, always a breadmaker—no appeals permitted [C Th, 14.3.5-6]

- Jan 9 V Id.
- *The AGONALIA, also March 17, May 21, and December 11. The Rex Sacrorum sacrifices a ram in the Regia to appease Janus, according to Ovid* [FCRR, 61][NTD, 5, 326]
- 376 Q. Aurelius Symmachus (Eusebius)<sup>4</sup> delivers speech “pro Trygetio” to the senate [PLRE]
- 400 Eudoxia proclaims herself Augusta [PLRE][WWW][Hol, 56n][Bury L I, 138]
- 475 Zeno flees with some Isaurians to Isauria from the capitol as Basiliscus is proclaimed emperor [Sear][Kaegi, 48][PLRE][Bury L I, 391]
- Jan 10 III Id.
- 70 BC Prosecution is announced against G. Verres, corrupt governor of Sicily. The trial begins August 5 [P-Cic SW, 39n]
- 49 BC (before daybreak January 11) Caesar crosses the Rubicon after sending men to take Ariminum [P-Caesar, 273n][Gelzer, 193][Bailey, 143]
- 69 Galba chooses Piso Licinianus as his successor in a speech to the Praetorians [YOFE, 46][Garz, 200]
- 310 Two Christians of Anaia, Peter the ascetic and the Marcionite bishop Asclepius, are burned alive [C&E, 154]
- 402 Theodosius II, only nine months old, becomes his father’s colleague in the East [PLRE][Hol, 55][Bury L I, 212n]
- Jan 11 III Id.
- *The CARMENTALIA. First festival day for Carmentis. The second came on the 15th. Carmentis was an old Italic deity linked with soothsaying and childbirth, whose shrine was at the foot of the Capitoline* [FCRR, 62][YCS VII, 267][NTD, 72]
  - *Dedication date of the Temple of the water nymph Iuturna, built by Lutatius Catulus in the Campus Martius* [FCRR, 64][NTD, 228]
- 49 BC At daybreak Caesar enters Ariminum [Fuller, 179][Gelzer, 195][Sto, 253]
- 29 BC Augustus closes the Temple of Janus for the first time in 200 years [EB 2, 687][FGN, 171]
- ? Birth of L. Seius Caesar, father-in-law of Severus Alexander [YCS VII, 5][RCS, 567]
- 347 (possibly 346) Birth of Theodosius I near Cauca in Gallacia (northwest Spain) to Count Flavius Theodosius [CIL I, 335]
- 364 Julian’s measure banning Christians from teaching is repealed by Jovian. See June 17, 362 [L-Lib I, xxi]
- 381 The Visigoth Athanaric arrives as an honored captive/refugee in Constantinople, having been overthrown by the Huns [PLRE][Wolf, 74]
- Jan 12 Prid. Id.
- *Compitalia, celebrated in honor of the Lares. Also March 6.*
- 67 BC Senate meeting is called off because the Curia is too cold [Lanc R, 8]
- 59 The Arval Brethren meet in Agrippa’s Pantheon [NTD, 283]
- 382 Law restricts the clothing that either senators or slaves may wear in the city of Rome. Senators donning military garb shall lose their rank; slaves are subject to exile “since they have no self-respect to lose” [C Th, 14.10.1-3]
- Jan 13 Ides
- 293 BC Triumph of Sp. Carvilius Maximus over the Samnites [CIL I, 456]
- 86 BC Death of Marius after a short illness [Lidd, 592][Carney, 70][Gelzer, 20]
- 56 BC Clash in senate between the consular Marcellinus and the tribune L. Caninius Gallus over the assignment of who should reinstate Ptolemy on the throne of Egypt (Pompey wants the job) [Seag P, 117][Sto, 201][PRP, 30]
- 27 BC Octavian solemnly resigns all powers and provinces, an act rejected by the senate, which instead votes him honors [Syme, 313][TD 6, 2][RGA, 78n][FGN, 210][NTD, 118]
- 40 Caligula terminates his third consulship, without a colleague [P-Suet, 161][Lev, 94]

- Jan 14 XVII Kal. Feb. XVIII Kal. Feb.
- 82 or 81 BC Birth of Marcus Antonius (Antony), son of M. Antonius “Creticus” [Barrett, 219][Garz, 562]
- 56 BC Political stalling prevents a vote on Pompey’s Egyptian commission; Cicero dines with Pompey [Sto, 201][PRP, 31]
- 38 BC Birth of Drusus Claudius Nero, Claudius’ father, to Livia and Ti. Claudius Nero [Seag T, 10][Barrett, 2] ([Lev, 45] says either January 14 or possibly mid-March to mid-April.)
- 26 BC Solemn dedication of the Palace of Augustus on the Palatine [Lanc A, 107]
- Jan 15 XVI Kal. Feb. XVIII Kal. Feb.
- *CARMENTALIA*. See *January 11*.
- 56 BC Third day of debate on the Egyptian question goes nowhere. Now the issue will have to wait until February 1 [PRP, 32]
- 69 Praetorians declare Otho Imperator; Galba is assassinated in the Forum [CAW, 237][Sear][Bir MA, 14][YOFE, 45][Garz, 201][Barrett, 71]
- 380 Theodosius commands that corrupt judges shall be stripped of all rank and “rated among the people of lowest degree and plebeians” [C Th, 9.27.1]
- 532 Old St. Sophia, built by Theodosius II, is razed in the first day of the Nika riot, clearing the way for Justinian’s slightly more impressive structure [Chad, 127][BG-Ist, 73] ([Frend, 831] says the first day of the riot was January 13, culminating on the 18th with demands for Theodosius’ resignation.)
- Jan 16 XV Kal. Feb. XVII Kal. Feb.
- 27 BC Title of *Augustus* is conferred upon Octavian [RCS I, 307n][RCS, 66][Syme, 313ff][YCS VII, 267][CIL I, 312]
- 12 Tiberius dedicates his reconstruction of the Temple of Concord in his and Drusus’ names. The year may be AD 10 [Lanc R, 286][Seag T, 28n][CIL I, 312][NTD, 99, 182]
- 13 Augustus’ last triumph is held in Rome [EB 2, 689]
- 308 Death of Marcellus, the politically volatile and exiled Bishop of Rome [C&E, 38]
- 550 Totila and his Goths, having been sieging Rome since last summer, finally break in by the treachery of some Isaurians. The Eternal City is sacked yet again [Wolf, 358]
- Jan 17 XIV Kal. Feb. XVI Kal. Feb.
- 257 BC Triumph of A. Atilius Caiatinus over Sicily and the Carthaginians [RCS, 219][CIL I, 458]
- 49 BC News reaches Rome that Ancona and Arretium are occupied by Caesar’s troops [Gelzer, 195] — Pompey and consuls leave Rome for Capua. Most senators are preparing to leave town [Bailey, 143][Bal, 121][PRP, 138][Gelzer, 195][Seag P, 165][Sto, 255] (The latter 3 sources claim the consuls left later.)
- 38 BC Marriage of Octavian and Livia in Rome, three days after she gave birth to Dr. Cl. Nero [Syme, 229][Seag T, 11][Garz, 7][Barrett, 2]
- ? *Dedication of the Ara Augustus in Rome by Tiberius, before Augustus’ death* [NTD, 45]
  - *Three-day Ludi Palatini begin, instituted by Livia in memory of Augustus. In the late empire it was a six day festival* [Carc, 204][YCS VII, 267][Barrett, 169]
- 42 Deification of Livia. Her statue is placed in the Temple of Augustus [Lev, 45]
- 395 Theodosius dies of dropsy in Mediolanum (Milan) [PLRE][Sear][King, 91][Hol, 48][Bury L I, 106][RIC VIII, xliii]

Jan 18 XIII Kal. Feb. XV Kal. Feb.

- 254 BC Triumph of Servius Fulvius Paetinus Nobilior over the Cossurenses, and naval victory over Carthage [RCS, 219]
- 52 BC Clodius is killed on the Via Appia near Bovillae in a fight with Milo [Bal, 94][Seag P, 142] [PRP, 142][Gelzer, 149][Huzar, 37][Sto, 219]
- Caesar arrives in Ravenna. Here he will recruit troops for the defense of the Republic, after the Intercalary 25 SCU is issued [Gelzer, 149]
- 49 BC In the midst of political chaos, Cicero leaves Rome just before daybreak [Bailey, 143]
- *Ludi Palatini, day 2.*
- 350 Magnentius is declared Augustus at a banquet in Augustodunum in Gaul [PLRE][Brow, 49] [RIC VIII, 11, 23]
- 474 Death of Leo I, possibly of dysentery, at age 73 [PLRE][Wolf, 270]

Jan 19 XII Kal. Feb. XIII Kal. Feb.

- 254 BC Triumph of M. Aemilius Paulus over the Cossurenses, and naval victory over Carthage [RCS, 219][CIL I, 458]
- 52 BC Clodius is cremated in the senate house by his followers; the Curia and the Basilica Porcia burn as a result. Rome is chaotic [P-Cic PS, 223n]
- Senate elects an interrex, who, with the tribunes and Pompey, is authorized to protect the state [Gelzer, 149]
- *Last day of the Ludi Palatini in the early empire. Later, the festival lasted three more days.*
- 379 Gratian proclaims Theodosius Augustus at Sirmium [LRE I, 156][PLRE][RIC IX, xlii] [Wolf, 131]
- 383 Arcadius is declared Augustus in Constantinople. He is a boy no older than 6 [PLRE][Hol, 28] [Bury L I, 106n][RIC IX, xliii]
- 399 Birth of Pulcheria, daughter of Arcadius and Aelia Eudoxia [PLRE][Hol, 53][Bury L I, 131n]

Jan 20 XI Kal. Feb. XIII Kal. Feb.

- 70 BC Cicero delivers a speech against Q. Caecilius Niger, a false prosecutor working for Verres. See January 10 [P-Cic SW, 39n]
- 56 BC Elections are finally held for offices for 56 BC [PRP, 34]
- *Ludi Palatini, day 4.*
- 175 Commodus is admitted to the College of priests [Bir MA, 187][RIC III, 211]
- ca. 225 Birth of Gordian III [CIL I, 334, 335]
- 250 Fabianus, Bishop of Rome, is executed by Decius [Lanc R, 578][NE, 224][Frend, 319]

Jan 21 X Kal. Feb. XII Kal. Feb.

- 49 BC Pompey and consuls arrive at Teanum Sidicinum [PRP, 145]
- 63 Poppaea gives birth to a daughter at Antium, who was named Claudia. The infant died after four months and was deified [Grif, 103][CIL VI, 2043]
- *Ludi Palatini, day 5.*
- 409 A law is passed forbidding decurions, plebeians, and landowners from sending their children to be raised by herdsmen [C Th, 9.31]

Jan 22 VIII Kal. Feb. XI Kal. Feb.

- 52 BC Pompey refuses to grant Milo an interview, to avoid the political consequences of associating with a murderer [Seag P, 143]
- 49 BC Labienus meets with Pompey in Teanum Sidicinum [PRP, 145][Seag P, 167]
- *Last day of the Ludi Palatini.*
- 150 22 veterans of legion X Fretensis request discharge [RCS, 525]
- 205 Fulvius Plautianus, Prefect of the Guard, is falsely accused of plotting against the emperors. Caracalla orders an attendant to kill him after he himself was on the verge of doing so [Bir SS, 161]

- Jan 23 VIII Kal. Feb. X Kal. Feb.  
 267 BC Triumph of L. Julius Libo over the Sallentines [CIL I, 457]  
 49 BC Pompey and Labienus set out for Apulia. Libo will be in charge of Campania with T. Ampius [PRP, 146]  
 — Pompey receives peace proposal from Caesar [PRP, 147][Seag P, 167]  
 393 Honorius, age 8, is created Augustus [PLRE][Bury L I, xx] ([RIC IX, xliii] says “(?) 22 January”.)
- Jan 24 VII Kal. Feb. VIII Kal. Feb.  
 336 BC Assassination of Philip II of Macedon, Alexander now in charge (if this is the date of Caligula’s assassination) [Barrett, 163]  
 • *On some day in the period January 24-26 the Festival of Spring sowing begins, called the Sementivia, or Paganalia—for wheat, millet, and legumes, according to Ovid. The second day was held one week later* [FCRR, 68]  
 41 Cassius Chaerae and Cornelius Sabinus assassinate Caligula in Rome. The Praetorians under Julius Lupus find and kill Caesonia and her child in the palace. Claudius is found on a balcony by Gratus and is hauled off to the Praetorian Camp just outside the Viminal Gate where he is declared emperor. Consuls suggest in senate meeting on the Capitol to re-establish the Republic [L-Suet, 493][Warm, 14][CIRIP, 123][Sear][Garz, 102][Lev, 29]. According to [Barrett, 169], Suetonius’ date January 24 is “difficult to defend”, but the assassination certainly took place in late January.  
 76 Birth of Hadrian, probably in Rome. He is the son of Domitia Paulina and P. Aelius Hadrianus [RCS, 567][Hen, 10][YCS VII, 5, 242, 267][Garz, 378][CIL I, 334, 335]  
 138 Hadrian decides that Antoninus Pius shall be his successor. See February 25 [Bir MA, 46] [Hen, 261][Garz, 438]
- Jan 25 VI Kal. Feb. VIII Kal. Feb.  
 57 BC Q. Fabricius proposes a vote to recall Cicero; gang warfare ensues [Sto, 192][Seag P, 110] ([PRP, 19] says January 23.)  
 49 BC Caesar reaches Capua [Seag P, 169]  
 46 BC Caesar fails to entice Scipio into battle at Uzita [Gelzer, 267]  
 41 Under pressure from the Praetorians, the senate formally installs Claudius as emperor [CIRIP, 123][FGN, 288][Lev, 32]  
 89 Fratres Arvales sacrifice for Victory in Domitian’s struggle against the usurper Antonius Saturninus [Garz, 272][CIL VI, 2066]  
 98 Death of Nerva at the house of Sallust in Rome [CAW, 238][TD 6, 152ed][Sear][FRE, 169, 177] ([Garz, 306] says January 28.)  
 357 Constantius declares it a capital crime to consult an astrologer: “The inquisitiveness of all men for divination shall cease forever” [C Th, 9.16.4]  
 381 Athanaric dies in Constantinople. See January 11 [PLRE][Wolf, 74]  
 386 Valentinian II legalizes Arianism [F&B II, 461]  
 477 Death of Geiseric [PLRE]
- Jan 26 V Kal. Feb. VII Kal. Feb.  
 98 BC Triumph of L. Cornelius Dolabella over Ulterior Spain and the Lusitanians [CIL I, 460]  
 44 BC Returning from his ovation on the Alban Mount, Caesar is greeted as king. He responds “My name is Caesar, not Rex!” [Gelzer, 319][RCS, 220][CIL I, 461]  
 380 Rescript bans prospecting for lost treasure on the land of others [C Th, 10.18.2]

Jan 27 III Kal. Feb. VI Kal. Feb.

- 81 BC First of Sulla's two-day triumph over Mithridates [CIL I, 460]
- 8 BC G. Caecilius Isidorus, a freedman, declares in his will that despite great losses during the civil war, he leaves 4,116 slaves, 3,600 pairs of oxen, 257,000 heads of other cattle, and 60,000,000 sesterces [RCS I, 458]
- 6 Tiberian re-dedication of the Temple of the Dioscuri. See July 15 [TD 6, 4][Seag T, 39] [NTD, 74]
- 457 Death of Marcian [F&B II, 488][PLRE] ([Bury L I, xx] says January 26.)

Jan 28 III Kal. Feb. V Kal. Feb.

- 98 Trajan becomes emperor [P-HA, 25ed][RCS, 567][Bir MA, 14][YCS VII, 240, 268][Bir SS, 130]
- 119 A base is dedicated to Fortuna Augusta "by the officers of the mint of gold and silver near S. Clemente, eighteen freedmen and nine slaves" [NTD, 157]
- 198 A big day for the Severans: Caracalla is declared Augustus, and Severus is styled "Parthicus Maximus" on the centenary of Trajan's accession [Bir SS, 130, 215][RCS, 567][P-HA, 26ed] [YCS VII, 5] ([Bir SS] says the elevation of Caracalla today is not certain.)
- 438 Bishop Proclus deposits the bones of St. John Chrysostom in the Apostles Church in Constantinople, next to the remains of Christian emperors and empresses, to placate the schismatics still loyal to the long dead man [Hol, 184]

Jan 29 Prid. Kal. Feb. III Kal. Feb.

- 380 Law of Constantinople prohibits slaves, prisoners, bakers, or cooks from military service [G&RS, 67]

Jan 30 — III Kal. Feb.

- 58 BC Birth of Livia [YCS VII, 233, 268] (Impossible—January had 29 days in 58 BC.)
- 9 BC Dedication of the Ara Pacis in the Campus Martius. See July 4, 13 BC [RCS, 66] [YCS VII, 234][CIL I, 376][NTD, 287]
- 412 Imperial law bans the Donatist church. Their property is confiscated, and those who do not become Catholic are fined [Frend, 672]

Jan 31 — Prid. Kal. Feb.

- 36 BC Birth of Antonia, mother of Claudius [Lev, 45]
- 438 Again by the persuasion of Pulcheria, Theodosius II casts tolerance to the winds and issues his final, decisive rescript against Jews, Pagans, and Samaritans [Hol, 188n][C Th (N Th), 3]
- 451 Law addressed to Aetius declares that the sale of a freeborn person to a barbarian shall be fined at six ounces of gold [PLRE][C Th (N Val), 33]

**February.** 28 days to 46 BC, 29 (+1) days 45 BC to 9 BC, 28 (+1) days from 8 BC.

Feb 1 Kalends

- *Sacred to Juno and Helernus* [FCRR, 71, 72]
- 233 BC Triumph of Q. Fabius Maximus "Verracosus" over the Ligurians [CIL I, 458]
- 194 BC *Temple dedicated to Juno Sospita in the Forum Holitorium by C. Cornelius Cethegus, vowed by him during the war against the Insurbian Goths in 197 BC* [FCRR, 71, 278][NTD, 217]
- *Sacred to Jupiter Tomas. See September 1, 22 BC* [NTD, 226]
- 366 Brasidas arrives in Alexandria with Valens' letter ordering the restoration of Athanasius [PLRE]

- Feb 2 III Non.
- 56 BC Milo is formally charged with violence by Clodius, trial to begin February 6 [Seag P, 118] [PRP, 34]
  - 383 Bearers of joyous tidings shall not collect a fee from provincial cities [C Th, 8.11.4]
  - 506 (*probably* February 2) The legal and ecclesiastical policies of Alaric II are issued as *Breviarum Alaricianum* [Wolf, 193, 196]
- Feb 3 III Non.
- 326 Constantine issues a traditional law in which tavernkeepers' wives are made liable for adultery but chambermaids are not, because of their mean status. See April 1 for his strange reversal [C Th, 9.7.1][C&E, 219]
- Feb 4 Prid. Non.
- 49 BC Cicero arrives in Capua to meet the consuls, who have not yet shown up [P-Cic LA, 297] [Seag P, 169]
  - 211 Septimius Severus dies at Eboracum (York), Caracalla and Geta now in command [Sear] [CAW, 241][Bir SS, 187][RCS, 567][YCS VII, 5]
    - *Gothic Games. Introduced by Constantine ca. 332, they last until February 9* [Wolf, 62]
  - 307 Martyrdom of Philoromus and Phileus, bishop of Thumis, by prefect Clodius Culcianus [C&E, 157]
- Feb 5 Nones
- 216 BC *Dedication of the Temple of Concord on the east side of the Capitol (not the one in the Forum). It was vowed by L. Manlius after a mutiny in Gaul two years earlier* [FCRR, 72, 278][NTD, 98]
    - *Varro's date for the beginning of Spring* [FCRR, 69]
  - 65 BC Catiline, Autronius, and Gn. Piso fail in plot to take consulship by murder, a repeat of their January 1 plan [P-Sall, 172ed][Kap, 45][Gelzer, 39]
  - 49 BC Consul Lentulus arrives in Capua and meets Cicero. The other consul is nowhere to be found [PRP, 149][P-Cic LA, 298]
  - 2 BC Augustus becomes *pater patriae* [TD 6, 3][RGA, 81n][CIL I, 314, 376]
  - 62 Earthquake destroys Pompeii and damages Herculaneum [COV, 26]
  - 330 Constantine provides money and land for Catholics to build a new church in Carthage, as Donatists occupy the pre-existing structure [C&E, 61]
    - *Gothic Games, day 2.*
- Feb 6 VIII Id.
- 56 BC Just another day at the senate house: Pompey is shouted down by Clodius' gangs, Clodius is shouted down by Milo's allies, insults fly, Clodius and Clodia are verbally abused, followed, in late afternoon, by a volley of spitting, and finally, an all out brawl. Clodius is flung from the Rostrum, and both Cicero and Pompey flee for home (Milo is on trial, being defended by Pompey) [Seag P, 118][PRP, 34][Ward, 251] ([Bailey, 79ff] and [Sto, 202] say February 7.)
    - *Gothic Games, day 3.*

- Feb 7 VII Id.
- *For farmers: beginning of the West Wind, or Favonius* [FCRR, 51]
- 56 BC Senate meets in the Temple of Apollo to allow for the attendance of Pompey, who delivers a weighty speech defending himself against Cato. No decrees were passed [Ward, 252] [Seag P, 119]
- 49 BC Lentulus receive a message from Pompey requesting him to go to Rome and remove the money from the treasury. He didn't [PRP, 149][Seag P, 169][P-Cic LA, 298]
- *Gothic Games, day 4*
- 356 Athanasius is driven out of his Alexandrian see by the *dux* of Egypt, Syrianus [LRE I, 117] [Frend, 536]
- 457 With the support of Aspar, Leo I is crowned emperor by the Partiarth Anatolius in the Palace of Hebdomon [C Th, 551n][PLRE][LRE I, 241][Bury L I, xx, 315]
- Feb 8 VI Id.
- 56 BC Senate votes that the events of February 6 had been *contra rem publicum*, and C. Cato delivers invective against Pompey [Seag P, 119][Ward, 252][Sto, 202]
- *Gothic Games, day 5.*
- 421 Constantius III, who has ruled the West for a decade already, is crowned Augustus by Honorius. Also, Galla Placidia is crowned Augusta [LRE I, 176][WWW][Bury L I, xx, 209]
- Feb 9 V Id.
- 49 BC Cicero receives news that Domitius Ahenobarbus has a strong Republican army at Corfinium [Seag P, 169]
- *Last day of the Gothic Games.*
- 312 His Christian wife having chosen death over a forced sexual encounter with Maxentius, Junius Flavius quits his post as Prefect of Rome. He is replaced by Aradius Rufinus [C&E, 42, 302n]
- 362 Julian recalls all church exiles. Athanasius is now allowed to return to Alexandria, and the Donatists can now go back to Africa [Frend, 601]
- 474 Zeno is crowned co-emperor by his son Leo II in Constantinople's Hippodrome [Sear][PLRE] [Bury L I, xx, 389]
- Feb 10 IIII Id.
- 403 Birth of Marina, the youngest daughter of Arcadius and Aelia Eudoxia [PLRE][Hol, 53] ([Bury L I, 131n] says February 11.)
- Feb 11 III Id.
- 56 BC Cicero delivers a speech in defense of L. Calpurnius Bestia. The prosecutor is M. Caelius Rufus [P-Cic PS, 170n]
- Pompey's legate Afranius proposes a decree against electoral corruption in the senate [Seag P, 128][PRP, 48]
- 49 BC News reaches Pompey that the proconsul Domitius is to make a stand against Caesar at Corfinium [PRP, 152]
- Domitius decides, after some hesitation, to defend Corfinium against the invader [Seag P, 170]
- 435 Treaty allows Vandals to remain in Africa as federates of the Empire [Bury, 121]
- Feb 12 Prid. Id.
- 41 Birth of Ti. Claudius Caesar Germanicus, later Britannicus, to Claudius and Messallina [Warm, 19][Mer VI, 73][Lev, 55] ([CIRIP, 131] says February 13, and [Grif, 27, 73] contradicts herself by asserting both dates.)
- 55 Britannicus is poisoned at his own birthday banquet [Mer VI, 76]
- 363 At Antioch, Julian decrees that daytime funeral processions shall cease, as pompous and ill-omened [L-Julian III, 191n][Brow, 185][C Th, 9.17.5]

- Feb 13 Ides
- *The Parentalia, a period for appeasing the dead. It lasts until the 21st. Temples were closed, marriages were forbidden, officials removed their insignia, no sacrifices were offered, and no public business was conducted* [FCRR, 74][ARC, 223]
- 194 BC Temple to the rural deity Faunus is dedicated on the Tiber Island by Cn. Domitius Ahenobarbus. It was vowed by him and C. Scribonius Libo in 196 BC [FCRR, 278][NTD, 148]
- 67 BC Cicero pays 20,400 sesterces to L. Cincius for some Megarian statues [LTA, I.7, I.8]
- 292? Tisais, a popular dancing girl of Oxyrhynchos, is one of two hired to dance for the villagers of Bacchias in Egypt [RAH, 245]
- 528 Justinian appoints a commission to compile a new law code. It will be published April 7, 529 [LRE I, 278]
- Feb 14 XVI Kal. Mar. XVII Kal. Mar. XVII Kal. Mar. XVI Kal. Mar. XVI Kal. Mar.
- *Parentalia, day 2.*
- 49 BC Caesar reaches Corfinium and camps outside its walls [Gelzer, 200] ([Fuller, 186] says February 15, adding that Sulmo is now eager to surrender.)
- Feb 15 XV Kal. Mar. XVI Kal. Mar. XVI Kal. Mar. XV Kal. Mar. XV Kal. Mar.
- *Parentalia, day 3.*
  - *Festival of LUPERCALIA, a purification ceremony in honor of Faunus, in which bands of goat-skin clad youths run around the Palatine striking women with goatskins* [RCS I, 64][FCRR, 76][ARC, 222]
- 44 BC Caesar, dressed as an ancient Roman king and seated in a gilded throne, publicly refuses the diadem offered him by Antony during the Lupercalian festivities [CAW, 229][Gelzer, 321][Fuller, 301][Huzar, 77][FGN, 150]
- 315 Felix of Apthungi, accused of cooperating with the persecutors, is declared innocent before Aelianus, the proconsul of Africa [NE, 307][C&E, 58]
- 360 Completion of the first Hagia Sophia in Constantinople [BG-Ist, 73]
- 438 Codex Theodosianus is issued jointly by Theodosius and Valentinian. It will be publicly recognized in the West at a Roman senate meeting of December 25 [Bury, L I, 232, 234]
- 494 Pope Gelasius I suppresses the Lupercalia, transforming it into a Virgin Mary Purification feast [FCRR, 76]
- Feb 16 XIII Kal. Mar. XV Kal. Mar. XV Kal. Mar. XIII Kal. Mar. XIII Kal. Mar.
- *Parentalia, day 4.*
- ca. 125 Birth of Faustina II to Faustina and Antoninus Pius [CIL I, 337]
- 310 Twelve Christians are executed, Pamphilus, a scholarly follower of Origen, among them. They were returning from an errand of mercy in Cilicia [C&E, 154][Frend, 474]
- Feb 17 XIII Kal. Mar. XIII Kal. Mar. XIII Kal. Mar. XIII Kal. Mar. XIII Kal. Mar.
- *Parentalia, day 5.*
  - *QUIRINALIA. Festival of Quirinus, a Sabine god, possibly of war. This is the last day of the moveable festival Fornacalia, during which each of the 30 divisions of the Romans, the Curiae, held individual feasts. On February 17 is the meeting of all 30 Curiae, and the "Feast of Fools" is held for those who missed their specific Curio meal* [RCS I, 65][FCRR, 78][YCS VII, 269][NTD, 105-106]
- 350 BC Triumph of M. Popillius over the Gauls [CIL I, 455]
- 56 BC Milo is acquitted of the charge of disturbing the peace. Perhaps he should have been charged again, judging by his conduct during the trial. See February 6 [PRP, 36]
- 49 BC 8th Legion joins Caesar outside Corfinium [Fuller, 188]
- 364 Jovian, having accidentally suffocated at Dadastena in Galatia last night, is discovered dead this morning in his litter [Sear][Frend, 617][PLRE][LRE I, 138][RIC IX, xli] (The latter three sources say the death took place February 17.)

- Feb 18 XII Kal. Mar. XIII Kal. Mar. XIII Kal. Mar. XII Kal. Mar. XII Kal. Mar.  
 • *Parentalia, day 6.*  
 291 Junius Tiberianus is named prefect of Rome. He will lose the job August 3, 292, and regain it in 303-304 [L-HA III, 192n][Bar, 110]  
 343 Birth of Alfenius Ceionius Julianus<sup>25</sup>, future *vicarius* (deputy prefect) *Africae* [PLRE]  
 — Counterfeiters will be instantly burned to death if convicted, and clipping solidi shall be rewarded in the same way [C Th, 9.21.5]
- Feb 19 XI Kal. Mar. XII Kal. Mar. XII Kal. Mar. XI Kal. Mar. XI Kal. Mar.  
 • *Parentalia, day 7.*  
 50 BC The radical tribune G. Curio proposes that both Caesar and Pompey relinquish their proconsular commands [PRP, 111]  
 49 BC Pompey leaves Luceria for Brundisium on the Adriatic coast [Seag P, 173][Fuller, 189]  
 45 BC The Spanish town Ategua, well defended and seemingly impregnable, falls to Caesar [Gelzer, 295]  
 58 L. Caecilius Jucundus pays 1,652 sesterces in Pompeii for his annual fuller's tax [RCS, 333]  
 197 Septimius Severus barely defeats Clodius Albinus at Tivurtium, near Lugdunum [Sear] [CAW, 241][P-HA, 26ed][YCS VII, 269]
- Feb 20 X Kal. Mar. XI Kal. Mar. XI Kal. Mar. X Kal. Mar. X Kal. Mar.  
 • *Parentalia, day 8.*  
 166 BC Triumph of C. Sulpicius Gallus over the Ligurians [CIL I, 459]
- Feb 21 VIII Kal. Mar. X Kal. Mar. X Kal. Mar. VIII Kal. Mar. VIII Kal. Mar.  
 • *The FERALIA, and last day of the Parentalia, in honor of the dead. Sacred to the goddess Muta or Laranda* [RCS I, 64][FCRR, 268]  
 49 BC Corfinium, under Ahenobarbus, surrenders to Caesar [Fuller, 188][Gelzer, 200]  
 4 Caius Caesar dies at Limyra in Lycia on his way to Rome from a wound he received last year [RCS, 75][Jones A, 70][Seag T, 36]  
 362 Now that Constantius is dead, Athanasius for the third time installs himself in his church in Alexandria. See February 9 [L-Julian III, 76n][Frend, 605, 948]  
 409 Rescript orders the removal of private structures from the vicinity of the imperial palace of Constantinople, creating a buffer of gardens, barracks, and galleries. See [Hol, 79]. [C Th, 15.1.47]  
 468 Anthemius proclaims that freeborn women who marry their own freedmen shall be dispossessed of all property, permanently deported, and that the offspring of such unions shall be appropriated by the fisc [C Th, 570 (N. Anth. 1.3)]  
 537 Goths, under Vitigis, arrive before the gates of Rome and begin a seige which they will be forced to abandon in March 538 [Wolf, 344]
- Feb 22 VIII Kal. Mar. VIII Kal. Mar. VIII Kal. Mar. VIII Kal. Mar. VIII Kal. Mar.  
 • *Caristia. Families celebrate their unity with a fine dinner* [ARC, 161][FCRR, 74]  
 362 Julian reserves for himself the right of granting free transport [C Th]

- Feb 23 VII Kal. Mar. VIII Kal. Mar. VIII Kal. Mar. VII Kal. Mar. VII Kal. Mar.  
 • *Feast of TERMINALIA, festival of the god of boundaries. This is the last day of the old Roman year* [RCS I, 64][CAW][C&E, 21]  
 303 Diocletian's edict against Christians is issued at Nicomedia—burn all scriptures, dismantle all churches. Today, the cathedral at Nicomedia and its scriptures are destroyed. Christianity shall terminate on the day of the Terminalia! [C&C, 50][Chad, 121][LRE I, 71][C&E, 21][Frend, 452, 457]  
 358 Persian embassy arrives in Sirmium to negotiate with Constantius. All will prove fruitless—Sapor will invade Rome in 359 [RIC VIII, 27]  
 419 Constantinople's urban prefect Aetius (not the famous one) is the target of an assassination attempt in the Great Church [PLRE]  
 532 Justinian begins work on the new Hagia Sophia in Constantinople [BG-Ist, 73]
- Feb 24 VI Kal. Mar. VII Kal. Mar. VII Kal. Mar. VI Kal. Mar. VI Kal. Mar.  
 • *Festival of REGIFUGIUM, originally an intercalary month festival day of uncertain meaning. In Ovid's time—and well down into the Late Empire—it was celebrated as the anniversary of the expulsion of the last king, Tarquinius Priscus* [FCRR, 81][Hus, 108]  
 303 Diocletian's edict against Christianity is published (issued yesterday), stripping Christians of rank. Evetius, a Christian, tears up the document and is subsequently tortured and burned alive [Burk, 353][Chad, 121][C&C, 50][C&E, 22][RIC VI, 25]  
 391 Theodosius prohibits all sacrifices and closes temples to the public [LRE I, 168]
- Feb 25 V Kal. Mar. VI Kal. Mar. VI Kal. Mar. V Kal. Mar. Bissexto Kal. Mar.  
 49 BC Pompey arrives at Brundisium [Fuller, 189]  
 50 Claudius adopts Nero, at the instigation of Agrippina [Garz, 142][Grif, 29][Lev, 71] ([Warm, 17] says AD 49.)  
 138 Hadrian formally adopts Titus Aurelius Fulvius Boionius Arrius Antoninus (Antoninus Pius) as his successor. Antoninus is now Caesar, and assumes the tribuneship [CAW, 239][P-HA, 25ed][Bir MA, 14][Hen, 261][Garz, 438][Sear]  
 493 Odovacer and Theoderic reach an agreement to rule Italy jointly [Bury, 185][Wolf, 283][Bury L I, 426]
- Feb 26 IIII Kal. Mar. V Kal. Mar. Bissexto Kal. Mar. IIII Kal. Mar. V Kal. Mar.  
 364 Valentinian I is proclaimed emperor by his army at Nicaea [PLRE][LRE I, 139][RIC VIII, 31][RIC IX, xli]  
 398 John Chrysostom, chosen by Arcadius, is consecrated Bishop of Constantinople [WWW][Hol, 57][Bury L I, xxii, 138]
- Feb 27 III Kal. Mar. IIII Kal. Mar. V Kal. Mar. III Kal. Mar. IIII Kal. Mar.  
 • *The EQUIRRRIA, festival of horse-racing held in the Campus Martius in honor of Mars. Also March 14* [FCRR, 82][YCS VII, 269]  
 272 or 273 Birth of Constantine at Naissus in Serbia to parents Fl. Constantius and Helena [PLRE][Bar, 39][C&E, 3][CIL I, 336, 337]  
 288 Pomponius Januarianus becomes prefect of Rome [C&E, 5]  
 350 Fabius Titianus, formerly employed by Constans, becomes Magnentius' Urban Prefect [RIC VIII, 11, 23]  
 425 Founding of the University of Constantinople by Theodosius II [Bury L I, 232]

Feb 28 Prid. Kal. Mar. III Kal. Mar. IIII Kal. Mar. Prid. Kal. Mar. III Kal. Mar.  
 69 Otho is formally installed as emperor by the senate [Barrett, 71][CIL VI, 2051]  
 303 Clodius Culcianus, future persecutor and friend of Maximinus Daia, enters office of prefect of Egypt [PLRE]  
 380 In a law directed against Arians, Manichaeans and pagans, Theodosius declares that “all Romans shall embrace the Holy Trinity”, i.e., the Nicene variation [C Th, 16.1.2][EB 21, 991] [Frend, 636, 953] ([LRE I, 165] says February 27.)  
 457 Ricimer is appointed *magister militum* by Majorian, and becomes his Patrician [PLRE] [LRE I, 241]

Feb 29 — Prid. Kal. Mar. III Kal. Mar. — Prid. Kal. Mar.  
 468 Death of Pope Hilarius [Lanc R, 578]

Feb 30 — — Prid. Kal. Mar. — —

**Intercalary.** Usually 29 days.

Int 1 Kalends

260 BC Triumph of G. Duilius, naval commander victorious over the Sicilians and the Punic fleet [RCS, 219][CIL I, 458]

Int 13 Ides

236 BC Triumph of P. Cornelius Lentulus over the Ligurians [CIL I, 458]

Int 25 IIII Kal. Mar.

52 BC In response to the political unrest following Clodius' murder, Servius Sulpicius makes Pompey sole consul [Gelzer, 152][Sto, 219] (Julian date: February 5, 52 BC.)

**March.** 31 days.

Mar 1 Kalends

- *Festival in honor of Mars Victor, featuring the dance of the Salii which continues through the month, their next appointment being March 9* [RCS, 567][YCS VII, 5, 270][Fowler, 21][FCRR, 85][NTD, 104]
  - *The Matronalia, in honor of Juno Lucina. Her Temple was dedicated this day in 375 BC on the Cispan. Women receive gifts* [ARC,161][FCRR, 85][NTD, 214-215]
  - *Ritual rekindling of the sacred flame in the Temple of Vesta* [FCRR, 149]
- 329 BC Triumphs of C. Plautius Decianus and L. Aimilianus Mamercinus for suppressing the revolt of the Voscan city Privernum [CIL I, 455, 456]
- 86 BC Sulla takes Athens from Mithridatic forces, while the Acropolis still holds out [Momm III, 283][Keav, 89]
- 50 BC Consul C. Marcellus proposes that Caesar relinquish his Gallic provinces, but receives little support [PRP, 112][Seag P, 155][Gelzer, 179]
- ca. 40 Birth of Martial at Bilbilis in Spain [Sem, 24ed]
- 293 Diocletian and Maximian declare Constantius Chlorus and Galerius as Caesars at Nicomedia [PLRE][Bar, 4][LRE I, 39][C&C, 212][C&E, 3, 8][RIC VIII, 3] ([C&E] says that Constantius was probably elevated in Milan.)
- 297 A panegyric is made to Constantius on the subjugation of Britain [Burk, 379ed][Ph 30, 179]
- 305 Diocletian appears in public for the first time after his serious illness [C&E, 25][RIC VI, 25][Frend, 461]
- 317 Peace treaty signed between Constantine and Licinius at Serdica, naturally favoring the former; three Caesars are created: Crispus, Constantine II, and Licinius II [PLRE][Bar, 7][C&E, 67][Wolf, 59][C&C, 110]
- 321 The rhetor Nazarius delivers a panegyric to Constantine on the quinquennalia of the Caesars [C&E, 73]
- 350 Contra Magnentius, Vetranio is proclaimed Caesar (soon to become Augustus) or Augustus at Mursa by Constantia, sister of Constantius [RIC VIII, 12, 23][Hol, 208n][LRE I, 113] (The latter source says he was proclaimed by his troops.)
- 364 Valens becomes *tribunus stabuli* at Nicomedia [PLRE][P-AM, 317]

Mar 2 VI Non.

- 56 BC C. Gavenius, with other envoys from the island of Issa (Lissa) in Illyricum, negotiate with Caesar about their freedom, friendship, and alliance with the Roman people [Gelzer, 120n]
- 134 A. Flavius Vespasianus is transferred back to the first Augustan Praetorian Mounted Cohort [RCS, 517]
- 390 The Emperors rule that anyone who finds a treasure trove may enjoy it without fear of fiscal appropriation [C Th, 10.18.3]

Mar 3 V Non.

- 127 Hadrian departs on a tour of the Sabine region (Picenum and Campania) [Garz, 394]
- 357 Artemius, a favorite of Constantine, removes the relics of the Apostles Andrew, Luke, and Timothy to Constantinople [PLRE]
- 473 Glycerius is proclaimed emperor in Ravenna at Gundobad's instigation [PLRE][Wolf, 268] ([LRE I, 243] and [Bury L I, xx, 404] say March 5.)

- Mar 4 IV Non.
- 196 BC Triumph of M. Claudius Marcellus over the Gauls [CIL I, 459]
  - 49 BC Consuls and Republican army sail for Dyrrachium from Brundisium. Pompey remains behind [Gelzer, 203][Bal, 122][Bailey, 153n]
  - 51 Nero, at age 13, is elected consul for first time, but must wait six years before taking office [Grif, 29][Lev, 73]
  - 305 Council of Cirta in Numidia meets [JTS XXVI, 15n][NE, 297]
- Mar 5 III Non.
- *The Navigium Isidis. A festival for the opening of the sailing season, including the launching of a pilotless boat loaded with offerings* [Burk, 159]
  - 282 BC Triumph of C. Fabricius Luscinus over the Samnites, Lucanians, and Bruttians [CIL I, 457]
  - 45 BC Sextus Pompey loses to Caesar near Soricaria. His generals almost deserted to the other side [Gelzer, 295]
  - 51 Nero is appointed to the Pontificate [Lev, 73]
  - 69 Otho's fleet sails from Ostia to meet Vitellius' forces—Otho himself will depart March 24 [Garz, 626]
  - 363 Julian leaves Antioch under bad omens to fight Persia [JRS 76, 107][Brow, 195][LRE I, 123][P-AM, 257][RIC VIII, 17, 30][Frend, 607]
  - 450 With a virtually empty treasury, Valentinian III cancels tax arrears up to August 31, 447 [LRE I, 206]
  - 493 Theoderic enters Ravenna as co-ruler with Odovacer [Bury, 185][Wolf, 283][Bury L I, 426]
- Mar 6 Prid. Non.
- *Compitalia. Festival in honor of the Lares. Also January 12.*
  - 12 BC Augustus is elected *Pontifex Maximus* [RCS, 66][YCS VII, 233, 270][CIL I, 304, 314, 376][CIL VI, 2297]
  - 3 BC Paphlagonians swear allegiance to Augustus at Gangra by Paphlagonian delegates [RCS, 34]
  - 193 The news that Commodus is dead is finally issued to the Egyptian masses by their governor Mantennius Sabinus. Today a fifteen-day celebration of the accession of Pertinax begins [Bir SS, 92][RCS, 88]
- Mar 7 Nones
- 192 BC *Q. Marcius Ralla dedicates a temple to Vediovis on the Capitol. The temple was vowed by L. Furius Purpureo in 198 BC* [FCRR, 87][NTD, 406]
  - 150 Birth of Lucilla, daughter of Marcus Aurelius and Faustina [Bir MA, 107]
  - 161 Death of Antoninus Pius at Lorium, near Rome, after a brief illness [CAW, 239][WWW][Garz, 470][Bir SS, 34][RIC III, 23]
  - Marcus Aurelius and Lucius Verus are now emperors [Sear][YCS VII, 5, 251, 270][Bir MA, 114] ([YCS VII, 85] says L. Verus became emperor later.)
  - 189 Birth of Geta in Rome to Julia and Septimius [JTS XIV, 522][Bir SS, 153, 218]
  - 203 Martyrdom of Perpetua and Felicitas in the amphitheater of Carthage [Frend, 293]
  - 310 The last Christian to be executed in Caesarea before Galerius' edict meets their end today; the penultimate martyrdom took place March 5 [C&E, 154]
- Mar 8 VIII Id.
- 356 Law restricts the amount of expense money (1,000 folles) traders may carry on them; violation to be greeted with total confiscation and exile [C Th, ?]
  - 363 Julian is entertained at Batnae on his way to deal with Persia [L-Julian III, 202n]
  - 420 Any would-be ravisher of women who have taken the veil suffer total confiscation and deportation. This is a moderation of an earlier law of Jovian [C Th, 9.25.3]

- Mar 9 VII Id.
- *The Salii dance a second time. See March 1* [FCRR, 88]
- 49 BC Caesar arrives in Brundisium with six legions in pursuit of Pompey, who is still in town [Fuller, 190][Gelzer, 203]
- 200 Septimius, in Alexandria, receives delegations from the Egyptian countryside [Bir SS, 138]
- Mar 10 VI Id.
- 241 BC Gaius Lutatius Catulus beats Carthage in a naval battle at Aegates Insulae to wrap up the First Punic War [WWW]
- 235 BC Triumph of T. Manlius Torquatus over the Sardinians [CIL I, 458]
- 15 Tiberius becomes *Pontifex Maximus* [Seag T, 148][CIL I, 314, 322, 376] ([Barrett, 58] says March 15, probably a misprint.)
- 298 Maximian enters Carthage in triumph after suppressing African rebellions [RIC VI, 23]
- 363 Julian writes “to Libanius, Sophist and Quaestor” #58 from Hieropolis, describing his recent travels in the East [C Th, 65][L-Julian III, 201n]
- 453 Leo writes his penultimate letter to Pulcheria, still complaining about her role in the election of Anatolius at Constantinople. In his last letter, March 21, he is conciliatory [Hol, 225]
- Mar 11 V Id.
- 259 BC Triumph of L. Cornelius Scipio over the Carthaginians, Sardinia, and Corsica [RCS, 219] [CIL I, 458]
- 56 BC Crassus, Cicero, Pompey and others, contra Caesar, defend P. Sestius, who is later acquitted [Seag P, 120][Momm IV, 291][Ward, 254]
- 49 BC Latin communities of Transpadana are granted citizenship [Gelzer, 222]
- 391 A law is enacted at Milan claiming that children sold into slavery by their parents shall be freed [G&RS, 119][C Th, 3.3.1]
- 537 The Goths are still sieging Rome, and Belisarius deposes and exiles the pro-Gothic pope Silverius [Lanc R, 579]
- Mar 12 IIII Id.
- 81-79 BC Pompey celebrates his first triumph, for suppressing anti-Sullan forces in Sicily and Sardinia [Seag P, 12][PRA, 235]
- 222 The Praetorians assassinate the Syrian Emperor-priest Elagabalus, Julia Soaemias, and others [P-HA, 26ed][Bir SS, 194] ([Sear] and [L-HA II, 189] say March 6, [E&B, 118, 144] says March 13, and [CAW, 241] says March 6, possibly March 13.)
- 250 The recalcitrant presbyter Pionius is executed in Smyrna [Frend, 320]
- 317 At Carthage, soldiers and mob attack Donatist churches; several Donatists are killed [C&E, 60]
- Mar 13 III Id.
- 222 Severus Alexander is proclaimed emperor by the troops [RCS, 567][YCS VII, 5, 271]
- Mar 14 Prid. Id.
- *Festival of EQUIRRRIA, horse races in honor of Mars. Also February 27* [RCS, 63][FCRR, 89]
- 44 BC Caesar, Brutus, and Lepidus dine at Lepidus’ house and talk of death [Fuller, 304][Gelzer, 325]
- 69 Otho delivers speech in Rome before setting off to deal with Vitellius [YOFE, 73]
- 222 Severus Alexander is formally installed, assuming the titles *Pater Patriae* and *Pontifex Maximus* [RCS, 568][YCS VII, 5]
- 388 Theodosius decrees that Jews and Christians shall not marry each other [King, 117]

Mar 15 Ides

- 233 BC Triumph of Mu. Pomponius Matho over the Sardinians [CIL I, 458]
- *Festival in honor of Anna Perenna, the personification of the year. A licentious celebration takes place in a grove near the Tiber, off the Via Flaminia* [FCRR, 90]
  - *Consuls take office, 222-154 BC* [RR, 94][ARC, 366n]
- 44 BC At the foot of Pompey's statue in the Hall of Pompey's theater, Caesar is assassinated. He was stabbed 23 times by Tillius Cimber, Casca, Brutus, and others [L-Suet, 109][Gelzer, 329][Bailey, 227]
- 40 The Capitol at Capua and the room of the doorkeeper of the palace at Rome are struck by lightning, indicating the impending doom of Gaius [L-Suet, 491]
- 46 Claudius enfranchises the Alpine tribes Anauni, Tulliasse, and Sinduni [Scram, 129][RCS, 130]
- *Festival of the Cybele, the Great Mother begins. It was moved from April 4 about the time of Claudius. Today a six year old bull is sacrificed, and a procession commemorates the exposure of the infant Attis. Festivities continue until March 27* [EB 10, 777][Chad, 25]
- 351 Constantius chooses Gallus as Caesar at Sirmium [PLRE][Brow, 51][RIC VIII, 11, 13, 24]
- 493 Odovacer is slain personally by Theoderic in the palace of Laretum in Ravenna [Bury, 185][Bury L I, 426][Wolf, 283]

Mar 16 XVII Kal. Apr.

- *Religious officials tour Rome, visiting the thirty shrines which house the argei, small rush effigies. The ceremony continues tomorrow. See May 15* [ARC, 222][NTD, 37][FCRR, 90]
- 45 BC Caesar arrives in Munda for tomorrow's battle [Fuller, 293]
- 44 BC Lepidus occupies the Forum with troops at dawn [Syme, 97][Sto, 281]
- 37 Death of Tiberius at 78, in the villa of Lucullus at Misenum (now Imperial property) [L-Suet, 397][Sear][Garz, 78][Barrett, xiii][Lev, 25]
- *Festival of Cybele, day 2.*
- 455 Valentinian III is killed in the Campus Martius by Optila and Thraustila, two of Aetius' guards [PLRE][LRE I, 240][WWW][Bury L I, xx, 300]

Mar 17 XVI Kal. Apr.

- *LIBERALIA. Festival of Liber, originally a fertility god, later of wine* [RCS, 63][YCS VII, 271]
  - *The AGONALIA. See January 9.*
  - *Day of assumption of the toga virilis* [Bir MA, 40][FCRR, 92]
- 263 BC Triumph of Mu. Valerius Maximus over the Carthaginians and King Heiron of Sicily [CIL I, 457]
- 49 BC Pompey sails for Dyrrachium from Brundisium, which is now open to Caesar [Bal, 122][Seag P, 175][Fuller, 191][Gelzer, 203][Sto, 255][Bailey, 149]
- 45 BC Pompey's sons are beat by Caesar at Munda; the tribune T. Labienus perishes [RCS, 286n][CAW, 229][Fuller, 293][Kap, 145][Gelzer, 295][Sto, 269][CIL I, 330] ([CIL VI, 2301] says March 18.)
- 44 BC Senate meeting in the Temple of Tellus on the Esquiline: coalition of Caesareans and Liberators is formed, Cicero proposes amnesty; the dead dictator's *acta* are ratified, and Brutus fails in an academic speech to populace [Syme, 97][P-Cic PS, 297n][Huzar, 83][Sto, 281][Gelzer, 283n] ([Sto] says Brutus spoke March 16.)
- *Festival of Cybele, day 3.*
- 180 Marcus Aurelius dies at Vindobona (Vienna) [CAW, 240][Sear][Bir MA, 45][PRE I, 235][Garz, 506][Bir SS, 56]
- 455 Petronius Maximus is proclaimed emperor after purchasing the office [Sear][PLRE][Bury L I, xx, 324]

- Mar 18 XV Kal. Apr.
- 49 BC Caesar enters Brundisium [Fuller, 191]
  - 44 BC Senate recognizes Caesar's will, allows for a public burial [Huzar, 84]
    - Caesar's date for leaving Rome for his Parthian campaign [Bal, 170][Fuller, 304][Gelzer, 322]
  - 37 Caligula is elected emperor by the senate [Barrett, xiii, 53]
    - *Festival of Cybele, day 4.*
  - 339 Less than a year and a half after his return from exile, Athanasius is physically expelled from his see at Alexandria and heads for Rome [AJAH 3, 65][C&E, 264] ([Frend, 529] says March 19.)
  - 363 Library of Apollo on the Palatine burns in the night [Lanc A, 140, 186][P-AM, 258]
    - Julian reaches Carrhae and sacrifices to the local version of Luna [RIC VIII, 30][P-AM, 258]
- Mar 19 XIII Kal. Apr.
- *Temple dedicated to Minerva Capta near the Caelian. It was probably vowed in 241 BC. Also, March 19 is associated with the Temple of Minerva on the Aventine. This day is particularly revered by doctors, schoolmasters and their students, and artists* [FCRR, 92, 277-278] [NTD, 254-255]
  - *Festival of QUINQUATRUS, a five day festival sacred to Mars, later to Minerva. Notable are the purification of the sacred shields by the Salian priests, and the dance of the Salii* [RCS I, 63] [RCS II, 568] [Carc, 204] [YCS VII, 5] [FCRR, 92]
  - *Traditional opening of campaign season* [Bir MA, 37]
  - 44 BC Antony proposes the abolition of the dictatorship [Huzar, 88]
  - 43 BC Pansa sets out to join Hirtius and Octavian [Sto, 312]
    - *Festival of Cybele, day 5.*
  - 68 Nero, in Naples, receives news of the Gallic revolt of Vindex, the governor of Gallia Lugdunensis [Mer VI, 282]
  - 389 Cynegius, late Praetorian Prefect, is buried at the Church of Apostles [C Th, 453n][PLRE]
- Mar 20 XIII Kal. Apr.
- 44 BC Antony delivers funeral address, riotous Roman hordes burn Caesar's body in the Forum, and liberators leave Rome [Syme, 98][Huzar, 85][Gelzer, 323]
    - Birth of Ovid's brother [Amores, 199ed]
  - 43 BC Birth of Ovid at Sulmo [HLL, 323][Amores, 199ed]
    - Senate votes a naval command to Sex. Pompeius, who has promised his aid to the Republic [Syme, 178]
    - *Festival of Cybele, day 6.*
- Mar 21 XII Kal. Apr.
- *Festival of Cybele, day 7.*
  - 235 Murder of Severus Alexander and Julia Mamaea near Mainz; Maximinus Thrax is declared Imperator [Bir SS, 195] ([Sear] says March 22.)
  - 316 Eumelius becomes deputy prefect of Africa [Bar, 146]
- Mar 22 XI Kal. Apr.
- *Festival of Cybele, day 8. A sacred pine, symbolizing Attis' self mutilation, death, and immortality, is carried in a procession to Cybele's temple on the Palatine.* [EB 10, 777]
  - 238 Gordian I accepts the purple in Thydrus (El Djem) in Africa at the age of 80 [Carson]

- Mar 23 X Kal. Apr.
- *Festival of TUBILUSTRUM, also May 23. Purification of the trumpets used in summoning comitia in the Atrium Sutorium. Again the Salii dance* [RCS I, 63][YCS VII, 271][NTD, 42][FCRR, 94]
- 253 BC Triumph of Cn. Cornelius Scipio over the Carthaginians [CIL I, 458]
- *Festival of Cybele, day 9.*
- 190 Tutilius Julianus is approved as a new patron of the Society of Laborers and Rag Dealers in Regium [RCS, 276]
- 275 Aurelian is killed by members of his staff [PLRE]
- 439 Cyrus of Pnopolis, Egyptian poet, City Prefect of Constantinople, and friend of Eudocia, receives a constitution from Theodosius II for the first time [Hol, 190]
- Mar 24 VIII Kal. Apr.
- *Festival of Cybele, day 10. The Day of Blood. The sorrow of Attis' mother is observed with mourning, fasting, and sexual abstinence. Today is initiation day into the cult.* [EB 10, 777][L-HA III, 158n][P-Suet, 264n][Chad, 25]
- 69 Otho leaves Rome under bad omens to meet Vitellius [P-Suet, 264n][Garz, 626]
- 268 Historia Augusta date for the death of Gallienus (wrong!) [L-HA III, 158n]
- 305 Six Christians are executed by the Palestinian governor Urbanus for having attempted to stop the execution of two Christians by wild beasts in 304 [C&E, 151]
- Mar 25 VIII Kal. Apr.
- *Festival of Cybele, day 11. Mourning has ended. Today is the Hilaria, annual feast of the Great Mother* [L-HA III, 192n][YCS VII, 272][EB 10, 777]
- 101 Fratres Arvales offer prayers to Trajan, who leaves Rome today for the first Dacian war [FRE, 300][Garz, 320][CIL VI, 2074]
- 139 Deification of Hadrian. The date is in question [RIC III, 21]
- 413 Traditional date for the foundation of Venice by Paduan emigrants [CRI, 40]
- Mar 26 VII Kal. Apr.
- *Festival of Cybele, day 12.*
- 429 Theodosius II commands the preparation of a law compendium in 16 books—the Codex [C Th, xvii, 1.1.5]
- Mar 27 VI Kal. Apr.
- 294 BC Triumph of L. Postumius Megellus over the Samnites and Etruscans [CIL I, 456]
- 196 BC The priests of Upper and Lower Egypt meet, establishing a festival celebrating the coronation of Ptolemy V Epiphanes, as recorded on the Rosetta Stone [Wal, 119, Plate V]
- ca. 81 BC Sulla grants autonomy for Stratonicea for its service in the Mithridatic war [RCS, 338]
- 47 BC At the battle of the Nile, Ptolemy drowns leaving Egypt to Cleopatra. Caesar enters Alexandria [Gelzer, 252][Bal, 141][CIL I, 304, 376][CIL VI, 2297]
- *Last day of the Festival of Cybele. Procession with the black stone of Pessinus to the Almo, a tributary of the Tiber, in which is bathed the cult statue of Cybele.* [EB 10, 777][NTD, 243]
- 363 Julian reaches Callinicum (Ar-Rakka) [P-AM, 259][RIC VIII, 30]

- Mar 28 V Kal. Apr.
- 58 BC The Helvetii had planned a meeting today on the banks of the Rhone to discuss emigration through Rome's new province of Gaul. Caesar interrupted them beforehand, promising an answer soon [Momm IV, 223][Fuller, 73][Gelzer, 102]
  - 49 BC Caesar, on his way from Brundisium to Rome, calls on Cicero at Formiae, asking for cooperation [Bal, 125][Gelzer, 207][Sto, 259][Bailey, 155]
    - 37 Caligula enters Rome with the funeral train of Tiberius [Garz, 81][Barrett, xiii, 55]
    - 193 A Tungrian, Tausius, assassinates Pertinax with these words: "This sword the soldiers have sent to you!" Earlier, Pertinax had canceled plans to attend a poetry reading at the Athenaeum [Bir SS, 94][CAW, 240][Sear]
      - After the assassination Sulpicianus, Pertinax's son in law, and Didianus Julianus bid for the emperorship. Julianus wins at 25,000 sesterces for each Praetorian. Later in the evening, a reluctant senate invests Julianus with the purple [Bir SS, 95]
    - 364 At Constantinople, Valens is made co-Augustus in the East by Valentinian I [PLRE][P-AM, 317][RIC VIII, 31][RIC IX, xli]
- Mar 29 IIII Kal. Apr.
- 37 The body of Tiberius is brought to the Capitol by soldiers [TD 6, 54][Seag T, 246]
  - 193 A throng of plebs harass the new emperor, M. Didius Severus Julianus, with insults and stones [Bir SS, 96]
  - 319 The author of any defamatory writing will be forced to prove his accusations—but even if he does, he will still be punished [C Th, 9.34.1]
- Mar 30 III Kal. Apr.
- 193 A mob gathered in the Circus Maximus declares for Pescennius Niger, governor of Syria [Bir SS, 96]
- Mar 31 Prid. Kal. Apr.
- *Dedication day for the Temple of Luna on the Aventine. It was supposedly built by Servius Tullius* [NTD, 238][FCRR, 95]
  - 32 BC Death of Atticus [Seag T, 14n]
  - ca. 250 Birth of Constantius Chlorus in Dardania [PLRE][Bar, 35][CIL I, 338, 339]
  - 302 Diocletian issues his edict against the Manicheans. Their leaders are to burn alive with their writings, and their followers are to be executed, unless they are of status, in which case it is off to the mines [C&E, 20][CAW, 245][NE, 267ff][Ph 30, 188]
  - 306 In Caesarea, the Christian Apphianus accosts the provincial governor Urbanus, who was about to pour a libation. Apphianus will be questioned tomorrow, and on April 2 he will be thrown into the sea [C&E, 152]
  - 307 Marriage of Constantine with Fausta, daughter of Maximian [C&C, 60]. [C&E, 31] says late summer (which is more likely) and that on the same day Maximian raises Constantine to the rank of Augustus.

**April.** 29 days to 46 BC, 30 days from 45 BC.

Apr 1 Kalends

- *The Veneralia, in honor of Venus* [FCRR, 96]
- 253 BC Triumph of C. Sempronius Blaesus over the Sardinians [CIL I, 458]
- 114 BC *Temple dedicated to Venus Verticordia, the “Changer of hearts”, to atone for three incestuous Vestal Virgins. The temple was on the slope of the Aventine* [FCRR, 97][NTD, 411]
- 49 BC Caesar calls token senate to meeting, asking for peace negotiations. Later he delivers a speech to the populace [Gelzer, 208]
- 238 Senate denounces Maximinus, declares for Gordian I and II [Carson]
- 286 Elevation of Maximian from Caesar to the rank of Augustus [Sear][LRE I, 38][Bar, 4][C&E, 7]
- 326 In Aquileia Constantine passes an extremist measure on sexual pruity, which among other points, declares that even a woman who runs off to marry without parental permission shall be burned alive. It may be this law which is the root of the downfall of Crispus [C&E, 220] [C Th, 9.24.1][JRS LXXIX, 59]
- 457 Majorian is proclaimed Western emperor by the soldiers, but refuses for lack of Leo’s approval. Majorian will finally accept the post December 28 [PLRE][LRE I, 241][Bury L I, xx, 330]
- 527 Justin I, with failing health, declares Justinian Augustus [PLRE][Bury L I, xx] ([LRE I, 269] says April 4.)

Apr 2 IIII Non.

- 4 The city of Pisa receives news of the death of Caius Caesar, who died February 21 [RCS, 75]
- 68 Galba refuses Nero at Nova Carthago, is hailed *Legatus SPQ Romani* [YOFE, 7] ([Grif, 181] says April 3.)
- 238 Eclipse of the sun on Rome portends doom for Gordian III [L-HA II, 422n]

Apr 3 III Non.

- 56 BC First of two days of the trial of M. Caelius Rufus, prosecuted by Clodius and defended by Crassus and Cicero. He was acquitted [Ward, 255]
- 13 Augustus writes his will, naming Tiberius and Livia his primary heirs [Syme, 438][Seag T, 49] [L-Suet, 285]
- 37 The corpse of Tiberius is incinerated [TD 6, 54][Seag T, 246]
- 400 Birth of Arcadia, daughter of Arcadius and Aelia Eudoxia [PLRE][Hol, 53][Bury L I, 131n]

Apr 4 Prid. Non.

- 204 BC Cybelene meteor of Pessinus from Phrygia, having been seized by the Romans, is deposited temporarily in the temple of Victory on the Palatine [Lanc A, 127][FCRR, 97]
  - *Ludi Megaleses. A festival in honor of Cybele, featuring theater and circus performances. It lasts until April 10 and was first celebrated in 204 BC. In the time of Claudius the festival was moved to March 15-27* [P-Juv, 239n][Bailey, 117][Barrett, 88][P-Cic SW, 75n][YCS VII, 272] [FCRR, 97]
- 56 BC Cicero delivers his successful speech in defense of M. Caelius Rufus, whose trial began yesterday [P-Cic PS, 166n]
- 52 BC Milo is brought before judges for his violence trial while M. Marcellus appears for him before the judges of the corruption trial [PRP, 84ff]
- 46 BC To avoid a military stalemate in North Africa, Caesar marches on Thapsus [Gelzer, 268]
- 188 Birth of Caracalla in Lugdunum [YCS VII, 99, 260, 272][Bir SS, 76, 215] ([Sear] and [L-HA II, 17] say April 6, but they are wrong.)
- 397 Ambrose dies at Mediolanum (Milan) [EB 1, 722][Frend, 618]

- Apr 5 Nones
- *Ludi Megaleses, day 2. This was the last day of the festival in the early empire.*
  - *Dedication day of the Temple of Fortuna Publica Citerior* [NTD, 158][FCRR, 100]
- 56 BC Cicero, acting against Caesar, ensures revival of the debate on *lex Campana* in the senate for May 5 [Seag P, 121][PRP, 39][Gelzer, 121][Ward, 256][Sto, 206][Bailey, 81]
- 52 BC First day of Milo's trial for the murder of Clodius. Pompey is stationed in the Treasury with troops [PRP, 85]
- Apr 6 VIII Id.
- *Ludi Megaleses, day 3.*
- 56 BC Cicero honors his future son-in-law Furius Crassipes with a dinner [Bailey, 95]
- 52 BC Clodian verbal disturbances of last night prompt Pompey to appear in court, with troops in the forum to deal with Clodian hooligans [PRP, 85]
- 46 BC Caesar wins the battle of Thapsus against Scipio and Juba in North Africa; the Roman world is now his [RCS, 286n][Gelzer, 268][Bal, 151][Momm IV, 419][Sto, 269][CIL I, 316, 376]
- 363 Julian's forces cross into Persia [Brow, 199]
- 402 It is Easter, and the Romans, under Stilicho, beat Alaric at Pollentia [F&B II, 473] [Bury L I, 161][Wolf, 152]
- Apr 7 VII Id.
- *Ludi Megaleses, day 4.*
- 331 BC Founding of Alexandria [P-Arr, 403ed][Green, xxxv] (The latter source says possibly April 8.)
- 52 BC After the day's trial, the tribune Plancus tries to incite public demonstrations against Milo [PRP, 85ff]
- 49 BC For lack of a fleet to follow Pompey, and because of military necessity, Caesar leaves Rome for Spain [P-Cic SW, 127n]
- 44 BC Cicero leaves Rome for a tour of his country estates [Sto, 280]
- 451 Attila takes Metz in Belgium [Bury, 146]
- 529 The first edition of Justinian's code is published [LRE I, 279, 477]
- Apr 8 VI Id.
- *Ludi Megaleses, day 5.*
- 52 BC Last day of Milo's trial: Pompey is in the Treasury, troops are in the forum, Cicero delivers a feeble speech for the defense, and Milo is condemned to exile in Marseilles [PRP, 86] [Momm IV, 305][Gelzer, 153]
- 217 Murder of Caracalla by Martialis at Osrhoene while traveling between Edessa and Carrhae; the assassin is slain by a Scythian archer of the Imperial Guard [Sear][CAW, 241] ([Bir SS] gives no date!)
- Apr 9 V Id.
- *Ludi Megaleses, day 6.*
- 193 Septimius Severus is declared Emperor on the Danube by Legion XIII Gemina of Carnuntum [Bir SS, 97][P-HA, 26ed][YCS VII, 5, 257, 273]
- 385 Ambrose refuses to give Milan's Portian basilica to Justina and the Arians [Frend, 622]
- 414 All debts of the eastern prefecture for AD 368-407 are cancelled by Anthemius [Bury L I, 213n]
- 491 Death of Zeno, of dysentery or epilepsy, at age 60 [Sear][PLRE][Bury L I, xx, 402, 479]

Apr 10 III Id.

- *Last day of the Ludi Megaleses. Today: games in the Circus.* [FCRR, 100, 101]
- 191 BC *Palatine temple dedicated to the Magna Mater by M. Junius Brutus. This temple was built to house the black stone from Pessinus acquired by the Romans in 204 BC* [FCRR, 97, 278] ([NTD, 242] says April 11, probably a misprint.)
- 48 BC To Caesar's relief, his troop transfers arrive in Illyricum [Gelzer, 229]
- 401 Birth of Theodosius II to Arcadius and Aelia Eudoxia [PLRE][WWW][Hol, 53] [Bury L I, 145, 121n]
- 428 Nestorius is consecrated Bishop of Constantinople, with full approval of Theodosius II [Hol, 149][Bury L I, xxii]
- 491 Ariadne declares Julian Prefect of Constantinople, Zeno's funeral is carried through, and Ariadne chooses Anastatius as emperor [Bury L I, 429-30]

Apr 11 III Id.

- 56 BC Pompey leaves Rome for Sardinia for corn-supply business [Gelzer, 121][Momm IV, 288] [Seag P, 122]
- 145 Birth of Septimius Severus to L. Septimius Geta at Lepcis Magna [Bir SS, 1, 220] [YCS VII, 5, 253, 273][CIL I, 340, 341]
- 217 Macrinus is proclaimed emperor by his Syrian troops [Sear][RIC IV(2), 2]
- 491 Anastasius is crowned by Euphemius after signing a declaration of orthodoxy [PLRE][Sear] [Bury L I, xx, 431]

Apr 12 Prid. Id.

- *Onset of the Ludi Cerealis in the Circus Maximus. Games last until the 19th and originated before 202 BC* [FCRR, 101][Carc, 203][YCS VII, 273]
- 45 BC The head of Gn. Pompeius is displayed publicly in Hispalis [Gelzer, 296]
- 238 Gordianus II is killed in battle against Capellianus, governor of Numidia and supporter of Maximinus. Later, Gordianus I engages in suicide [Sear][Carson]
- 372 Saba, 38 year old Arian Goth, drowns in Musaeus-Buryam as a martyr [Wolf, 82, 104]
- 434 The aged Bishop of Constantinople, Maximian, drops dead on Holy Thursday [Hol, 182] [Bury L I, xxii]
- 467 Anthemius, Leo's choice, is proclaimed Emperor near Rome [PLRE][Sear][LRE I, 242] [Wolf, 263][Bury L I, xx, 335]

Apr 13 Ides

- *Ludi Cerealis, day 2.*
  - *Dedication day of the Temple of Jupiter Libertas, later to be re-dedicated by Augustus on September 1. This is also the dedication day of the Temple of Jupiter Victor* [NTD, 221, 227] [FCRR, 101]
- 252 BC Triumph of C. Aurelius Cotta over the Carthaginians and Sicilians [CIL I, 458]
- 58 BC After political stalling, Caesar refuses to allow the Helvetii to settle in Gaul. See March 28 [Gelzer, 103]
- 301 Silversmiths Aurelius Ammonis and Aurelius Isidorus sign a document declaring their conformity to Diocletian's fixed price edict. They will sell worked silver for 62 denarii per pound, and cast silver for half that price [RCS, 472-473]

- Apr 14 XVII Kal. Mai. XVIII Kal. Mai.
- *Ludi Cerealis, day 3.*
- 43 BC Augustus, with the consuls Hirtius and Pansa, beat Antony at Forum Galorum. Pansa is mortally wounded [RCS, 66][Syme, 174][Sto, 316] ([Jones A, 19] and [RGA, 15] are wrong in saying April 15.)
- 195 Julia Domna is declared *mater castrorum*, “Mother of the Camp”, by the veterans under Severus who were just then crossing the Euphrates into Parthia [Bir SS, 115]
- 216 Birth of Mani, the founder of Manicheanism, near Basra [C&E, 258]
- Apr 15 XVI Kal. Mai. XVII Kal. Mai.
- *Ludi Cerealis, day 4.*
  - *Festival of FORDICIDIA, in which pregnant cows were sacrificed to promote fertility in flock and fields* [FCRR, 102][ARC, 223]
- 69 Vitellius defeats Otho at Bedriacum in north Italy [Bir MA, 14]
- 313 Responding to Constantine’s measures favoring Caecilian, bishop of Carthage, anti-Caecilian leaders give Anullinus, *proconsul Africae*, documents condemning the bishop [PLRE][C&C, 91] [NE, 301][C&E, 57][Frend, 490]
- 428 Nestorius, just five days in office, personally blocks the entry of Pulcheria into the communion of the “Holy of Holies”, her custom for some time. “She asked, ‘Why, have I not given birth to God?’ He replied ‘You? You have given birth to Satan!’” [Hol, 153]
- Apr 16 XV Kal. Mai. XVI Kal. Mai.
- *Ludi Cerealis, day 5.*
- 43 BC Octavian is declared Imperator for his Forum Galorum victory two days ago [RCS, 66]
- 404 Government troops attack and kill several people awaiting baptism from the now-denounced John Chrysostom, first at St. Sophia, and later at the Baths of Constantine in Constantinople [Hol, 77][Bury L I, 156]
- Apr 17 XIII Kal. Mai. XV Kal. Mai.
- *Ludi Cerealis, day 6.*
- 58 BC Cicero arrives at Brundisium on his way into exile [Bailey, 66]
- 43 BC (ca. April 17) News reaches the senate that Antony has won in the north at Forum Galurom; a panic ensues at the false report [Bailey, 264]
- 69 Otho commits dramatic suicide at Brixellum [Sear][TD 6, 116ed] ([CAW, 237] says April 16.)
- 328 Alexander, bishop of Alexandria, dies, clearing the way for Athanasius [C&C, 151][C&E, 230]
- 404 It is Easter morning, and Chrysostom’s followers celebrate Easter in an open field outside the city walls [Hol, 77][Bury L I, 156]
- 418 Edict of Honorius: representative council of southern Gallic provinces is re-established. The assembly will meet from August 13 to September 13 each year at Arles to discuss problems of Gaul. The first meeting was held in 418 [Bury L I, 207][Wolf, 173][Bury, 111]
- Apr 18 XIII Kal. Mai. XIII Kal. Mai.
- *Ludi Cerealis, day 7.*
- 44 BC Octavian reaches Naples on his way to Rome [Jones A, 12][Sto, 291]
- 308 Eusebius, a moderate, is elected bishop of Rome. See October 21 [C&E, 38]
- 359 Birth of Gratian, son of Valentinian I, at Sirmium [PLRE][RIC IX, xlii] (Chron. Pasch. gives May 23.)

- Apr 19 XII Kal. Mai. XIII Kal. Mai.
- 493 BC *Dedication of the Aventine Temple of Ceres, Liber, and Liberia by Sp. Cassius. It was vowed by the dictator A. Postumius Albus after a plague* [NTD, 80]
- *Last day of the Ludi Cerealis, or the CERIALIA.* [Hus, 109][FCRR, 102]
- 49 BC Caesar arrives at Massilia, which refuses him entry. A siege begins, and the date is in question [Gelzer, 212][Fuller, 191?]
- 65 On this date the Pisonians were to murder Nero [Grif, 166]
- 69 Vitellius is declared emperor by his troops [Barrett, 71][CIL VI, 2051]
- Apr 20 XI Kal. Mai. XII Kal. Mai.
- 46 BC News of Caesar's April 6 victory at Thapsus reaches Rome [Bal, 150]
- 45 BC Numerous honors are voted to Caesar by the senate as news of his victory at Munda reaches Rome [Bal, 164][Gelzer, 307]
- 43 BC The truth emerges in Rome: Antony has been defeated. See April 17 [Bailey, 264][Sto, 318]
- 308 Maxentius and his young son Romulus become consuls in Italy and Africa [Bar, 94]  
[C&E, 32, 302n][RIC VI, 29]
- 332 Constantine II beats the Goths on the far side of the Danube [Bar, 79][Wolf, 403n] (The latter source says possibly February 18.)
- Apr 21 X Kal. Mai. XI Kal. Mai.
- 753 BC Legendary founding of Rome by Romulus [RCS, 53n][RCS II, 568][YCS VII, 5, 274]  
[CIL I, 340, 341]
- *Feast of Paliliae, or the PARILIA, for Pales, goddess of shepherds. Sacrifices are performed by the Vestal Virgins and the Rex Sacrorum; also, people build small fires and leap over them* [Lanc A, 37][L-HA III, 312n][Bailey, 255n][Barrett, 72][ARC, 223][RCS, 568]
- 44 BC Antony leaves Rome for Campania to attend to Caesar's veterans [Sto, 283]
- 43 BC Antony is defeated by Octavian under the walls of Mutina; Aulus Hirtius is killed [Syme, 174, 176][Jones A, 19][Bailey, 266]
- Cicero dishes out his 14th, and last, Philippic to the senate [Bailey, 265]
- 37 Formal confirmation of Caligula's position by the senate [Barrett, xiii, 72]
- 121 Foundation stone of the temple of Venus and Roma laid [ARE, 96n][MSS, 353] ([Lanc R, 194] says 131.)
- 135 Hadrian dedicates his Temple of Venus and Rome [NTD, 409][Lanc R, 194] ([ARE, 96n] says 128.)
- 289 Panegyric delivered to Maximian by Mamertinus in Gaul, who predicts the fall of Carausius and talks of the grooming of Maxentius as Maximian's heir [Burk, 379ed][Ph 30, 177][C&E, 7]
- Apr 22 VIII Kal. Mai. X Kal. Mai.
- 44 BC Octavian calls on Cicero at Puteoli; it is their first meeting [Sto, 283][P-Cic LA, 572]
- 43 BC Antony breaks away after defeat, heading for Gallia Narbonensis on the Via Aemilia [Syme, 174, 176]
- 238 Balbinus and Pupienus are elected Imperatores [Carson] ([CAW, 242] says April 16.)
- Apr 23 VIII Kal. Mai. VIII Kal. Mai.
- *VINALIA priora, sacred to Jupiter and Venus. Wine makers bring their products to the market* [ARC, 223][Hus, 108][YCS VII, 274]
- 181 BC *Outside the Colline Gate, a temple is dedicated to Venus Erucina; prostitutes sacrifice there* [FCRR, 107]
- 22 Tiberius' son Drusus becomes tribune [Barrett, 17]
- 240 Mani is inspired to teach his own religion [Frend, 315]

- Apr 24 VII Kal. Mai. VIII Kal. Mai.
- 27 BC Tiberius assumes the *toga virilis* at age 14 [Garz, 7][CIL I, 317]
  - 304 In Nicomedia the persecution continues: the bishop Anthimus and five others are beheaded [C&E, 24]
  - 387 Baptism of Augustine, Alypius, Adeodatus by Ambrose in Milan [P-SA, 19ed]
  - 394 Donatists ex-communicate their power-hungry leader Primian in a council at Bagai [Frend, 658]
  - 410 Theodosius II and Honorius close all Eastern ports and checkpoints to western travelers to disrupt the flow of Alaric's agents [Kaegi, 18]
- Apr 25 VI Kal. Mai. VII Kal. Mai.
- *Festival of ROBIGALIA. Foot races are held in honor of Quirinus, designed originally to prevent mildew from harming crops. Also, red dogs were sacrificed to appease the dog star* [FCRR, 108][Carc, 204][YCS VII, 274][Hus, 111][NTD, 301]
  - 43 BC News reaches Rome that Antony has lifted the siege of Mutina after a second defeat [Bailey, 266]
  - 71 Titus visits Alexandria [BWJ, 209]
- Apr 26 V Kal. Mai. VI Kal. Mai.
- 43 BC Antony is proscribed by the senate [Bailey, 266]
  - Plancus crosses the Rhone while marching to join Lepidus (he didn't) [Syme, 179]
  - 121 Birth of Marcus Aurelius in Rome to Domitia Lucilla and M. Annus Verus [CAW, 239] [RCS, 568][Bir MA, 44][Hen, 262][YCS VII, 5, 249, 275][CIL I, 340, 341]
- Apr 27 IIII Kal. Mai. V Kal. Mai.
- 173 BC Romans begin honoring Flora, the Goddess of flowers, with annual rather than sporadically-held games. See April 28 [FCRR, 110, 261]
  - 43 BC Celebration in Rome of Octavian's win at Mutina [Syme, 181]
  - 395 Marriage of Arcadius and Aelia Eudoxia, at Eutropius' instigation [PLRE][WWW][Hol, 53] [Bury L I, 109]
- Apr 28 III Kal. Mai. IIII Kal. Mai.
- 241 or 238 BC Dedication of the Temple of Flora by L. and M. Publicius Malleolus. The temple was later restored by Tiberius. See August 13, AD 17 [NTD, 152] ([FCRR, 278] says April 27.)
  - *Ludi Florales, homage to the goddess Flora, characterized by a lack of decorum and even lewdness, continues until May 3* [L-HA, 116n][Carc, 204][YCS VII, 275]
  - 12 BC Statue and altar of Vesta on the Palatine is dedicated, commemorating Augustus' appointment as Pontifex Maximus [NTD, 413]
  - 32 Birth of Otho to Albia Terentia and L. Otho [L-Suet, 229][YOFE, 33]
  - 323 Constantine issues law: death penalty by burning to Romans who collaborate with the Goths. This is in response to a Sarmatian invasion of Thrace and Moesia [Wolf, 60]
  - 357 Triumphal entry of Constantius into Rome [RIC VIII, 14, 27]
- Apr 29 Prid. Kal. Mai. III Kal. Mai.
- *Ludi Florales, day 2.*
  - 89 BC Stabiae is overrun by Sulla in person [Momm III, 237][Keav, 51] (Both say April 30, overlooking that April had only 29 days in 89 BC.)
  - 58 BC Cicero sails from Brundisium in exile [Sto, 189][Bailey, 66]
  - 145 Sempronia Gemella registers the births of her twins M. Sempronius Sarapo and M. Sempronius Socratio. The father is unknown [RCS, 520]
  - 363 Romans take and burn Porisabora in Mesopotamia after a multi-day siege [Brow, 201]

Apr 30 — Prid. Kal. Mai.

- *Ludi Florales, day 3.*

- 53 Isidore, son of Dionysius, and Lampon, two Jewish leaders in Alexandria, defend themselves before Claudius. The trial ends tomorrow with their execution [Lev, 184]
- 65 Pisonian-induced suicide of Lucan [P-Lucan, 8ed]
- 69 Vitellius is formally installed as emperor by the senate [Barrett, 71][CIL VI, 2051]
- 311 Edict, or recantation, of Galerius is posted at Nicomedia, giving Christians legal recognition [RCS, 601ed][CAW, 245][C&C, 213][NE, 280][LRE I, 73][C&E, 39][Chad, 122]
- 313 Maximinus Daia is beat by Licinius at Tzirallum near Adrianople, and escapes dressed as a slave [Sear][Bar, 67, 81][C&C, 77][C&E, 63][RIC VI, 35][Frend, 484]
- 418 Edict of Honorius banishes the Pelagians from Rome [Chad, 231][LRE I, 209][Frend, 679]

May. 31 days.

May 1 Kalends

- *Ludi Florales, day 4.*
- *The Flamen Volcanalis sacrifices a pregnant cow to Maia, a deity sometimes identified with Terra* [FCRR, 116]
- *Cult day of the Shrine to Bona Dea Subsaxana near the Aventine. Ovid calls it a temple, adding that it was dedicated by the Vestal Virgin Claudia* [NTD, 59][FCRR, 116]
- *Festival day for an altar to the Lares Praestites. Among other things today, slaves are entertained by their masters* [Bailey, 105][NTD, 233][FCRR, 117]

- 326 BC Triumph of Q. Publilius Philo over the Samnites “Palaeopolitaneis” (Palaeopolis (old city) was situated near Naples (Neapolis = New City)) [CIL I, 456]
- 37 Death of Antonia the younger, daughter of M. Antony and grandmother of Caligula [Garz, ?] [Barrett, xiii, 62]
- 305 At a large ceremony three miles from Nicomedia, Diocletian announces his abdication and that of Maximian; Galerius and Constantius Chlorus are declared Augusti, and to the surprise of Constantine and Maxentius, Severus and Maximinus Daia are installed as Caesars. This is the very spot at which Diocletian was declared Augustus in 284. Simultaneously in Milan, Maximian formally elevates Severus [Sear][PLRE][Bar, 4][C&E, 26][LRE I, 40][RIC VI, 26]
- 408 Death of Arcadius [PLRE][Sear][Bury L I, xx, 159]
- 418 Council of 214 bishops under Zosimus in Carthage condemn Pelagianism [Frend, 679]

May 2 VI Non.

- *Ludi Florales, day 5.*

- 72 Fall of Masada and end of the Jewish War [Garz, 663]
- 313 Maximinus, fleeing, passes through Nicomedia to pick up his family and advisors [C&E, 63]
- 373 Death of Athanasius [EB 2, 666][Frend, 632]

May 3 V Non.

- *Last day of the Ludi Florales.*

- 43 BC D. Brutus criticizes Octavian for not pursuing Antony to his final extirpation [Bailey, 268]
- 375 Burial of Roscia Calcedonia, a Christian [PLRE]

May 4 IIII Non.

- 11 BC Theater of Marcellus is dedicated. It was begun by Caesar and was the second stone theater in Rome. Dio Cassius says 13 BC while Pliny says 11 BC [RGA, 53n]
- 311 Silvanus of Gaza is among forty Christians beheaded in Palestine. Perhaps these are the last martyrs in that province, four days after Galerius’ edict [C&E, 154]

- May 5 III Non.
- 43 BC Antony meets with Ventidius' three legions at Vada Sabatia near Genoa [Syme, 178]
  - 70 Titus captures Agrippa's Wall in Jerusalem [BWJ, 209]
  - 167 In Pannonia, Claudius Pompeianus discharges some veterans in auxiliary units [Bir MA, 151]
  - 313 Death of Galerius at Serdica in Dardania [RIC VI, 32][Frend, 480, 938] ([C&E] is conspicuously silent on this event.)
  - 321 Constantine grants tolerance to the Donatists in a letter to Verinus, deputy-prefect of Africa [CAW, 246][C&C, 106][C&E, 60]
- May 6 Prid. Non.
- 356 BC Triumph of C. Marcius Rutilus over the Tuscans [CIL I, 455]
- May 7 Nones
- 358 BC Triumph of C. Sulpicius Peticus over the Gauls [CIL I, 455]
  - 43 BC Cassius sets off for Cilicia to deal with Dolabella, the governor of Syria who was outlawed for his murder of the governor of Asia [Sto, 324]
  - ? Birth of Julia Maesa, daughter of Bassianus [RCS, 568][YCS VII, 113]
- May 8 VIII Id.
- 372 Clearchus<sup>1</sup> becomes city prefect in Constantinople [PLRE]
  - 458 To arrest the flight of provincial townsmen from tax collectors and other thieves, Majorian restores the office of "public protector" [C Th, 533 (N Maj 3.1)]
- May 9 VII Id.
- *First day of three of the LEMURIA, a festival of the dead in which ghosts are appeased. The other days are May 11 and 13* [FCRR, 118]
  - 45 BC Cicero receives a copy of Hirtius' book, written contra Cicero's *Cato* [Gelzer, 302]
  - 480 Julius Nepos is murdered by his followers Viator and Ovida at his villa near Salona [PLRE]
- May 10 VI Id.
- *Rosaliae signorum, or the crowning of the military standards with roses. Also May 31* [RCS, 568][YCS VII, 6]
  - 49 BC Antony leaves Cumae for Capua [Huzar, 56]
  - 214? Birth of Claudius Gothicus in Dardania [PLRE][CIL I, 342, 343]
- May 11 V Id.
- *Women sacrifice to Mania, a death goddess and mother of the Lares. Today is the second day of the LEMURIA. The first was May 9* [FCRR, 119]
  - 14 Before a large crowd in the Campus Martius, Augustus appears for the last time in public in a ceremony officially closing the census, which revealed 4,937,000 citizens [RGA, 81n][EB 2, 689]
  - 330 Formal inauguration of Constantinople, in a ceremony consisting of a solemn procession and chariot races. Today is the day of the festival of St. Mocius, a martyr of Byzantium [C&C, 191][Sear][Bar, 78][Bury L I, 69][C&E, 222][Chad, 127]

- May 12 III Id.
- 49 BC Cicero visits his little villa near Pompeii [Bailey, 158]
  - 20 BC *Augustus dedicates a Temple to Mars Ultor to house the standards of Crassus recently recovered from the Parthians. This is not the temple in Augustus' forum, and may never have been built* [NTD, 160][RCS, 66] (The latter source says 19 BC.)
    - *Ludi Martiales, games in honor of Mars. Also August 1* [YCS VII, 6, 276][Carc, 204]
  - 2 BC *Dedication of the Temple to Mars Ultor in the Forum of Augustus* [NTD, 160]
  - 113 *Trajan rededicates the Temple of Venus Victrix in the Forum of Caesar* [NTD, 166]
  - 362 Julian, at Constantinople, issues a decree exempting physicians from compulsory public services [L-Julian III, 107n][C Th, 13.3.4]
  - 403 Epiphanius, bishop of Constantia in Cyprus, dies of fatigue on his journey home from Constantinople—to much church politics! [Bury L I, 151]
- May 13 III Id.
- *Third day of the LEMURIA. The first was on May 9.*
  - 307 Consecration of Silvanus as bishop of Cirta by twelve Numidian bishops (*probably* May 13) [C&E, 55]
- May 14 Prid. Id.
- *Procession of the Argei, and Vestal Virgins throw thirty doll-size effigies collected from shrines from the Sacred Bridge (Pons Sublicius) into the Tiber—no one, not even Ovid, was sure why* See March 16 [FCRR, 120][ARC, 222] ([NTD, 37] supports May 15.)
  - *Dedication day of the Temple of Mars Invictus near the Circus Flaminius, ca. 135 BC by D. Junius Brutus Callaicus* [FCRR, 119], or possibly the dedication of the Ara Martis in the Campus Martius [NTD, 245]
  - 14 BC Fratres Arvales hold a religious convention for the cooptatio of Drusus Caesar, son of Tiberius [Lanc R, 220]
  - 70 Titus captures the second wall in Jerusalem [BWJ, 209]
- May 15 Ides
- 495 BC *Temple of Mercury dedicated on the Aventine, above the Circus Maximus. Today is sacred for tradesmen and merchants* [FCRR, 122][NTD, 253]
  - 61 BC Cicero delivers an invective against Clodius [Gelzer, 61]
  - 56 BC Senate debates Campanian land issue without Cicero [Bailey, 83][Gelzer, 123]
    - 31 Tiberius ends his last consulship [L-Suet, 335]
    - 317 Septimius Bassus<sup>19</sup> becomes Rome's urban prefect [C Th, 13n][PLRE]
    - 392 Valentinian II is strangled by henchmen of Arbogast [King, 82][Sear] or commits suicide [PLRE][RIC IX, xxii, xlili]
    - 438 Cyril, in the presence of Eudocia, consecrates the church of St. Stephen in Jerusalem [Hol, 186]
- May 16 XVII Kal. Iun.
- 142 Dasius, an Illyrian, buys the Greek slave boy Apalaustus for 600 denarii from Bellicus in the camp of Legion XIII Gemina in Dacia [RCS, 218-219]
  - 218 Elagabalus is proclaimed Augustus at dawn by troops at Raphanea, near Emesa [Sear] [CAW, 241][P-HA, 276n][Bir SS, 192] ([RIC IV(2), 2] says April 16.)
  - 324 Constantine declares that the laws of the tyrant Licinius are now invalid [C Th, 15.14.1]
  - 438 Cyril is on hand as relics are transported into Melania's shrine in Jerusalem [Hol, 186]
- May 17 XVI Kal. Iun.
- 45 BC Cicero arrives in Tusculum, the place of Tullia's death. This is his first visit there since she died [Bailey, 215]

May 18 XV Kal. Iun.

- 51 BC Cicero visits Pompey in Tarentum for three days of discussions on politics [Bailey, 106]
- 14 Augustus writes a letter to his grand-daughter Agrippina sending Caligula to the northern provinces to his mother [L-Suet, 415][Barrett, xii, 7]
- 113 Dedication of Trajan's Column near the Basilica Ulpia [NTD, 177][MSS, 331]
- 332 Constantine inaugurates free bread program in Nova Roma (Constantinople), on the model of Rome. Rome's program is now terminated [LRE I, 84][C&E, 223]
- 526 Pope John dies as a prisoner of Theoderic in Ravenna [Wolf, 331][Lanc R, 579]

May 19 XIII Kal. Iun.

- 49 BC Tullia gives birth to a 7-months child—weak at birth, fate unknown, parented by her second husband, Dolabella [Bailey, 165]
- 175 Commodus leaves Rome to quell an uprising in Germany [Bir MA, 188]
- 303 Arrest of the Christians Marcucius and Catullinus by the curator of Cirta. Perhaps they were not executed [Frend, 460]
- 406 Constantinople's urban prefect Aemilianus escorts the relics of the prophet Samuel into Constantinople [PLRE][Hol, 90]

May 20 XIII Kal. Iun.

- 164 The laborer Memmius contracts to work in a Dacian gold mine for Aurelius Adjutor from today until November 13, 165 for 70 denarii plus board [RCS, 194]
- 325 Council of Nicaea opens, attended by 220 bishops, of which 215 are Greek. See June 19 [Chad, 130][C&C, 131]
- 355 Soldiers of Athanasius beat up four Melitian monks and detain other Melitians in Alexandria, before the Council of Tyre [C&E, 235]
- 491 Ariadne, widow of Zeno, marries Anastasius [PLRE][Bury L I, 432]

May 21 XII Kal. Iun.

- *The AGONALIA. See January 9* [FCRR, 122]
- *A sacrifice is made to the deity Veiovs, the anti-Jupiter* [Hus, 117]
- 194 Severus finishes off the last of Niger's supporters, becoming lord of the eastern provinces (*divi Severus imperator appellatus est*) [Bir SS, 113][YCS VII, 6, 128]
- 293 Galerius and Constantius are made Caesars, according to Paschal Chronicle (wrong—see March 1) [Bar, 62n]

May 22 XI Kal. Iun.

- 78 BC Senate votes great honors and advantages to three Greek sea captains for their service in the Italian War [Momm III, 226]
- 337 Death of Constantine at Achyrona near Nicomedia after a week of high fever [Sear][PLRE] [Brow, 34][C&C, 121][Bar, 8, 80][C&E, 260][RIC VIII, 19]
- 452 In a letter to the Eastern Court, Pope Leo rejects Canon 28 of the Chalcedon articles, which bases episcopal rank on the size of sees “rather than on scripture and tradition” [Hol, 222] [Frend, 790]

May 23 X Kal. Iun.

- *Festival of TUBILUSTRIUM, also March 23* [YCS VII, 277]
- *Minor festival of Vulcan* [FCRR, 123]
- 58 BC Cicero, exiled, enters Thessalonica [Bailey, 69][Sto, 189]
- 17 BC Senate votes to let unmarried men and women attend the Saecular Games, and authorizes the construction of a column to commemorate the games [RCS, 57]
- 390 L. Ragonius Venustus is initiated into the Cult of the Great Mother (Cybele) [PLRE]

- May 24 VIII Kal. Iun.
- 16 or 15 BC Birth of Germanicus Caesar, the father of Caligula and the son of Drusus and Antonia [RCS, 66, 568][YCS VII, 6, 277][Barrett, 3, 167][CIL VI, 2030]
- 38 Co-optation of G. Calpurnius Piso into the Fratres Arvales in place of Silanus, who was forced to commit suicide at the end of 37 [Barrett, 77]
- 166 G. Fabullius Macer purchases, for 200 denarii plus customs duty, a slave boy named Abbas from beyond the Euphrates. Both Gaius and the seller, Q. Julius Priscus, are part of the Misenum fleet aboard the trireme “Tigris” [RCS, 219-220]
- 218 Diadumenian is given the rank of Augustus by his dad Macrinus [RIC IV(2), 2] ([RIC] says April but May was intended.)
- May 25 VIII Kal. Iun.
- 568 BC Triumph of King Servius Tullius over the Etruscans [CIL I, 453]
- 194 BC *Temple dedicated by Q. Marcius Ralla to Fortuna Publicae Populi Romani Quiritum on the Quirinal. It was vowed by P. Sempronius Tuditianus in 204 BC at the beginning of battle against Hannibal at Croton* [FCRR, 123, 278][NTD, 158]
- 270 A papyrus is written in Egypt acknowledging Aurelian as the new princeps [L-HA III, 176ed]
- 366 Iulius Festus Hymetius becomes proconsul in Africa [PLRE]
- 419 The African church holds a plenary council [Frend, 682]
- May 26 VII Kal. Iun.
- 17 Germanicus celebrates a triumph over the Cherusci, Chatti, Angrivarii, and all other peoples as far as the Elbe for his campaigns of AD 15-16 [TD 6, 54ed][Seag T, 88][ML-Tac, 76][PRE I, 62][Garz, 37][Barrett, xii, 11][CIL I, 323, 376]
- 204 In connection with the Saecular Games, the quindcimviri “distribute incense and other purification materials” to the public [Bir SS, 158]
- May 27 VI Kal. Iun.
- 189 Birth of Geta at Milan, according to the Augustan History (this date and place are wrong—see March 7) [L-HA II, 37ed][JTS XIX, 523][E&B, 183]
- 366 Procopius, usurper against Valens, is executed in Constantinople [Sear][PLRE][Wolf, 66][RIC IX, xlii]
- 391 Rescript of the emperors anticipates the dictum of English common law: “Ignorance of the law is no excuse” [C Th, 1.1.2]
- May 28 V Kal. Iun.
- 20 Drusus celebrates an ovation in Rome [TD 6, 54ed][Seag T, 117]
- 363 Julian’s forces secure the left bank of Tigris in hopes of taking Ctesiphon [Brow, 206]
- May 29 IIII Kal. Iun.
- *The Feriae Conceptivae, or the Ambarvalia. Purification of fields from evil spirits* [FCRR, 124]
- 323 BC Alexander falls ill (maybe May 30) [Green, xxxv]
- 357 Constantius, ending a month-long stay in Rome, leaves for Illyricum [C Th, 392n][RIC VIII, 14, 27]
- 363 The Romans soundly defeat the Persians near Ctesiphon [Brow, 206]
- 397 Northern Italy is still a bit too pagan, as Sissinius, Martyrius, and Alexander, missionaries at Val di Non, find out. They were lynched today and their missionary buildings burned [Frend, 708]
- 526 Antioch is struck with an earthquake; 250,000 perish [PLRE, 132]
- 1453 Constantinople is taken by Mahomet II; Eastern Roman Empire expires [EB 12, 706]

May 30 III Kal. Iun.

- 43 BC Camped belligerently opposite Antony, Lepidus writes to the senate that his soldiers are unwilling to fight fellow citizens [Jones A, 21][Syme, 179]
  - Later in the day, Antony and Lepidus join forces [Syme, 179] ([Bailey, 269] says May 27 and [Sto, 323] says May 29.)
- 339 Death of Eusebius in Caesarea [C&E, 94, 263, 279]
- 378 Valens arrives in Constantinople, having marched from Antioch because of Ostrogothic disturbances in Thrace [LRE I, 153][C Th, 463n]

May 31 Prid. Kal. Iun.

- 17 BC Augustus sacrifices to the fates in a ceremony ordained by a Sibylline oracle, in connection with the Saecular Games [RCS, 58n]
- 204 Master of the quindecimviri, Pompeius Rusonianus, purifies Tarentum, a location on the edge of the Campus Martius, in anticipation of the Saecular Games to be held there [Bir SS, 158]
  - Senate passes a law that senators are exempt from the requirement to house government personnel [RCS, 403]
- 455 Petronius Maximus is killed by a mob while trying to flee Rome [Sear][PLRE][LRE I, 240] [Bury L I, xx, 325]

**June.** 29 days to 46 BC, 30 days from 45 BC.

Jun 1 Kalends

- *Dedication day of the Temple of Carna on the Caelian. Traditionally, M. Junius Brutus sacrificed to Carna here in 509 BC* [FCRR, 128]
- 388 BC *Dedication of the Temple to Mars on the Via Appia outside the Porta Capena by T. Quinctius. It was vowed during the invasion of the Gauls* [NTD, 244][FCRR, 127, 277]
- 344 BC *Temple dedicated to Juno Moneta “The Warner” on the Capitol. Rome’s first mint was set up in, or close to, this temple, thus the origin of “moneta” or “money” The temple was vowed by M. Furius Camillus during the war against the Arunci in 345 BC. See October 10* [FCRR, 127, 277][NTD, 215]
  - *Dedication day of the Temple of the Tempestates, vowed by L. Cornelius Scipio when he was caught in a storm off Corsica in 259 BC. See also December 23* [NTD, 379]
- 17 BC For the Saecular games, Augustus and Agrippa each sacrifice a bull to Jupiter. Later in the day, Latin plays are performed in the Campus Martius [RCS, 58-59]
- 64 BC Catiline meets with the leaders of his second conspiracy [SFP, 75ed]
- 58 BC With Clodius absent, the senate votes Cicero’s return, but the motion is vetoed by another tribune [Bailey, 69]
- 44 BC Antony arranges for his proconsulships of Gallia Cisalpina and Gallia Comata (*lex de permutatione provinciarum*) [Jones A, 14][Syme, 115][Huzar, 91]
  - 40 The Arval Brother’s meeting in Rome today is notable for the absence of Domitius, Agrippina’s husband, who perhaps has fled the city [Grif, 27] ([CIL VI, 2030ed] claims IIII K IUNIS (May 29).)
- 193 Didius Julianus is beheaded in the Imperial palace, having been condemned by the consul Silius Messala [CAW, 240][Bir MA, 14][RIC IV(1), 13][Bir SS, 102]
  - Senate, meeting in the Athenaeum, declares for Severus [YCS VII, 258ff, 278][Bir SS, 102]
- 203 Saecular Games begin with the first of three introductory days of sacrifices and games [Bir SS, 156]
- 473 Julius Nepos becomes *magister militum Dalmatiae* [PLRE, 13]

Jun 2 IIII Non.

- 261 BC Death of Antiochus I Soter [CAW, 159]
- 17 BC For the Saecular Games, Augustus and Agrippa each sacrifice a cow to Juno [RCS, 59]

Jun 3 III Non.

- 354 BC Triumph of M. Fabius Ambustus over the Tiburtes [CIL I, 455]
- *Dedication of the Temple to Bellona in the Campus Martius. It was vowed by Ap. Claudius Caecus in 296 BC during a war against the Etruscans and Samnites* [FCRR, 146][NTD, 57]
- 44 BC Dolabella, now Consul in place of Caesar, gives Cicero a position on his staff [Bailey, 242] [Huzar, 88]
- Caesar's *acta* become law today. They were ratified March 17, and implementation was underway before June [Gelzer, 283n]
- 350 Nepotianus, a nephew of Constantine, seizes Rome and proclaims himself Emperor, contra Magnentius [LRE I, 113][PLRE][RIC VIII, 11, 23]
- 455 Genseric captures Rome. The sack will continue until June 17 [LRE I, 240][Bury L I, 325] ([Kaegi, 7] says June 2.)

Jun 4 Prid. Non.

- *Dedication of the temple of Hercules Magnus Custos near the Circus Flaminius* [YCS VII, 278] [NTD, 186][FCRR, 146]
- 105 Trajan leaves Rome for the second Dacian war [Garz, 325]
- 115 Officials rule against the request of Chrotis, an Alexandrian, who wanted her son to be recognized as a legal child of her soldier-husband Isidorus [RCS, 519]
- 251 The invalid and mediocre Cornelius is elected pope instead of Novatian [Frend, 324]

Jun 5 Nones

- 466 BC Temple of Semo Sancus is dedicated on the southern edge of the Quirinal [FCRR, 146-147, 277][NTD, 347]
- 44 BC Brutus and Cassius are voted charge of the corn supply from Asia and Sicily [Sto, 291] [Syme, 116]
- 303 Diocletian's edict against Christianity is posted at Thibiuca in Africa [C&C, 51]
- 597 Death of the poet Columba in monastery chapel on Iona in Ireland [LP, 268ed]

Jun 6 VIII Id.

- 59 A Pompeian businessman, Lucius Caecilius Jucundus, pays 1,000 sesterces as rent for public pasture [RAH, 265]
- *The Colossus of Nero, now with the head of Sol, is crowned and covered in garlands today as a guarantee of Rome's eternity. This ceremony persisted into the fourth century. Some place the suicide of Nero on this day. See June 9, 68* [NTD, 93] ([A&N, 99] says January 8.)
- 301 Clodius Culcianus, future persecutor of Christians, becomes prefect of Egypt [Bar, 149]
- 303 Bishop Felix of Thibiuca is arrested and told to burn all scriptures. He will be executed July 15 [C&C, 51]
- 496 Adeodatus, husband of Augusta<sup>2</sup>, is buried in Rome [PLRE]
- 552 Narses, the Italian commander appointed by Justinian, enters Ravenna on his way to Rome to depose Totila and the Goths [Wolf, 359]

Jun 7 VII Id.

- *The Inner Shrine of the Temple of Vesta opens to women only, two days before the Vestalia. It closes on the fifteenth* [FCRR, 148]
  - *Piscatori Ludi, Annual fishing contest in Rome. It was presided over by the city praetor, ending with a fish fry on the Vulcan rock. Possibly originally a sacrifice to Vulcan* [Carc, 206] [FCRR, 148]
- 49 BC Cicero leaves Caieta for the east, to escape tyranny [Gelzer, 212][P-Cic SW, 127n]  
20 Nero, son of Germanicus and not the future emperor, assumes the *toga virilis* [Seag T, 119]  
276 Florianus assumes the purple [PLRE]  
303 Procopius, a Christian of Gaza, is executed for declaring for one king in a world of Tetrarchs [C&C, 55][C&E, 156][Frend, 460]  
421 Wedding of Theodosius II and Aelia Eudocia in Constantinople [PLRE][Bury L I, 220]

Jun 8 VI Id.

- 215 BC *Dedication of the Temple of Mens on the Capitol. It was vowed in 217 BC by T. Otacilius after the Roman loss at Lake Trasimene* [FCRR, 148][NTD, 251]
- 44 BC Brutus and Cassius meet in Antium and decide to accept the corn command offered to them June 5 [Huzar, 92]  
218 Macrinus is defeated and later slain near Antioch in Cappadocia [L-HA II, 68n][Bir SS, 193] [RIC IV(2), 2]  
328 Through political intrigue, Athanasius is consecrated Bishop of Alexandria [AJAH 3, 61] [C&E, 230] ([C&C, 151] says May 9.)  
400 Gildo's former properties are appropriated entirely into the private imperial holdings [C Th, 7.8.7]  
423 Theodosius II passes a law calling for stiff penalties for pagans who insist on sacrificing to demons [Kaegi, 60][Hol, 124, 125]

Jun 9 V Id.

- *Festival of VESTALIA. Today is a holiday for bakers and millers* [RCS, 567][YCS VII, 6, 278] [CIL VI, 2297][FCRR, 149-150]
  - *Dedication of the small altar to Jupiter Pistor on the Capitol* [NTD, 224]
- 53 BC Crassus loses battle and life at Carrhae to the Persians. His head was reportedly used as a prop in a Persian production of *The Bacchae* [Gelzer, 150]  
38 BC The Romans, under P. Ventidius, beat the Parthians at Gindarus, north-east of Antioch. Pacorus and Labienus perish [PRE II, 23][Lidd, 723]  
19 BC Agrippa's Aqua Virgo opens, bringing water to Rome from the north [Lanc R, 53][NTD, 19] [L-Front, 1.10]  
62 Octavia, former wife of Nero, is executed on the island of Pandateria [Warm, 51] [Garz, 160, 611]  
68 Suicide of Nero: "Such an artist dies in me!" [TD 6, 102ed][Warm, 162ff][FGN, 321] ([Garz, 748], referring to B. R. Reese, Am. Jour. Phil. XC, 1969 pp 72-74, claims June 11, while [CAW, 236] and [Bir MA, 14] each say June 6.)  
— Galba is declared emperor [TD 6, 116ed][FRE, 1][Barrett, xiv]  
364 A statue is dedicated to a Vestal Virgin whose name is unknown because she later suffered *memoria damnatio* [Lanc R, 230]  
404 Eudoxia exiles John Chrysostom, which is followed by a riot in Constantinople by his followers; the Hagia Sophia and the senate house burn to the ground [BG-Ist, 73][Frend, 752] ([Kaegi, 139] and [Bury L I, 157] each say June 20.)

- Jun 10 III Id.
- 323 BC Death of Alexander in Babylon, possibly from pernicious malaria [P-Arr, 405ed]  
[P-QCR, 303ed][CAW, 209] ([Green, xxxv] agrees with June 10, but says the death may have taken place June 11.)
- 93 BC Triumph of T. Didius over the Celts [CIL I, 460]  
38 Death of Caligula's sister Drusilla [Barrett, xiii, 86, 299n]  
356 Cataphronius<sup>1</sup> and Heraclius<sup>3</sup> enter Alexandria. See June 15 [PLRE]
- Jun 11 III Id.
- *The MATRALIA, festival of mothers in honor of Mater Matuta. This is the dedication day of the temple to Mater Matuta in the Forum Boarium supposedly dedicated by Servius Tullius* [FCRR, 150][NTD, 246]
  - *Dedication of Servius Tullius' temple to Fortuna, Mater Matuta's twin temple in the Forum Boarium* [FCRR, 151][NTD, 155]
- 17 BC Today for the Saecular Games: games in the circus and an animal hunt [RCS, 61]  
89 BC Death of Sulla's general Titus Didius, at the assault of Herculaneum [Momm III, 237]  
171 *Dedications are made to Jupiter in Pannonia, possibly on the anniversary of the expulsion of barbarian invaders. These dedications became annual* [Bir MA, 168]  
378 Valens' army encamps 17 miles from Adrianople [Wolf, 124]
- Jun 12 Prid. Id.
- 47 BC Tullia, with health and marriage problems, joins her father at Brundisium to stay a few weeks [Bailey, 177]  
382 As an example to others, Natalis, the rapacious ex-governor of Sardinia, is ordered to return there under imperial bodyguard and repay the provincials fourfold [C Th, 9.27.3]  
431 Convocation of bishops at the Council of Ephesus, five days late, to decide on Nestorius [LRE I, 214]
- Jun 13 Ides
- *First day of the three day Quinquatrus, also celebrated March 19-23* [FCRR, 152]
  - *Dedication of a temple or shrine to Jupiter Victor* [FCRR, 152][NTD, 227]
- 46 BC Caesar sails for Sardinia to impose tribute [Fuller, 282][Gelzer, 271]  
389 Theodosius enters Rome in triumph after defeating Magnus Maximus [King, 66]
- Jun 14 XVII Kal. Iul. XVIII Kal. Iul.
- *Quinquatrus, day 2.*
- 51 BC Cicero arrives in Actium on his way to govern Cilicia [Bailey, 107]
- Jun 15 XVI Kal. Iul. XVII Kal. Iul.
- *Temple of Vesta closes. Ceremonial sweepings are deposited in the alley Porta Stercoraria. See June 7* [FCRR, 153][NTD, 309]
  - *Final day of the festival of Quinquatrus.*
- 313 Licinius and Constantine restore Christian worship in a constitution to the Bythian governor. Each Provincial governor is to receive such a letter [C&C, 77, 213] ([JRS LXIII, 31] says June 13.)  
356 Cataphronius<sup>1</sup> and Heraclius<sup>3</sup> seize the churches of Alexandria for the Arrians [PLRE]  
552 Narses marches out of Ravenna, bound for Rome to overthrow Totila [Wolf, 359]
- Jun 16 XV Kal. Iul. XVI Kal. Iul.
- 363 Persians intensify their efforts. Julian is mortally wounded and withdraws to the north from Ctesiphon. See June 26 [Brow, 210][P-AM, 286][RIC VIII, 30][Frend, 607]  
391 Theodosius issues a law against pagan practices in the very pagan city of Alexandria [King, 78]

- Jun 17 XIII Kal. Iul. XV Kal. Iul.  
 337 Constantius, at Trier, allows Athanasius to return to his see [RIC VIII, 6, 10, 19][C&E, 263]  
 362 Julian issues an edict forbidding Christians from teaching the classics [Brow, 169]  
 [C Th, 13.3.5][Frend, 604]  
 363 Skirmishes only as the forces of Shapur and Julian meet [Brow, 210]  
 397 Birth of Flaccilla, daughter of Arcadius and Aelia Eudoxia [PLRE][Hol, 53][Bury L I, 131n]  
 455 Genseric leaves Rome [Bury L I, 325][LRE I, 240] ([Kaegi, 7] says June 16.)
- Jun 18 XIII Kal. Iul. XIII Kal. Iul.  
 59 Privatus, a public slave of Pompeii, receives 1,675 sesterces from businessman Lucius Caecilius Jucundus [RAH, 265]  
 197 The Imperial house guards dedicate to “Unconquered Hercules”, i.e. Septimius, back from Gaul following the liquidation of Albinus [Bir SS, 128]
- Jun 19 XII Kal. Iul. XIII Kal. Iul.  
 • *Foundation date, possibly a rededication, of a temple or shrine to Minerva on the Aventine* [FCRR, 153][NTD, 255]  
 325 Osius, Bishop of Corduba, promulgates and signs the Nicene creed. All non-Arian Bishops sign also [C&E, 217]  
 365 A Dacian provincial commander gets an order from Valentinian to restore or rebuild watchtowers in his province [Wolf, 65]
- Jun 20 XI Kal. Iul. XII Kal. Iul.  
 ca. 278 BC Temple of Summanus dedicated near the Circus Maximus. This temple was related somehow to lightning [FCRR, 153]  
 312 Execution of Methodius, Bishop of Patara [JTS XXX, 54][C&E, 193] (The latter source says *probably* June 20.)  
 404 See June 9.
- Jun 21 X Kal. Iul. XI Kal. Iul.  
 228 BC Triumph of Cn. Fulvius Centumalus for his naval victory over Illyria [CIL I, 458]  
 217 BC (possibly June 23) Romans are badly defeated by Hannibal at Lake Trasimene. Consul C. Flaminius perishes [FCRR, 46]  
 70 Restoration of the Temple of Jupiter is begun on Capitoline by the praetor Helvidius Priscus [CAW, 237][Garz, 244]  
 538 Belisarius sets out for Rome to battle the Goths with Narses [Wolf, 346]
- Jun 22 VIII Kal. Iul. X Kal. Iul.  
 217 BC Ptolemy IV beats Antiochus III at Raphia [CAW, 215][Tarn, 22]  
 49 BC Caesar joins his army in Spain near Ilerda [Gelzer, 213] ([Momm IV, 361] says June 23.)  
 44 BC Quintus Cicero Jr., having broken with Antony, leaves Rome to make peace with Brutus and Cassius [Bailey, 257]  
 109 Dedication and opening of Trajan’s baths in Rome. Apollodorus of Damascus was the architect [TD 6, 120][Garz, 331, 663]  
 431 Nestorius is kicked out of the Church by Cyril’s council in Ephesus. See June 26 [Chad, 198][Hol, 166][Frend, 760]
- Jun 23 VIII Kal. Iul. VIII Kal. Iul.  
 79 Vespasian succumbs to illness at Reate [L-Suet, 321][TD 6, 116ed][FRE, 4]  
 129 Hadrian reaches Antioch, and institutes an annual “Festival of the Springs” [Hen, 127][Garz, 398]

- Jun 24 VII Kal. Iul. VIII Kal. Iul.
- *Scared to Fors Fortuna, and the first day of summer. Romans walked out of the city to Servius Tullius' two temples of Fortuna (each dedicated this day), and there was a market set up outside the Porta Portuensis which is still held today, each Sunday* [YCS VII, 279][ARC, 223][NTD, 154][FCRR, 155]
- 109 Aqua Traiana brings water to right bank of Tiber [Carc, 38][Garz, 331, 663]
- 238 Murder of Maximinus Thrax by his own troops while trying to take Aquileia [Sear][Carson] ([CAW, 242] says May 10.)
- 474 Glycerius is dethroned, later to be forcibly consecrated bishop of Salona [Sear][LRE I, 244], while Julius Nepos, selected by Leo, becomes the next Western emperor [LRE I, 244] [Bury L I, 405] ([PLRE] says June 19, but possibly June 24. [Kaegi, 47] states that Leo selected a new western ruler on some day from the 19th through the 24th.)
- Jun 25 VI Kal. Iul. VII Kal. Iul.
- *Quinquennial games are held in the Circus Flaminius in honor of the gods of the underworld. Continues tomorrow. The only recorded celebration was in 186 BC* [FCRR, 155]
- 253 Lucius becomes Bishop of Rome [Lanc R, 578]
- Jun 26 V Kal. Iul. VI Kal. Iul.
- *Second day of the Quinquennial games*
- 4 Tiberius and Agrippa Postumus are formally adopted by Augustus [TD 6, 4][Seag T, 37] [YCS VII, 235, 280][Barrett, 5, 68][CIL I, 376]
- 221 Elagabalus adopts Gessius Alexianus Bassianus, now named Marcus Aurelius Alexander, and proclaims him Caesar [RCS, 568][YCS VII, 6, 280][Bir SS, 194]
- 250 A 72 year old villager of rural Egypt, Aurelius Diogenes, turns in his request for a certificate of pagan sacrifice [RAH, 289]
- 345 Death of Gregorius, Arian bishop of Alexandria [AJAH 3, 67][RIC VIII, 22]
- 363 Julian dies in Phrygia of a lance wound he received June 16 [PLRE][Sear][Brow, 212] [RIC VIII, 17, 30][Chad, 158][Frend, 607]
- 404 Arsacius is installed as Bishop of Constantinople, replacing the exiled Chrysostom [Bury L I, 157]
- 431 A counter-synod at Ephesus, convoked by John, Bishop of Antioch, overturns the Cyrillian's excommunication of Nestorius by condemning and deposing both Cyril and Memnon of Ephesus. See June 22 [Hol, 167][Chad, 198][Frend, 760]
- Jun 27 IIII Kal. Iul. V Kal. Iul.
- *Temple to the Lares is dedicated near the Palatine along the Sacra Via* [FCRR, 156][NTD, 232]
  - *Dedication of the Temple to Jupiter Stator on the Palatine. It was vowed in 294 BC by M. Atilius Regulus during a Samnite war* [FCRR, 157][NTD, 225]
- 186 BC First day of M. Fulvius Nobilior's ten days of games, which include "actors, athletes, and lion and panther hunts" [FCRR, 156]
- 46 BC All opposition having finally fallen, Caesar sets sail from Sardinia for Rome [Gelzer, 271]
- 43 BC Cicero writes to M. Brutus that he was hopeful of persuading Octavian to not seek the consulship [Jones A, 22]
- 23 BC Augustus first obtains the tribuneship, subsequently renewed on this date each year [Sear, 84]
- 4 Tiberius is reinstated with the tribuneship, renewed annually on this date [Sear, 92]
- 193 Eager to clear out of the capital to grapple with Niger, Severus takes time to adjudicate a point of law [Bir SS, 106]
- 310 Victory of Licinius over the Sarmatians [Bar, 81][Ph 30, 192][C&E, 33]
- 363 Burial of Julian at dawn [P-AM, 299]
- Jovian is declared Augustus [PLRE][RIC VIII, 30]

- Jun 28 III Kal. Iul. IIII Kal. Iul.  
 365 Freeborn women who marry imperial weavers shall share in their husband's mean status [C Th, 10.20.3]
- Jun 29 Prid. Kal. Iul. III Kal. Iul.  
 • *Civic festival of Romulus, later taken over by Christians to commemorate Peter and Paul at a shrine by the third milestone of the Via Appia* [Chad, 162]  
 306 BC Triumph of Q. Marcius Tremulus over the Anagninians [CIL I, 456]  
 ca. 187 BC (*pre-Julian years*) *Temple of Hercules Musarum dedicated near the Circus Flaminius by M. Fulvius Nobilior. The Julian date is June 30* [FCRR, 157][NTD, 186]  
 67 Death of St. Peter. This date may derive from the festival of Romulus mentioned above [Lanc R, 577]  
 431 An imperial post-rider, Palladius, leaves Constantinople for Ephesus (see June 26), 300 miles away, with a letter from the emperor to the Synod being held there—and arrives in two days! [Hol, 168n]  
 548 Theodora succumbs to an illness [Frend, 852]
- Jun 30 — Prid. Kal. Iul.  
 • *Julian date for the Temple of Hercules Musarum. See June 29.*  
 43 BC Lepidus is declared a public enemy by the senate for joining Antony [Syme, 184] ([Huzar, 112] says June 20.)  
 34 BC Triumph of T. Statilius Taurus for his victory in Africa for Octavian [CIL I, 461]  
 350 Troops of Magnentius, under Marcellinus, defeat and kill Nepotian in Rome. Marcellinus is now *magister officiorum* [PLRE][RIC VIII, 11, 23][Frend, 534]
- July.** 31 days.
- Jul 1 Kalends  
 • *Dedication day of the Shrine of Felicitas on the Capitol* [NTD, 148, 150][FCRR, 158]  
 36 BC The combined forces of Lepidus and Octavian attack and defeat Sextus Pompeius in Sicily [Appian IV, 541][Huzar, 144]  
 23 BC Augustus resigns the consulship, possibly because of his health or Murena's conspiracy [FGN, 213]  
 37 Caligula enters his first consulship, with Claudius [L-Suet, 429][Barrett, xiii, 68][Lev, 26]  
 69 Tiberius Alexander, Prefect of Egypt, administers to his Alexandrian legions the oath of allegiance to Vespasian [RCS, 82][YOFE, 131][Garz, 218][Lev, 41]  
 70 Titus becomes tribune during his siege of Jerusalem [Garz, 237]  
 128 Hadrian addresses Legion III Augusta at Lambaesis in north Africa after inspecting their exercises [RCS, 507][Hen, 95]  
 221 Severus Alexander becomes consul designate [YCS VII, 6]  
 431 Messengers of Cyril arrive in Constantinople and reveal Nestorius' condemnation in Ephesus to Theodosius [Hol, 169]
- Jul 2 VI Non.  
 311 Election of Miltiades as bishop of Rome. The see had been vacant for almost three years [C&E, 38]  
 365 Hailstorm pounds Constantinople; according to Socrates the stones were as big as a man's hand [Kaegi, 196]  
 371 Birth of Valentinian II, the younger son of Valentinian I and Justina [RIC IX, xli] (Is someone confusing Valentinian II and III? See the next event.)  
 419 Birth of Placidius Valentinianus, later Valentinian III, Constantius and Placidia the happy couple [Hol, 128][CIL I, 347] ([Bury L I, 209] says July 3.)

Jul 3 V Non.

- 36 BC Lepidus' transports are damaged in a storm off Sicily [Appian IV, 543]
- 69 Vespasian is proclaimed Emperor by his troops in Judea [RCS, 82][YOFE, 131][Garz, 218]
- 88 4,950 meter aqueduct tunnel through Monte Affliano near Rome is completed. The contractor was L. Paquedius Festus [Lanc A, 63][NTD, 16]
- 324 At Adrianople, Constantine defeats Licinius, who retreats to Byzantium [C&C, 114][Bar, 75, 82][C&E, 76]
- 411 First day of the conference in Carthage to settle the Donatist vs. Catholic problem. See October 14, 410 [CH LX(1), 9, 10]
- 431 Count Irenaeus returns to Constantinople from Ephesus to defend Nestorius against the Cyrillian faction [Hol, 169]

Jul 4 IIII Non.

- 54 BC C. Cato and Nonius Sufenas are acquitted of charges stemming from election problems in 56 BC [Seag P, 133]
- 13 BC Consecration of the Ara Pacis—the senate decrees that it shall be constructed. See January 30, 9 BC [TD 6, 3][CIL I, 324, 328, 376][NTD, 287]
  - ? Birth of Matidia, daughter of Marciana, and Trajan's sister [YCS VII, 6]
- 324 The remains of Licinius' soldiers capitulate [C&E, 76]
- 414 Theodosius proclaims his sister Pulcheria Augusta [Sear][PLRE][Hol, 97][Bury L I, 214]
- 431 A large throng gathers in Constantinople's Great Church supporting Cyril's denunciation of Nestorius [Hol, 170]

Jul 5 III Non.

- *Festival of POPLIFUGIA, or "flight of the people"* [RCS, 64][Hus, 108][FCRR, 159]
- 328 Opening of Constantine's stone bridge across the Danube between Oescus-Gigen and Sucidava-Celeiu [Wolf, 61]
- 431 Crowd at the Great Church in Constantinople redoubles its demand that the Ephesian council's overthrow of Nestorius be enforced. Later, Theodosius himself gives in, and permits the Cyrillian decree to be read in the Great Church—along with the condemnations of Cyril and Memnon by the counter-synod! [Hol, 170, 171]

Jul 6 Prid. Non.

- *Dedication day of the Temple to Fortuna Muliebris, four miles outside Rome on the Via Latina* [FCRR, 160]
- *Onset of the Apollinarian Games in Rome, which end July 13* [Carc, 203][L-HA II, 228n][P-Cic SW, 95n][CIL VI, 2297][FCRR, 159]
- 83 BC Roman street riot over the Sullan constitution; the Capitolium burns, destroying the temple of Jupiter Optimus Maximus [Lanc R, 297][Keav, 135][NTD, 222]
- 177 Citizenship is granted to the family of Julianus, son of the chieftain of the Zegrenses in Mauretania [Bir MA, 204]
- 210 The fifth battalion of police in Rome raise a statue to Caracalla [Lanc A, 228][CIL VI, 1058]
- 366 An earthquake ravages southern Greece [L-AM I, xiii]
- 375 Death of Constantius, proconsul of Africa [C Th, 94n]

Jul 7 Nones

267 BC *Dedication of the Temple to Pales by M. Atilius Regulus, after his victory over the Salentini* [NTD, 282]

- *The Ancillarum Feriae, or feast of serving women. According to Varro the deity involved is Juno Capronia* [FCRR, 161]
- *The Subterranean altar to Consus in the Circus Maximus is exposed. Also August 21 and December 15* [FCRR, 163][NTD, 100]
- *Apollinarian Games, day 2.*

128 Hadrian inspects an auxiliary cohort at Zarai in north Africa [Hen, 95][Garz, 396]

175 At the ceremony of *tirocinium fori*, Commodus is proclaimed *princeps iuventutis*, Consul-elect, and assumes the *toga virilis* [Bir MA, 189][Garz, 498][RIC III, 212]

Jul 8 VIII Id.

- *The Vitulatio, sacred to Vitula. This day is in honor of a victory over the Etruscans* [FCRR, 163]
- *Apollinarian Games, day 3.*

186 BC Beginning of a nine day feast “because in Picenum for three days showers of stones and flames from the sky had set fire to the clothing of some people” [FCRR, 156]

131 The First Augustan Praetorian Mounted Cohort of Lusitanians encamps at Thebaid in Egypt [RCS, 517]

438 Valentinian III celebrates his marriage by remitting tax arrears up to August 31, 436 [LRE I, 205] (A bit late—he was married October 27 last year.)

Jul 9 VII Id.

270 BC Death of Arsinoe II [CAW, 212]

- *Apollinarian Games, day 4.*

48 BC Caesar’s troops flee as Pompey attacks at the mouth of the Lesnikia River [Fuller, 224]

118 Hadrian reaches Rome as emperor, following the death of Trajan last August [CAW, 239]

381 On the last day of proceedings, bishops attending the Council of Constantinople ratify doctrines favorable to the dynastic policy of Theodosius [Hol, 18]

455 Avitus is proclaimed Emperor by Gallic leaders in Arles [PLRE] ([Sear] says July 10, and [Bury L I, 326] says July 9 or July 10.)

491 (night of July 9-10) Odovacer, to save Ravenna which is being besieged by Goths, attacks unsuccessfully the Gothic trenches [Wolf, 283][Bury, 184][Bury L I, 425]

518 Anastasius dies at age 88 [PLRE][Sear] ([Bury L I, 452] says the death took place on the night of July 8-9.)

Jul 10 VI Id.

280 BC Triumph of L. Aimilius Barbula over the Tarentines, Samnites, and Sallentines [CIL I, 457]

- *Apollinarian Games, day 5.*

51 BC Cicero leaves Athens on his way to Cilicia [Bailey, 107]

47 BC In a letter to Terentia, Cicero proposes ways that they might free Tullia of her now powerful husband Dolabella [Bailey, 176]

138 Death of Hadrian at Baiae [Sear][CAW, 239][Bir MA, 51][Garz, 439][RIC III, 21]

— Antoninus Pius inherits the Empire [Bir MA, 51][YCS VII, 6]

518 Justin I is declared Augustus [PLRE, 67] ([Bury L I, xx] claims July 10, but on page 452n, he maintains July 9.)

- Jul 11 V Id.
- *Apollinarian Games, day 6.*
- 247 Statue of the Vestal Virgin Flavia Publicia is dedicated by her niece Aemilia Rogatilla and Aemilia's son Minucius Honoratus [Lanc R, 229]
- 335 Athanasius leaves Alexandria to attend the Council of Tyre [AJAH 3, 63][C&E, 236]
- 472 Anthemius is murdered by Gundobad, as Rome is captured by Ricimer (Gundobad's uncle) and plundered yet again [PLRE][Sear][LRE I, 243][Bury L I, xx, 340][Lanc A, 293]
- Jul 12 IIII Id.
- *Apollinarian Games, day 7.*
  - *Official birthday of Julius Caesar. It was moved from his true birthday July 13 to avoid a conflict with the last day of the Apollinarian games* [RCS, 67][RCS II, 567][Bal, 22][YCS VII, 6, 281][CIL I, 324, 328, 376]
- 400 Popular uprising against the Goths, who, having occupied Constantinople, are stoned and burned to death in an Orthodox church by order of Arcadius. Gainas escapes [Wolf, 149][Bury L I, 134]
- Jul 13 III Id.
- 431 BC *Dedication of the Temple of Apollo in the Campus Martius by C. Julius, and the main and last day of the Apollinarian Games in Rome. The temple was vowed in 433/2 BC because of a plague. The games lasted one day in 208 BC, and grew during the Republic* [L-HA II, 448n][Bal, 22][FCRR, 160, 164][NTD, 12]
- 100 BC Birth of Julius Caesar to Aurelia and C. Julius Caesar [Bal, 22][Gelzer, 1]
- 574 Johannes III, Pope, dies [Lanc R, 579]
- Jul 14 Prid. Id.
- *Mercatus. A six day market period in Rome begins* [FCRR, 164]
- 28 BC Triumph of G. Carrinas, for subduing the Morini in Gaul [RGA, 62n]
- 218 Fratres Arvales assemble in the Capitol in praise of Elagabalus [CIL VI, 2104]
- Jul 15 Ides
- 497 BC Roman victory at Lake Regillus [FCRR, 65]
- 484 BC *A. Postumius dedicates the Temple of the Dioscuri after they aided the Roman victory at Lake Regillus July 15, 497 BC [NTD, 74] ([Lanc R, 234, 610] and [FCRR, 65] say the 484 BC dedication took place on January 27. [NTD], [Seag T], and [TD 6] say the original dedication was July 15 while Tiberius' rededication was January 27.)*
- 304 BC *The censor Q. Fabius Rullianus establishes a parade to honor the Dioscuri for their aid in the battle of Lake Regillus* [FCRR, 164]
- *Mercatus, day 2.*
- 139 Marcus Aurelius is appointed one of the *severi* at today's parade of the knights [Bir MA, 56]
- 303 Bishop Felix of Thibiuca is martyred in Carthage for refusing to cooperate with the persecutors [Frend, 460]
- 326 Constantine enters Rome in preparation for his vicennalia celebrations [C&E, 221]
- Jul 16 XVII Kal. Aug.
- *Mercatus, day 3.*
- 518 In the Great Church in Constantinople, amidst the acclamations of a pro-Chalcedonian congregation, Amiantus<sup>4</sup> is compared with Chrysophius and his expulsion demand [PLRE]

- Jul 17 XVI Kal. Aug.
- *Mercatus, day 4.*
- ca. 233 BC *Dedication by Q. Fabius Maximus Cunctator of the Temple of Honos. In 205 BC an additional cella to Virtus was dedicated, having been vowed by M. Claudius Marcellus in 222 BC after the battle of Clastidium. It was dedicated by his son* [FCRR, 165, 278][NTD, 190]
- 186 BC Pontiffs decree day of prayer because lightning had struck the Temple of Ops on the Capitol [FCRR, 156]
- 65 BC Cicero begins canvassing for the consulship of 63 [FCRR, 230][Bailey, 27][LTA, I.1]
- 44 BC Cicero sets out for Greece from Pompeii [Syme, 139][Sto, 280]
- 36 BC Triumph of Cn. Domitius Calvinus over Spain [CIL I, 461]
- 70 Titus captures the citadel Antonia, adjacent to Jerusalem's temple [BWJ, 209]
- 180 Twelve Christians of Scillium in North Africa are condemned at Carthage before the proconsul Vigellius Saturninus [Frend, 290][Chad, 31][JTS XIX, 520][NE, 44]
- 431 Bishop John of Antioch is deposed, in reaction against Nestorius [Hol, 170n]
- Jul 18 XV Kal. Aug.
- *Mercatus, day 5.*
- 479 BC The Fabii are overcome on the Cremera [FCRR, 166][Tacitus Hist. 2.91][CIL I, 328]
- 390 BC The Celts under Brennus defeat the Romans at the River Allia [RCS, 74ed][CIL I, 328][Tacitus Hist. 2.91]
- 64 Fire in Rome starts in the evening and lasts nine days [CAW, 236][Garz, 163][FGN, 308][RCS, 224ed] ([Grif, 129] says early morning July 19, and [Frend, 109] says July 19.)
- 69 Vitellius assumes the office of Pontifex Maximus and issues his first proclamation concerning public ceremonies—outrageous acts on the anniversary of the first two Roman disasters listed above [Tacitus Hist. 2.91][L-Suet, 265]
- 315 Constantine enters Rome for a two month stay, intending to hear the Donatist case. Caecilian does not show up, so the case is moved to Milan [C&E, 59]
- 362 Julian arrives in Antioch for final preparations for his Persian campaigns [L-Lib I, ix]
- Jul 19 XIII Kal. Aug.
- *Mercatus, day 6.*
  - *Festival of LUCARIA, in a grove between the Via Salaria and the Tiber. Also July 21* [RCS, 64][FCRR, 166]
- 37 Caligula, for the second time, gives a lagress of 300 sesterces each to the people. The first was probably on June 1 [Barrett, 225]
- 374 Claudius Hermoginianus Caesarius<sup>7</sup>, a pagan, performs a *taurobolium* [PLRE]
- 484 Verina crowns Leontius Augustus at Tarsus, deposing Zeno [PLRE][Bury L I, 398n]
- Jul 20 XIII Kal. Aug.
- 356 BC Birth of Alexander to Olympias and Philip II at Pella [P-QCR, 302ed] ([Green, xxxiii] says possibly July 26.)
- Temple to Artemis at Ephesus Burns in the night [Tarn A, 33]
- 45 BC *Ludi Victoriae Caesaris, honoring Venus Gentryx and the triumph of Caesar. The games last until the 30th. One year ago, on September 20, 46 BC, Caesar began his triumphs* [Bal, 164][FCRR, 167][Gelzer, 308][CIL I, 306, 324][CIL VI, 2297]
- Caesar's image is placed among statues of kings and with Victory [Gelzer, 308]
- 44 BC Octavian personally finances the *Ludi Victoriae Caesaris* [Syme, 117][Jones A, 15][FCRR, 167]
- 246 Following Philip's Danubian campaigns, the provincial era for Dacia begins. The province is granted minting rights [Camb XII, 90]
- 451 In a letter to the now-ascendant Pulcheria, Leo happily acknowledges that the Eastern religious policy is under her firm domination [Hol, 211]

- Jul 21 XII Kal. Aug.
- *Festival of LUCARIA, also July 19* [RCS, 64][FCRR, 166]
- 230 Pontianus becomes Pope [Lanc R, 578]
- 285 Diocletian declares Maximian Caesar at Milan [Bar, 4][C&E, 6] (The latter source says *probably* July 21, and [C&C, 22] says March 1, 286.)
- 317 Constantine enters Rome after engagement with Licinius [C&C, 101] ([C&C] says 315, but it must be 317 because the engagement took place in 316, not 314 as was previously supposed.)  
— Licinius passes law in Bithynia limiting access to honorary ranks and titles [C&E, 69]
- 365 Earthquake disrupts the East; 50,000 die in Alexandria, and Kourion in Cyprus is buried [Gib I, 899]
- Jul 22 XI Kal. Aug.
- *Temple of Concord is dedicated at the foot of the capitol in the Forum. It was originally vowed in 367 BC by Camillus, and possibly never built. In 121 BC, following the death of C. Gracchus, the senate ordered the construction (or restoration?) of the temple by L. Opimius* [FCRR, 167][NTD, 99]
- 51 BC In senate meeting, anti-Caesarians push Pompey to recall his legion lent to Caesar in 55 BC (he doesn't for a long time) [PRP, 99][Seag P, 151]
- 259 Dionysius becomes Pope [Lanc R, 578]
- Jul 23 X Kal. Aug.
- *NEPTUNALIA, festival and feast for the ancient Italic deity* [RCS I, 64][RCS II, 568] [YCS VII, 6, 282][FCRR, 168]
- 244 Legion II Parthica dedicates to *Victoriae Reduci* for Philip [RIC IV(3), 55][CIL VI, 793]
- Jul 24 VIII Kal. Aug.
- 384 Edict bans pack-animal drivers from changing professions—even from becoming soldiers [C Th, 10.20.11]
- Jul 25 VIII Kal. Aug.
- *Festival of FURRINALIA, in honor of the little-known goddess Furrina, in her grove, which extended from the Tiber up the Janiculum Hill* [RCS, 64][FCRR, 168][NTD, 235]
- 59 BC Pompey speaks unsuccessfully against Bibulus' edict to postpone consular elections until October 18 [Ward, 235][Gelzer, 89]
- 49 BC Caesar's troops wade up to their necks through the Ebro River at Octogesa near Ilerda [Fuller, 201]
- 46 BC Caesar enters Rome as dictator [Bal, 151][Gelzer, 271][Fuller, 282]
- 221 In Hermopolis Major in Egypt, Aurelius Ales pays 2,200 drachmas to M. Aurelius Ammonio for the manumission of Marcus' slave Helene [RCS, 262]
- 306 Constantius Chlorus dies in York, and Constantine is declared Augustus by the troops [PLRE] [Sear][CAW, 245][Bar, 4][C&C, 57][C&E, 27][Chad, 122]
- 308 Firmilianus, Governor of Palestine, orders the Christian virgins Ennatha of Gaza and Valentina of Caesarea to be "publicly lacerated and burned alive". Also, the confessor Paul loses his head [C&E, 153][C&C, 65] ([C&C] says the women were killed earlier.)
- 325 Celebration in Nicomedia of Constantine's vicennalia [C&E, 219]
- 326 Celebration in Rome of Constantine's vicennalia [C&E, 221]
- 336 Eusebius delivers a panegyric to Constantine in Constantinople, as part of Constantine's thirty-year celebrations [G&RB, 18, 342][C&E, 253, 266, 278][AJAH 3, 65]

- Jul 26 VII Kal. Aug.  
64 After burning for nine days, the fire in Rome is finally extinguished [CAW, 236][RCS, 224ed]  
322 Addressing the Lusitanians, and anticipating this calendar, Constantine commands that no edict shall have authority without a date of issuance [C Th, 1.1.1]  
450 Theodosius falls from his horse while hunting near the River Lycus, and dies two days later [Hol, 208]
- Jul 27 VI Kal. Aug.  
70 BC Hortensius is overwhelmingly elected consul for 69 BC. Q. Metellus will be his colleague [Sto, 44]  
43 BC After council with Servilla, Cicero appeals in his last extant letter to Brutus to return to Italy [Bailey, 273][Syme, 185]  
338 Aco Catullinus<sup>3</sup> becomes *vicarius Africae* (deputy prefect of Africa) [PLRE]  
432 Death of Pope Caelestinus I [Lanc R, 578]
- Jul 28 V Kal. Aug.  
44 BC Cicero, from Regium, sends Trebatius Testa a copy of his *Topica*, or *On the sources of Arguments* [Bailey, 244]  
43 BC Plancus, having joined Brutus, composes an epistle to Cicero, in which he talks of his poorly prepared troops, and blames Octavian on Antony's escape and union with Lepidus [Syme, 179]  
450 Theodosius II dies of spinal injuries from his hunting accident two days earlier. Pulcheria assumes absolute power for the moment [PLRE][Hol, 208][Bury L I, xx, 235]
- Jul 29 IIII Kal. Aug.  
332 BC Tyre falls to Alexander [Green, xxxv]  
238 Balbinus and Pupienus are murdered by the Praetorians, and Gordian III is declared Emperor [Sear][Carson] ([CAW, 242] says July 9.)
- Jul 30 III Kal. Aug.  
302 BC Triumph of C. Junius Bubulcus over the Aequians [CIL I, 456]  
101 BC The Cimbri are defeated by Marius at Vercellae, where Q. Lutatius Catulus vows a Temple to Fortune. See the next event [Momm III, 181][NTD, 156]  
100 BC *Dedication of the Temple to Fortuna Huiusce Diei*, or "Fortune of this Day". It was vowed exactly one year ago, and is probably Temple B in Largo Argentina [NTD, 156]  
30 BC Octavian reaches the suburbs of Alexandria in pursuit of Antony and Cleopatra [Huzar, 225]  
381 Theodosius delivers churches into the hands of the orthodox, i.e., those who embrace the views of the Council of Constantinople which was held in May [LRE I, 166]
- Jul 31 Prid. Kal. Aug.  
51 BC Cicero enters Cilicia to govern in place of the departing and corrupt Appius Claudius [Bailey, 108]  
42 BC Publius Vatinius celebrates a triumph over Illyria [RCS, 220][CIL I, 461]  
30 BC Antony has a minor naval success against Octavian, and declares himself imperator [Huzar, 225]  
191 *A shrine is dedicated on the Esquiline to Jupiter Dolichenus* [NTD, 218]  
398 After his defeat between Tebessa and Haidra, Gildo is killed at Thabraca [Claudian I, xi] [PLRE][Bury L I, 122n]

**August.** 29 days to 46 BC, 30 days 45 BC to 9 BC, 31 days from 8 BC.

Aug 1 Kalends

- *Ludi Martiales, games in honor of Mars Ultor. Also May 12* [Carc, 204][RGA, 57n]
- 294 BC *Temple to Victory dedicated by L. Postumius Megillus* [NTD, 420]
- 290 BC Q. Fabius Maximus triumphs over the Samnites [CIL I, 456]
  - *Dedication day of the Temple of Spes in the Forum Holitorium during the first Punic war* [NTD, 365]
- 193 BC *Aedicula to Victoria Virgo on the Clivus Victoriae is dedicated by M. Porcius Cato* [FCRR, 170][NTD, 420]
- 52 BC Pompey resigns the dictatorship, shares consulship with Metellus Scipio [Momm IV, 307]
- 44 BC Cicero reaches Syracuse on his way to Greece [Sto, 280]
  - L. Piso, speaking in the senate against Antony, receives no support [Syme, 118][Sto, 293]
- 30 BC Antony, hoping for an engagement, loses without a battle as his army and fleet desert to Octavian. Later in the same day, he commits suicide [Huzar, 225ff][YCS VII, 282][CIL I, 324, 376][CIL VI, 2297][Lev, 11]
- 15 BC Tiberius and Drusus wrap up Raetian troubles in an Alpine battle [PRE I, 16]
- 12 BC Drusus dedicates an altar to Roma and Augustus in Lugdunum [PRE I, 94][L-Suet II, 7]
- 10 BC Birth of Claudius in Lugdunum. Nero Claudius Drusus and Antonia are the parents [L-Suet II, 7][RCS, 568][YCS VII, 6, 282][CIL I, 320, 328][CIL VI, 2298][Lev, 11]
- 7 BC The survey of Urbs Roma by Augustus and Agrippa is publicly displayed in Porticus Vipsania on the Via Flaminia [Lanc R, 214]
  - 52 Dedication of the Claudian aqueducts Claudia and Anio Novus, which carry water to Rome [L-Front, 355][Lanc R, 54, 613][NTD, 16]
  - 126 Birth of Pertinax in Liguria. He was the son of a timber merchant and the grandson of a freedman [RCS, 568][YCS VII, 6, 282][CIL I, 348, 349][Lev, 194]
  - 314 Constantine and 33 bishops attend the Council of Arles, in which no policy changes are adopted—bad for the Donatists [Chad, 124][C&C, 96ff][PLRE I, 16][C&E, 58, 65][Frend, 401, 490]
  - 315 Kidnappers shall be hurled to the wild beasts in the spectacle if slave or ex-slave. If free-born, they shall die in gladiatorial combat [C Th, 9.18.1]
  - 362 Julian writes “To the citizens of Bostra” from Antioch, asking their Christian population to restrain their violence, and to evict their bishop Titus (Titus remained bishop even after Julian’s death) [L-Julian III, 129-135]
  - 527 Justin I dies; his nephew Justinian now the sole ruler [LRE I, 269][PLRE][Bury L I, xx][Frend, 828]
  - 608 The Column of Phocas is dedicated by Zmaragdus in the Roman Forum. It is the last antique monument to be erected there [Lanc R, 260]

Aug 2 IIII Non.

- 338 BC Philip beats the Thebans and Athenians at Chaeronea [P-QCR, 302ed][Green, xxxiii] (The latter source says the date is in question.)
- 216 BC Four Roman legions are crushed by Hannibal at Cannae [FCRR, 46]
- 49 BC Caesar’s forces force the capitulation of Pompey’s army near Ilerda [Momm IV, 365][Gelzer, 216][CIL I, 320, 324, 328, 37][CIL VI, 2298]
- 47 BC At Zela, Caesar defeats king Pharnaces of Pontus, who escapes to Sinope [Momm IV, 408][Gelzer, 260][CIL I, 324, 376]
- 257 Death of Stephen, the uncompromising anti-Cyprian Pope. He was elected May 12, 254 [Frend, 325]
- 461 Majorian is captured, dethroned and beheaded by Ricimer at Dertona [PLRE][LRE I, 241][Bury L I, xx, 332]

- Aug 3 III Non.
- *The Supplicia Canum. Dogs are crucified on crosses of elder-wood and carried by a procession through the city. Reason: dogs slept as Gauls infiltrated Rome in 390 BC!* [FCRR, 170]
- 30 BC Cleopatra, under guard, buries Antony [Huzar, 227]
- 178 Aurelius and Commodus go north to quell the Marcomanni and other tribes [CAW, 240]  
[Bir MA, 45][Garz, 505]
- 292 C. Iunius Tiberianus<sup>8</sup> is now no longer city prefect as Cl. Marcellus<sup>10</sup> takes over [PLRE]
- 379 Under the guidance of Ambrose, Gratian and Theodosius jointly issue an edict prohibiting all heresy. It is the first of many [F&B II, 458][Frend, 620]
- 413 An edict annuls the acts of the hated Heraclian and obliterates his name [Bury L I, 196n]  
[C Th, 15.14.13]
- 435 Theodosius exiles Nestorius to the remote Great Egyptian Oasis [Hol, 182]
- Aug 4 Prid. Non.
- 57 BC Senate votes to recall Cicero from exile, and to restore his property [Kap, 121][Momm IV, 283]  
[Bailey, 72][PRP, 21][Ward, 248]
- Anticipating the senate vote, Cicero sets sail from Dyrrachium [Sto, 193][Bailey, 72, 73]
- 44 BC Brutus and Cassius reject the friendship of Antony, claiming that liberty is more valuable than his friendship [Syme, 119]
- Aug 5 Nones
- 302 BC *Temple to Salus on the Quirinal is dedicated by C. Iunius Bubulcus six days after his triumph. It was vowed by him ca. 311 BC during the second Samnite war. Today became the day of the Circenses Salutares* [FCRR, 170][YCS VII, 6, 283][NTD, 341]
- 246 BC Brundisium becomes a Latin colony [Bailey, 73][FCRR, 170]
- ca. 79 BC Birth of Tullia to Cicero and Terentia [Bailey, 73][FCRR, 170]
- 70 BC Beginning of the trial of G. Verres, praetor of Sicily accused of extortion and misgovernment. After Cicero delivers his first speech, Verres abandons his defense and goes into voluntary exile to Massilia [P-Cic SW, 39n][Sto, 44]
- 57 BC Cicero, returning from exile, lands at Brundisium where he is greeted by Tullia [Bailey, 73]  
[PRP, 21][Sto, 193][FCRR, 170]
- Aug 6 VIII Id.
- 66 Radical Jews overthrow and massacre Romans in Jerusalem, beginning the First Revolt [PRE II, 209]
- 20,000 Jews are slaughtered in antisemitic violence in Caesarea [PRE II, 209]
- 193 Adrastus begins official correspondence with the Imperial administration for the construction of a lodge with which he will watch over the column of Marcus Aurelius [CIL VI, 1585]
- 258 Martyrdom of Pope Sixtus II [NE, 224][Lanc R, 578]
- 439 Licinia Eudoxia, wife of Valentinian III, is proclaimed Augusta [PLRE]
- Aug 7 VII Id.
- 311 BC Triumph of C. Junius Bubulcus over the Samnites [CIL I, 456]
- 44 BC Cicero turns back from his Grecian trip at Leucopetra, near Rhegium, on hearing political news of Rome [Syme, 139]
- 316 Constantine II is born to Constantine and Fausta at Arles [C&E, 66, 67] (not the birth of Constantius II, in 317, or at Sirmium, as some sources say. [CIL I, 348] says Constantius, while [CIL I, 349] says Constantine Junior.)
- 378 Gratian's courier, Richomeres, urges Valens to wait for reinforcements before attacking the Goths [Wolf, 125]
- 435 Death of Rabbula, Syrian bishop of Edessa [EB 18, 979]

Aug 8 VI Id.

- 57 BC Cicero receives official news of his recall [PRP, 21]
- 30 BC Cleopatra meets Octavian and deals her last cards [Huzar, 227]
- 117 Trajan dies in Cilicia [PRE II, 69][Hen 10n, 34] ([TD 6, 152ed] says August 9.)
- 378 Envoy of Fritigern presents to Valens the Gothic demand for all of Thrace to become a federate territory [Wolf, 125]
- 449 At the first session of the second council of Ephesus, pro-Nestorians beat up and condemn the bishop Flavian of Constantinople. The second session will be held on August 22 [Frend, 768]

Aug 9 V Id.

- *Sacred to Pulvinar Solis Indigitis at a place near the Temple of Quirinus. Here was a sacred region with couches and no temple* [NTD, 322][FCRR, 171]
- 48 BC Caesar is victorious over Pompey at the battle of Pharsalus [SCD, 67][Bal, 136][CAW, 228][Gelzer, 239][Huzar, 61][CIL I, 306, 324, 328, 376]
- 30 BC Cleopatra and her hand-maids, under lightened guard, do themselves in [Huzar, 227]
- 117 Hadrian, supposedly adopted by Trajan, assumes command [P-HA, 25ed][Hen, 35]
- 378 Valens is defeated and killed in battle by the Goths at Adrianople [PLRE][Sear][LRE I, 154][RIC IX, xlii][Wolf, 126, 368][Frend, 617]

Aug 10 IIII Id.

- *Annual festival of Daphne near Antioch*
- 7 *Erection of the altar to Ops Augusta and Ceres Mater by the temple of Saturn, probably in response to a famine earlier this year* [Lanc R, 236][CIL I, 324, 376][CIL VI, 2298][NTD, 81]
- 70 Temple at Jerusalem is destroyed by fire during Titus' siege [BWJ, 209][PRE II, 215]
- 353 In Lugdunum, seeing his situation hopeless, Magnentius kills his mother and younger brother, then commits suicide [PLRE][RIC VIII, 12, 25][Frend, 534] ([Sear] says August 11.)

Aug 11 III Id.

- 58 BC A slave of Clodius is caught with a dagger meant for Pompey [Seag P, 109][Ward, 247][Gelzer, 113]
- 117 Hadrian is proclaimed Augustus at Antioch on news of Trajan's death, and assumes the tribuneship [TD 6, 180ed][Hen, 35][YCS VII, 243][Garz, 377]
- 355 Silvanus, *magister peditum* and a Frank, is proclaimed emperor by his troops in Cologne in Gaul after hearing that he was accused of aspiring to the emperorship [LRE I, 116][RIC VIII, 13, 26]
- 490 Near the River Addua, Theoderic beats Odovacer, who flees to Ravenna [PLRE][Wolf, 282][Bury L I, 424]

Aug 12 Prid. Id.

- *Dedication of either the altar or the temple to Hercules in the Forum Boarium, where the annual feast of Hercules is held* [FCRR, 171]
- 70 BC Crassus holds a great sacrifice and feast for 10,000 in honor of Hercules in the Forum Boarium [Ward, 102n][CIL VI, 2298]
- 55 BC *Dedication day of the Temple of Venus Victrix in the Theater of Pompey. Venus shared the temple with Honos, Virtus, and Victoria* [FCRR, 173, 279][NTD, 411]
- 117 Death of M. Ulpius Phaedimus, a 28 year old butler of Trajan [Lanc R, 318][Hen, 35]
- 378 End of unsuccessful three day assault on Adrianople by the Goths [Wolf, 128]

- Aug 13 Ides
- *Servius Tullius dedicates the Temple of Diana on the Aventine—the oldest temple on the hill. Part of this temple’s festivities include a holiday for slaves* [NTD, 108][FCRR, 173]
- 449 BC Triumph of L. Valerius Poplicola over the Aequians [CIL I, 454]
- *Dedication of the Temple of Castor and Pollux in the Circus Flaminius* [NTD, 75][FCRR, 175]
  - *Dedication of the Temple of Vortumnus, an Etruscan god, in the Loretum, a laurel grove on the Aventine. It was probably built by M. Fulvius Flaccus* [FCRR, 174][NTD, 433]
  - *Dedication of the Temple to the water goddesses Camenae, who presided over a spring on the south end of the Caelian hill* [NTD, 63][FCRR, 175]
  - *Temple of Hercules Victor dedicated near the Porta Trigemina* [FCRR, 175][NTD, 189]
- 173 BC *Dedication of the Temple of Fortuna Equestris. It was vowed by Q. Fulvius Flaccus in a campaign against the Celtiberians in Spain in 180 BC* [FCRR, 175][NTD, 155]
- 29 BC Octavian’s triple triumph and celebration in Rome of his return to Italy begins. Today’s triumph: over Illyricum. See January 6 [Syme, 303][Jones A, 44][Seag T, 11][CAW, 230] [Huzar, 230]
- 17 *Temple of Flora in the Circus Maximus is rededicated by Tiberius. Its original date was April 28* [FCRR, 175][NTD, 152]
- 408 High officials, including the praetorian prefect of Italy and Gaul, are slain at the instigation of Olympius, enemy of Stilicho [Bury, 86][PLRE (Stilicho)][Bury L I, 171]
- Aug 14 XVII Kal. Sep. XVIII Kal. Sep. XVIII Kal. Sep.
- 29 BC Octavian celebrates a triumph for his win at Actium [Huzar, 230][CIL I, 328]
- Aug 15 XVI Kal. Sep. XVII Kal. Sep. XVIII Kal. Sep.
- 70 BC Pompey’s games begin, in honor of his triumphs [Ward, 102]
- 29 BC Octavian celebrates a triumph for his victory at Alexandria [Huzar, 230]
- 423 Honorius dies of dropsy in Ravenna [PLRE][Kaegi, 20][Bury L I, 210] ([Hol] says his death is due to edema.)
- Aug 16 XV Kal. Sep. XVI Kal. Sep. XVII Kal. Sep.
- 389 Law denies that anybody evading his supervisory responsibilities has recourse to anything—he must supervise [C Th, 12.16.1]
- Aug 17 XIII Kal. Sep. XV Kal. Sep. XVI Kal. Sep.
- *PORTUNALIA, in honor of Portunus, god of ports. His rectangular temple still stands in the Forum Boarium along the Tiber* [RCS, 65][FCRR, 176][NTD, 320]
  - *Temple of Janus in the Forum Holitorium is dedicated by C. Diulius, after he defeated Cathage at Mylae in 260 BC. The temple was rededicated in 17 on October 18* [NTD, 206][FCRR, 176]
- 44 BC Cicero, at Velia on his way home, meets Brutus who is leaving to prevent civil war, and learns that L. Piso spoke in senate August 1 with no support [Syme, 140][Sto, 287][Bailey, 245]
- 399 Aurelianus<sup>3</sup> becomes praetorian prefect in Egypt [PLRE]
- Aug 18 XIII Kal. Sep. XIII Kal. Sep. XV Kal. Sep.
- 29 BC *Temple of Caesar in the Forum is dedicated by Augustus* [Lanc R, 236, 267][CIL I, 324, 328] [NTD, 213]
- 258 Lots of Christians, maybe as many as 300, are killed in Utica [Frend, 326]
- 353 Decentius hangs himself at Sens. See August 10 [PLRE][Sear][RIC VII, 12, 25]

- Aug 19 XII Kal. Sep. XIII Kal. Sep. XIII Kal. Sep.
- *Dedication day of the Temple of Venus Libitina (or Libentina) on the Esquiline. This deity was associated with funerals. The temple was supposedly dedicated by Servius Tullius* [NTD, 409] [FCRR, 177]
  - *Dedication of the Temple of Venus Obsequens near the Circus Maximus. It was begun in 295 BC by Q. Fabius Maximus and financed with the fines collected from adulterous women* [NTD, 409]
  - *The VINALIA rustica, a festival of wine* [RCS, 65][Hus, 108][FCRR, 177]
- 158 BC Triumph of M. Fulvius Nobilior over the Ligurians “Eleatibus” [CIL I, 459]
- 43 BC Octavian assumes the consulship at age 19 with Q. Pedius [RCS, 66][Syme, 186][Jones A, 22] [Huzar, 114][Sto, 331][RGA, 15][Bailey, 273]
- 14 Augustus dies at Nola in Campania [RCS, 76][Syme, 438][L-Suet, 238][Jones A, 77] [Barrett, xii, 8][FGN, 269][Lev, 13, 21]
- ? Birth of Probus in Sirmium [PLRE][CIL I, 348]
- 363 Egypt receives official word of Julian’s death [Frend, 618]
- 472 Ricimer dies vomiting blood of some illness [Kaegi, 47] ([PLRE] opts for August 18, but admits ambiguity.)
- Aug 20 XI Kal. Sep. XII Kal. Sep. XIII Kal. Sep.
- 2 Lucius Julius Caesar dies at Massilia on his way to link with Spanish troops [TD 6, 4] [Jones A, 70][CIL I, 328]
- 315 Vettius Rufinus replaces Rufius Volusianus as prefect of Rome, the latter having fallen out of favor possibly in relation to the fall of Bassianus, Constantine’s brother in law [C&E, 67]
- 399 Edict formally bans pagan festivals [F&B II, 472]
- 573 Gregory of Tours is consecrated Bishop of Tours [P-GT, 9ed]
- Aug 21 X Kal. Sep. XI Kal. Sep. XII Kal. Sep.
- 319 BC Triumph of L. Papirius Cursor over the Samnites [CIL I, 456]
- *CONSUALIA. Festival of Consus, whose temple was dedicated ca. 272 BC on the Aventine by L. Papirius Cursor. The celebrations included foot and muleback races, and the underground altar to Consus in the Circus Maximus was exposed. The temple dedication may have taken place on December 21. Consus was also honored on July 7 and December 15* [RCS, 65][Carc, 204] [FCRR, 178][NTD, 100]
- 66 In Oxyrhynchus in Egypt, Trypo indentures his son Thoönis, who is not yet of age, to the weaver Ptolemaeus for one year [RCS, 220-221]
- 399 Chief decurions shall not be subject to examination under torture [C Th, 9.35.6]
- ca. 480-490 Death of Sidonius Apollinaris (maybe August 23) [PLRE]
- Aug 22 VIII Kal. Sep. X Kal. Sep. XI Kal. Sep.
- 392 Arbogast bestows the purple upon Eugenius [PLRE][King, 82][RIC IX, xxiv]
- 408 Stilicho is beheaded by Heraclianus on Honorius’ orders. Earlier he had allowed himself to be taken prisoner with the promise that his life would be spared [PLRE][Bury, 86][Bury L I, 172] [Wolf, 154]
- 449 Second session of the council of Ephesus (the first was on the 8th), led by Dioscorus. Domnus of Antioch is deposed [Frend, 769]

- Aug 23 VIII Kal. Sep. VIII Kal. Sep. X Kal. Sep.
- *Dedication of the Temple of Vulcan in the Circus Flaminius. Its construction is traditionally attributed to Romulus* [FCRR, 179][NTD, 432]
  - *The VOLCANALIA, Festival in honor of Vulcan. Sacrifices in Imperial times were made at the Arae Incendii Neronis, altars built by Domitian after a vow following the fire of Nero. This day was sacred to Vulcan long before Nero's fire, though* [RCS I, 65][YCS VII, 284][NTD, 21, 432] [FCRR, 178-179]
  - *Sacrifices are made to Vulcan at his altar, attributed to T. Tatius, near the Forum. Vulcan shared his offerings with Maia* [FCRR, 179][NTD, 432]
  - *Hora Quirini, consort of Quirinus, receives prayers* [NTD, 190][FCRR, 180]
  - *Dedication of the Temple to the Nymphs in the Campus Martius* [NTD, 100][FCRR, 179-180]
  - *Dedication of a Temple to Ops, perhaps the one on the Capitol* [NTD, 277][FCRR, 179]
- 93 Agricola dies of illness [CAW, 238][FRE, 82]
- 166 Altar to Juno Lucina, patroness of childbirth, dedicated [Bir MA, 146]
- 217 The Coliseum is repeatedly struck by lightning, and is set ablaze. It will be out of service for some time [Lanc A, 219]
- 406 After losing a battle at Faesulae-Fiesole near Florence, Radagasis is executed [Wolf, 169]
- 476 Odovacer is proclaimed King by his soldiers, five days before the fall of Orestes [Kaegi, 7] [PLRE]
- Aug 24 VII Kal. Sep. VIII Kal. Sep. VIII Kal. Sep.
- *Opening of the mundus, ceremonial pit to the underworld. Also October 5 and November 8. Today spirits emerge and roam the streets* [NTD, 259-260][FCRR, 180][Hus, 117]
- 46 BC Cicero sends a letter of congratulations to Caesar for his anti-Cato pamphlet [Bailey, 195]
- *Beginning in the early empire: Sacrifices are offered to Luna in Graecostasis, possibly between the Comitium and the Forum* [NTD, 182][FCRR, 180]
- 79 Vesuvius erupts and begins to bury Pompeii, Herculaneum, and the surrounding area [COV, 28][P-Pliny, 166]
- 358 Nicomedia is destroyed by an earthquake [RIC VIII, 27]
- 367 Gratian is elevated to the rank of Augustus by his dad Valentinian I [PLRE][LRE I, 323]
- 410 The Visigoths under Alaric enter Rome by the Porta Salaria, and sack the Eternal City [PLRE][Bury, 96][Kaegi, 3, 6][Bury L I, 183][Wolf, 158, 369]
- Aug 25 VI Kal. Sep. VII Kal. Sep. VIII Kal. Sep.
- *OPICONSIVIA. Festival of Ops Consivia, the goddess of good sowing, or of stored harvest* [RCS, 65][NTD, 277][FCRR, 181]
- 79 Pliny the Elder dies investigating the eruption of Vesuvius [COV, 30][P-Pliny, 168]
- 383 Gratian is slain at Lugdunum in battle against Magnus Maximus [PLRE][Sear][LRE I, 158] [RIC IX, xliii][Frend, 621]
- 450 Pulcheria, sister of Theodosius II, crowns Marcian in the Palace of Hebdomon [Sear][PLRE] [Bury L I, xx, 236]
- Aug 26 V Kal. Sep. VI Kal. Sep. VII Kal. Sep.
- 79 The body of Pliny is found unharmed, as if he were sleeping [COV, 30]
- 491 The Jewish scholasticus, Symmachus, announces that the Arians shall take possession of the Catholic churches of Rome [L-AM III, 567]

- Aug 27 III Kal. Sep. V Kal. Sep. VI Kal. Sep.
- *VOLTURNALIA*. Festival of Volturnus, a river, or possibly wind god [RCS, 65][FCRR, 181]
- 307 Insteius Tertullus becomes Prefect of Rome [Bar, 111]
- 392 First day of a two day debate between Augustine and the Manichean Fortunatus in the Baths of Sossius in Hippo. Augustine won the debate [Frend, 661, 667]
- 410 The Visigoths begin to clear out of Rome after their four day sack [Wolf, 158]
- 502 Arigernus is sent by bishops with Gudila and Bedeulfus to fetch Symmachus for his trial. See October 25 [PLRE]
- Aug 28 III Kal. Sep. III Kal. Sep. V Kal. Sep.
- *Dedication day of the Temple of Sol and Luna near the Circus Maximus* [FCRR, 182] [NTD, 365]
- 29 BC Augustus dedicates an altar to Victory in the Curia Julia [Lanc R, 263][CIL I, 306, 376] [CIL VI, 2297][NTD, 420]
- 388 Theodosius executes Magnus Maximus near Aquileia after the battle of Poetovio [PLRE] [Wolf, 136][RIC IX, xxiii, xliii] (The latter source says “put to death by soldiers”.) ([Sear] and [Frend, 623] say July 28.)
- 430 Death of Augustine of malaria during a siege of Hippo by the Vandals [P-SA, 20ed][WWW] [Frend, 681]
- 475 Julius Nepos flees Italy. He sails from Ravenna for Dalmatia where he will spend his remaining five years [Sear][Kaegi, 47][PLRE][Bury L I, 405]
- 476 Orestes is killed by Odovacer near Placentia [PLRE][Bury L I, 406]
- 489 Theoderic beats Odovacer at the River Sontius. Odovacer flees to Ravenna [PLRE][Wolf, 281] [Bury L I, 423]
- Aug 29 Prid. Kal. Sep. III Kal. Sep. III Kal. Sep.
- 30 BC Octavian is declared ruler of Egypt [Huzar, 227]
- *Egyptian New Year, Imperial times. For years preceding leap years, August 30* [Bar, 28] [Huzar, 227]
- 112 Death and deification of Marciana, Trajan’s sister [YCS VII, 154][Garz, 354]
- 339 Appeals in convictions for Adultery will no longer be tolerated—the convicted shall be sewn alive in a leather sack and be consumed by flames [C Th, 11.36.4]
- 361 Fl. Taurus, praetorian prefect in Italy and Africa, flees Illyricum on exaggerated rumors of Julian’s southward march [P-AM, 218]
- 492 Theoderic blockades Ravenna in an attempt to oust Odovacer [Wolf, 283]
- Aug 30 — Prid. Kal. Sep. III Kal. Sep.
- 37 First of a two-day ceremony to dedicate the Temple of Divus Augustus [Barrett, 69] ([NTD, 45] says the dedication probably took place on October 5.)
- 526 Death of Theoderic from dysentery [PLRE][Wolf, 308, 331, 370]
- Aug 31 — — Prid. Kal. Sep.
- 44 BC Cicero arrives back in Rome after an aborted trip to Greece [P-Cic PS, 295ed] [P-Cic SW, 96ed][Sto, 280]
- 12 Birth of Caligula to Germanicus and Agrippina [L-Suet, 413][Barrett, xii, 6] [CIL I, 320, 326, 376][CIL VI, 2998]
- 37 Caligula and Claudius quit the consulship [Barrett, 69][Lev, 26] ([Garz, 84] says September 1, probably the first day *after* their consulship.)
- 40 Caligula enters Rome, arriving from the north, and celebrates an ovation. He had reached Rome ca. May, but delayed his entry until his birthday [CAW, 234][Barrett, xiv, 154]
- 161 The twins Commodus and Antoninus are born to Aurelius and Faustina. Commodus later became emperor while Antoninus died as a child [WWW][Bir MA, 45][YCS VII, 6, 282]

**September.** 29 days to 46 BC, 31 days 45 BC to 9 BC, 30 days from 8 BC.

Sep 1 Kalends

- 392 BC *Temple to Juno Regina is dedicated by M. Furius Camillus on the Aventine. He vowed the temple in 396 BC* [FCRR, 183]
- 51 BC Metellus Scipio, Pompey's father-in-law, forwards a motion in the senate that the Gallic provinces alone should be discussed on March 1, 50 BC [Seag P, 152][PRP, 101]
- 44 BC Antony proposes to the senate a day of honor for Caesar, and launches a virulent attack on the absent Cicero [Syme, 123][Jones A, 16][Bailey, 245]
- 22 BC *Temple of Jupiter Tonas dedicated by Augustus on the Capitol. He vowed the temple after almost being struck by lightning* [NTD, 226][FCRR, 183]
  - *Rededication by Augustus of the Temple to Jupiter Libertas* [FCRR, 183][NTD, 221]
- 301 In response to the rise in the price of gold, Diocletian doubles the value of bronze and silver coinage to maintain ratios [C&E, 10]

Sep 2 III Non.

- 54 BC Scarus, accused of *repetundae* (extortion) and defended by Cicero and Hortensius, is acquitted [Seag P, 135]
- 51 BC Caelius, aedile of 51, writes to Cicero in Cilicia and asks him to procure panthers for an official wild animal show in Rome [Bailey, 107]
- 44 BC Cicero delivers his first Philippic and P. Servilius, a former Caesarian, also criticizes Antony in the senate [Syme, 123, 136][CAW, 229][Sto, 280][Bailey, 245][LTA, 14ed]
- 31 BC Octavian wins the Battle of Actium, after which Antony and Cleopatra flee to Egypt [CAW, 230][Huzar, 219][FGN, 170][CIL I, 324, 377][CIL VI, 2295][Jones A, 41]
- 421 Death of Constantius III of natural causes [Hol, 119][Bury L I, xx, 210]
- 465 In Constantinople an old woman with her candle start a disastrous fire. It was so bad that the emperor escaped across the Golden Horn to remain for six months [PLRE II, 167][Bury L I, 321]

Sep 3 III Non.

- 175 BC Death of Seleucis IV [CAW, 219]
- 168 BC Eclipse before the battle of Pynda. It was predicted by C. Sulpicius Gallus [Livy XLIV, 37, 38] ([P-Livy 4, 590] gives the Julian date of June 21.)
- 36 BC At the naval battle at Naulochus, Agrippa takes Sicily from Sextus Pompey in the name of the triumvirs [Huzar, 144][CIL I, 324, 377][CIL VI, 2295]
- 34 BC Triumph of Antony's general C. Sosius over Judea [CIL I, 461]
- 112 Burial of Marciana, who died August 29. Matidia is declared Augusta [Garz, 354]
- 195 A soldier of Pannonian Legion X Gemina, returning to Europe from Parthia, drops dead at Anyra in Galatia [Bir SS, 118]

Sep 4 Prid. Non.

- *Ludi Romani. These games, lasting until the 19th, were originally promised to the gods in the event of a Roman victory. Originally they were held on September 13 only, but during the Republic they spread before and after the 13th, to encompass September 5 through 19 before Caesar's death. The 4th was added in honor of Caesar* [FCRR, 183][L-HA II, 250n][P-Cic SW, 48n][CIL VI, 2297]
- 295 BC Triumph of Q. Fabius Maximus over the Samnites, Etruscans, and Gauls [CIL I, 456]
- 57 BC Cicero triumphantly returns to Rome through the Porta Capena [PRP, 21][Kap, 121][Sto, 193][Ward, 248]
- 476 Odovacer kills Paulus<sup>23</sup>, brother of Orestes, at Ravenna, and deposes Romulus Augustus, who is banished to the villa of Lucullus (the site of Tiberius' death). End of the western empire [PLRE][EB 19, 522]

- Sep 5 Nones
- *Ludi Romani, day 2.*
  - Temple dedicated to Jupiter Stator near the Circus Flaminius between 187 and 146 BC. Its other date was September 23 [NTD, 226][FCRR, 183]
- 57 BC Cicero makes a speech of thanks to the senate for recalling him from exile [Bailey, 73]  
[Seag P, 110][Sto, 194]
- Famine-induced grain riot occurs in Rome. This will lead to Pompey's corn administration [Gelzer, 117]
- 394 The forces of Theodosius and Arbogast clash at the Frigidus-Vipava, a tributary of the Isonzo; the first day of battle is inconclusive [F&B II, 464][Wolf, 138]
- 435 Aetius becomes *patricius* at Ravenna [PLRE]
- Sep 6 VIII Id.
- *Ludi Romani, day 3.*
- 394 In battle of the Frigidus against Theodosius, Eugenius and Nichomachus Flavianus perish, and Arbogast kills himself. The old pagan aristocracy loses to Christians [PLRE][Sear][Lanc R, 347][F&B II, 464?][WWW][RIC IX, xliii][Wolf, 138]
- Sep 7 VII Id.
- *Ludi Romani, day 4.*
- 250 BC Triumph of L. Caecilius Metellus over the Carthaginians [CIL I, 458]
- 57 BC Cicero proposes that Pompey be granted an extraordinary commission to ensure Rome's grain supply [Ward, 248][Sto, 194]
- Clodius instigates riots outside the senate house and a theater [Seag P, 110]
- 355 Constantius has Silvanus assassinated in Gaul. See August 11 [RIC VIII, 26]
- Sep 8 VI Id.
- *Ludi Romani, day 5.*
- 70 Jerusalem is razed after Titus' five month siege [BWJ, 289][PRE II, 215]
- 335 Athanasian priests of the Mareotis declare Athanasius innocent of the charges brought against him at the Council of Tyre [C&E, 238]
- 364 Florentius<sup>5</sup> becomes *comites Sacrarum Largitionum* [PLRE]
- Sep 9 V Id.
- *Ludi Romani, day 6.*
- 3 Gaius Caesar is seriously wounded by arrow at Artagira—his career swandives. See February 21, 4 [Seag T, 36]
- 214? Birth of Aurelian in Moesia Superior [PLRE][CIL I, 350]
- 276 Florianus is killed by his own soldiers near Tarsus, preventing a battle against Probus [PLRE]
- 337 Constantine II, Constans, and Constantius are declared Augusti in Constantinople [PLRE]  
[LRE I, 112][Bar, 8][RIC VIII, 7, 19][C&E, 262]
- Several members of Constantine's family are executed. Julian's father and elder brother, Constantine's half-brother Delmatius, and Delmatius' sons are among them [Frend, 528, 944]
- 340 Constantius addresses the new senate of Constantinople, establishes three annual praetorships, and limits the amount of cash they can use in splurging for public games [LRE I, 132]  
[C&E, 262]
- 384 Honorius is born to Theodosius and Flacilla [PLRE][Hol, 23][Bury L I, 106n]

- Sep 10    III Id.
- *Ludi Romani, day 7.*
- 392 The charge of peculation against judges is upgraded to a capital offence [C Th, 9.28.1]
- 422 Caelestinus I becomes Pope [Lanc R, 578]
- *Byzantine period. Annual observance in Constantinople of the holy career of Pulcheria* [Hol, 227]
- 506 Alaric II convenes the Council of Agde in an attempt to unite Arrian Goths and Roman Catholics [Wolf, 193]
- Sep 11    III Id.
- *Ludi Romani, day 8.*
- 431 Theodosius, at Chalcedon, meets with 8 bishops from each side of the Ephesus quagmire. The meeting concludes on the 17th. See July 1-5 [Hol, 171-2]
- Sep 12    Prid. Id.
- *Ludi Romani, day 9.*
- ca. 208-210 A Thracian delegation which journeyed to Britain is received favorably by the sons of Severus [Bir SS, 180]
- 303 Iunius Tiberianus regains his position as Rome's urban prefect, replacing Nummius Tuscus<sup>1</sup> [Bar, 111][PLRE]
- Sep 13    Ides
- 509 BC *Dedication of the Temple of Jupiter Optimus Maximus to Jupiter, Juno and Minerva on the Capitol by the consul M. Horatius Pulvillus—thus the Ludi Romani, an annual event by 366 BC* [FCRR, 183][Lanc R, 296][NTD, 222]
- *Feast of Jupiter, also November 13* [L-HA II, 250n][FCRR, 186]
- 91 BC The tribune M. Livius Drusus summons the senate; he and L. Licinius Crassus clash with the consul L. Marcius Philippus. Philippus seized some of Crassus' property, after which Crassus delivers his celebrated speech against Philippus. Drusus was a radical optimate, and his "revolutionary cause of Italian enfranchisement" will lead to his death and the Social War [RR, 140]
- 45 BC Caesar writes his will at Lavicum, leaving three quarters of his estate and his name to Octavian. The rest is split between L. Pindarus and Q. Pedius, two other grandsons of his sister [L-Suet, 113]
- 16 The plans of M. Scribonius Libo Drusus against Tiberius, Germanicus and Drusus, along with his magical practices, are exposed. Thus Libo renders himself dead [TD 6, 54ed][CIL I, 324] [Seag T, 92]
- 81 Titus dies at his family home near Reate [L-Suet, 339][CAW, 238][FRE, 9, 11]
- 335 Eusebius speaks at the solemn dedication the of Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. Celebrations continue until September 20 [GR&B 18, 342][C&E, 238]

- Sep 14 XVII Kal. Oct. XVIII Kal. Oct. XVIII Kal. Oct.  
 • *Ludi Romani, day 11.*  
 • *Cavalry parade, probably during the Empire only* [FCRR, 188]  
 23 Death of Drusus, possibly poisoned by his wife Livilla, the sister of Germanicus and mistress of Sejanus [CAW, 234][TD 6, 54ed][Seag T, 184][Garz, 54]  
 81 Domitian declared Emperor. Senatorial confirmation will come September 30 [Barrett, 71] [CIL VI, 2060]  
 258 Cyprian, bishop of Carthage, is beheaded in Valerian's persecution by the proconsul Galerius Maximus [CAW, 243][Chad, 120][NE, 224] ([Frend, 326] says the sentencing took place September 13, but gives no date for the execution.)  
 407 John Chrysostom dies in Comana on his way to further exile to Pityus on the Black Sea [WWW][Bury L I, 158][Chad, 190]  
 533 Belisarius takes Carthage, the day after his victory over the Vandals at Ad Decimum [Frend, 832]
- Sep 15 XVI Kal. Oct. XVIII Kal. Oct. XVII Kal. Oct.  
 • *Ludi Romani, day 12.*  
 145 Trial of Cornelius Priscianus, who made an attempt at insubordination in Spain [Garz, 447]  
 307 Death of Severus, as a captive of Maximian [C&E, 299n][Bar, 5n, 94] (The latter source says possibly September 16.)
- Sep 16 XV Kal. Oct. XVII Kal. Oct. XVI Kal. Oct.  
 • *Ludi Romani, day 13.*  
 363 Christianity is once again declared the official religion of the empire [Frend, 616]  
 384 No one, except specially-exempted retired public officials of high merit, shall be free of the obligation to quarter traveling government and military personnel [C Th, 7.8.3]
- Sep 17 XIII Kal. Oct. XVI Kal. Oct. XV Kal. Oct.  
 • *Ludi Romani, day 14.*  
 14 The senate deifies Augustus, invests Tiberius with the purple, presents Germanicus with proconsular imperium, and votes honors to Livia [TD 6, 4][Seag T, 55][Garz, 16][Barrett, 8] [FGN, 269][CIL I, 324, 377][RCS, 78]  
 335 Constantine performs his part in the dedication of Jerusalem's new Church of the Holy Sepulchre. See September 13 [Frend, 527]
- Sep 18 XIII Kal. Oct. XV Kal. Oct. XIII Kal. Oct.  
 • *Ludi Romani, day 15.*  
 331 BC Alexander crosses the Tigris [Green, xxxv]  
 53 (possibly AD 56) Birth of Trajan in Italica in Spain. He takes his father's name [Hen, 10n] [YCS VII, 6, 285][CIL I, 350]  
 96 Domitian falls in palace plot. He is stabbed to death in his bedroom by Stephanus, Clodianus, Maximus, and Satur at 5 AM. Later, Nerva is declared emperor [Sear][L-Suet, 379][CAW, 238] [TD 6, 153][Garz, 294]  
 324 Constantine's army defeats Licinius at Chrysopolis. Licinius flees to Nicomedia [CAW, 246] [Bar, 75][C&E, 77][C&C, 115][Frend, 484]  
 335 In Jerusalem Constantine declares Dalmatius, son of Fl. Dalmatius, Caesar [PLRE][Bar, 8] [C&E, 251][RIC VIII, 4]  
 411 The head of the usurper Constantius, who ruled in Gaul and Spain, arrives in Ravenna. He was killed by Honorius' order [PLRE]

- Sep 19 XII Kal. Oct. XIII Kal. Oct. XIII Kal. Oct.  
 • *Last day of the Ludi Romani.*  
 54 BC Gabinius, governor of Syria, reaches the outskirts of Rome to face treason charges concocted by his enemies. The trial will be held October 23 [Seag P, 136]  
 44 BC Antony delivers a savage invective against an absent Cicero in the senate [Syme, 123]  
 [Huzar, 98][Sto, 293][Bailey, 245]  
 14 Egypt formally recognizes Tiberius as emperor [Garz, 16]  
 86 Birth of Antoninus Pius at Lanuvium to Arria Fadilla and T. Aurelius Fulvus [Hen, 261]  
 [YCS VII, 6, 245, 285][Garz, 436][CIL I, 350]  
 310 Four Egyptian Christians are executed at Phaeno in Palestine [C&E, 154]  
 324 Abdication of Licinius in Nicomedia. He is later sent to Thessalonica [Bar, 7, 82]
- Sep 20 XI Kal. Oct. XIII Kal. Oct. XII Kal. Oct.  
 • *Following the Ludi Romani, four days of markets and fairs begin* [FCRR, 188]  
 331 BC (night) Eclipse of moon before Gaugamela [P-QCR, 302ed]  
 70 BC Conviction of G. Verres, former governor of Sicily. He is condemned in absentia and fined [P-Cic SW, 39n] ([Sto, 44] says August 14.)  
 46 BC (Julian date July 20) First day of Caesar's triumphs over Gaul, Egypt, the kings Pharnaces and Juba, and unwillingly attended by Vercingetorix, Arsinoe (sister of Cleopatra), and the four year old prince Juba. Festivities continue until October 1 [Bal, 157][Gelzer, 284]  
 ? Anniversary of the creation of the Legion I Italica [YCS VII, 285]  
 420 Death of Jerome in Jerusalem [Frend, 715]
- Sep 21 X Kal. Oct. XII Kal. Oct. XI Kal. Oct.  
 • *Mercatus, day 2.*  
 19 BC Death of Virgil in Brundisium, after travelling with a high fever [L-Suet, 477][CAW, 231]  
 37 Caligula is granted the title *Pater Patriae* [Barrett, xiii, 74, 86]  
 454 Valentinian III murders Aetius, who was accused of treason [WWW][Bury L I, 299][PLRE]  
 (The latter source says possibly September 22.)
- Sep 22 VIII Kal. Oct. XI Kal. Oct. X Kal. Oct.  
 • *Mercatus, day 3.*  
 343 BC Triumph of A. Cornelius Cossus over the Samnites [CIL I, 455]  
 45 or 46 Senate passes a law prohibiting speculators from buying buildings, destroying them, and selling the property for a profit [RCS, 211]  
 409 Anyone so bold as to divert water from the Nile before it reaches the height of 12 cubits shall be cast into the avenging fire [C Th, 9.32.1]  
 417 Council at Turin of the Milanese diocese divides the province of Viennensis into two parts, one with the old metropolis of Vienne, the other headed by Arles [Bury L I, 363]
- Sep 23 VIII Kal. Oct. X Kal. Oct. VIII Kal. Oct.  
 • *Mercatus, day 4.*  
 63 BC Birth of Augustus as G. Octavius at Velitrae. Atia, neice of Caesar, and C. Octavius are the proud parents [RCS, 568][L-Suet, 129][YCS VII, 6, 286][CIL I, 298, 306, 326, 350, 377]  
 • *Dedication of the Temple of Jupiter Stator in the Circus Flaminius. Today is possibly a rededication by Octavia* [NTD, 226]  
 32 BC *The consul C. Sosius rededicates the Temple of Apollo in the Circus Flaminius, adding many famous works of art* [FCRR, 188][NTD, 245]  
 38 Consecration of Drusilla, Caligula's sister, who died June 10 [Barrett, xiii, 87][CIL VI, 2028]  
 417 Augustine, in Carthage, delivers Sermon CXXXI against Pelagianism [Frend, 678]

- Sep 24 VII Kal. Oct. VIII Kal. Oct. VIII Kal. Oct.  
 299 BC Triumph of M. Fulvius over the Samnites “Nequinatiusque” [CIL I, 456]  
 47 BC Caesar lands at Tarentum on his way to Rome [Gelzer, 261][Sto, 268] (The latter source says possibly September 25.)  
 14 Birth of the future emperor Aulus Vitellius, son of L. Vitellius. The date may be September 7 [L-Suet, 253]  
 415 News arrives in Constantinople that Athauf, husband of Galla Placidia, has been assassinated in Barcelona. The killing occurred in late August or early September. Games and fireworks are put on in celebration [Wolf, 164]  
 419 Revealing the secrets of shipbuilding to barbarians shall hereafter be a capital crime [C Th, 9.40.24]
- Sep 25 VI Kal. Oct. VIII Kal. Oct. VII Kal. Oct.  
 27 BC Triumph of M. Messala, for drubbing the Aquitani in Gaul. This is probably also his birthday [RGA, 62n]  
 66 Arval Brothers take vows for the safe return of Nero and his wife, who are preparing to visit Greece [Grif, 162][CIL VI, 2044]  
 233 Severus Alexander, fresh from eastern victories, addresses the senate [L-HA II, 291]  
 275 Tacitus assumes the purple [L-HA III, 301]  
 326 Novatians are granted tolerance, and receive back their churches and cemeteries [C&C, 146]  
 438 Earthquake in Constantinople [Hol, 188]
- Sep 26 V Kal. Oct. VII Kal. Oct. VI Kal. Oct.  
 46 BC Dedication of the Forum Iulium and its Temple to Venus Genetrix, even though it was completed in 54 BC. This is part of the Caesarean celebrations which began September 20 [Gelzer, 286][CIL I, 298][CIL VI, 2294][FCRR, 167, 188, 279][NTD, 166]  
 14 Drusus arrives at Nauportus to suppress rebellious Pannonian legions [Seag T, 60]  
 352 Naeratius Cerealis<sup>2</sup> becomes Constantius’ first Urban Prefect of Rome [PLRE][RIC VIII, 24]  
 428 An in-court memorial is celebrated by Theodosius II and the allies of Nestorius, in honor of the long-dead John Chrysostom [Hol, 152]
- Sep 27 IIII Kal. Oct. VI Kal. Oct. V Kal. Oct.  
 54 BC Gabinius enters Rome secretly at night. See September 19 [Seag P, 136]  
 33 Psenmonthes pays 6 drachmas 4 obols for the dyke tax and 4 1/2 obols for his bath tax in Egyptian Thebes [RCS, 392]  
 315 Constantine leaves Rome after celebrating his decennalia there. His arch was dedicated during this visit [JRS LXIII, 38][JRS LXIV, 47][C&E, 66]  
 363 Roman forces reach Edessa in retreat from Persia [RIC VIII, 30]  
 — Athanasius and Jovian meet in Hierapolis, and the Alexandrian bishop has imperial favor once again [Frend, 616]  
 397 Death of Nectarius, patriarch of Constantinople. He will be replaced by John Chrysostom next February 26 [Bury L I, xxii]

- Sep 28 III Kal. Oct. V Kal. Oct. IIII Kal. Oct.
- 61 BC In the first of two days, Pompey celebrates triumphs over Asia, Pontus, Armenia, Paphlagonia, Cappadocia, Cilicia, Syria, the Scythians, Jews and Albanians, Iberia, the island of Crete, the Bastarnians, and Kings Mithridates and Tigranes [RCS, 286][Gelzer, 66][CIL I, 460]
  - 48 BC Pompey is stabbed and decapitated on the beach in Egypt on Ptolemy's orders [CAW, 228][Momm IV, 399][Fuller, 243]
  - 321 Constantine orders that all the commentaries of Ulpian and Paulus on the jurist Papinian be destroyed [C Th, 1.4.1]
  - 351 Constantius defeats Magnentius at Mursa in Pannonia. Magnentius retreats to Italy, and later to Gaul [LRE I, 113][RIC VIII, 11, 24][Frend, 534]
  - 365 Usurper Procopius assumes the purple in Constantinople [PLRE]

- Sep 29 Prid. Kal. Oct. IIII Kal. Oct. III Kal. Oct.
- 106 BC Birth of Pompey in Rome. His father is Gn. Pompeius Strabo [Seag P, 5][PRA, 234][SFP (Velleius), 2.53.4]
  - 57 BC Cicero, in his *de domo sua ad pontifices*, defends his unpopular corn bill [Sto, 196]
  - 51 BC Senate passes a measure requiring itself to decide on Caesar's status March 1, 50 BC [RCS, 280][Gelzer, 177][PRP, 103][Seag P, 153][Sto, 248ff]
  - 8 BC Death of Maecenas, literary patron to greats such as Virgil, Horace, Propertius, and Varius. If Suetonius intended the Roman inclusive count, the death took place September 30 [L-Suet, 491]

- Sep 30 — III Kal. Oct. Prid. Kal. Oct.
- 51 BC Tribunes veto a measure to prevent a veto on the future March 1, 50 decree; also, Cilicia is degraded from a Consular to a Praetorian province [PRP, 104ff]
  - 81 Domitian is formally installed as emperor by the senate [Barrett, 71][CIL VI, 2060]
  - 257 Bareius Zoticus and his wife Flavia Verecunda dedicate a statue to the Vestal Virgin Flavia Publicia [Lanc R, 229]
  - 489 Odovacer flees south to Ravenna after another defeat at the Adige river in northern Italy [Wolf, 281]

Sep 31 — Prid. Kal. Oct. —

**October.** 31 days to 46 BC, 30 days 45 BC to 9 BC, 31 days from 8 BC.

- Oct 1 Kalends
- 331 BC Alexander beats Darius at Gaugamela [P-Arr, 404ed][P-QCR, 302ed][Tarn A, 49][Green, xxxv] (The latter source says possibly September 30.)
  - 254 BC *Temple dedicated by A. Atilius Calatinus to Fides Publicae on the Capitol* [FCRR, 189][NTD, 151]
  - 172 BC Triumph on the Alban Mount of C. Cicereius [CIL I, 459]
  - 31 P. Memmius Regulus, a modest provincial man, becomes suffect consul [Barrett, 90]
  - 208 or 205 Possible birth of Severus Alexander, son of Julia Mamaea and Gessius Marcianus [L-HA II, 300n, 305][CIL I, 352][YCS VII, 163, 264, 286]
  - 325 Constantine decrees that all who are condemned to death by wild beasts shall suffer forced labor instead, in an attempt to end gladiatorial exhibitions [C Th, 15.12.1]
  - 431 Maximian, sympathetic to Cyril, replaces the embattled Nestorius as Bishop of Constantinople [Hol, 172]

- Oct 2 VI Non.
- 48 BC Caesar sails into Alexandria's harbor to discover that Pompey has been murdered [Bal, 137] [Gelzer, 246]
  - 44 BC Antony denounces Caesar's assassins in popular assembly [Jones A, 16][Syme, 123][Sto, 293]
  - 313 First day of the three day Council of Rome. Meetings were held in the palace of Fausta in the Lateran. The verdict was delivered October 5 [C&C, 97][C&E, 57][PLRE I, 16][Frend, 490]
  - 534 Death of Athalaric, king of the Ostrogoths and the last grandson of Theoderic, of an illness brought on by his debauchery [PLRE][LRE I, 275][Wolf, 337]
- Oct 3 V Non.
- 78 BC G. Pumidius Diphilus writes his name on the basilica wall in Pompeii [COV, 224n]
  - 382 *Magister militum* Saturninus negotiates for the peaceful settlement of Goths in Lower Moesia [LRE I, 157][Wolf, 133, 368]
- Oct 4 IIII Non.
- 258 BC G. Aquillius Florus celebrates a triumph over Carthage [RCS, 219][CIL I, 458]
    - *The Ieiunium Cereris, a fast in honor of Ceres. It was held beginning 191 BC every five years, but by the time of Augustus it was annual* [FCRR, 190]
  - 160 The soldier Claudius Julianus buys a Cretan woman named Theudote for 420 denarii. Diocletian's fixed price for such a slave will be 25,000 denarii [G&RS, 109]
- Oct 5 III Non.
- *Opening of the mundus for the second time. See August 24* [Hus, 117][FCRR, 191]
  - 258 BC G. Atilius Paterculus celebrates his triumph over the Carthaginians and Sardinia [RCS, 219] [CIL I, 458]
    - *Ludi Fortunae Reducis, Augustan games established in 11 BC. They continue until October 12* [CIL I, 325]
  - 313 Miltiades delivers the decision of the Council of Rome: Caecilianus is acquitted and the Donatus are condemned. The council began October 2 [Frend, 490, 616]
  - 359 The fortress Amida falls to the Persians, who now have access to Armenia [Frend, 599, 948]
  - 363 Meletius convenes a council in Antioch with 25 bishops [Frend, 616]
  - 364 Edict of Valentinian and Valens prohibits the unauthorized use or ownership of weapons [C Th, 15.15]
  - 456 At the river Urbicus near Astorga, Theoderic beats the Suevi under their Catholic leader Rechiar [Bury L I, 327]
- Oct 6 Prid. Non.
- 241 BC Triumph of Q. Valerius Falto for his March 10 naval victory over Sicily [CIL I, 458]
  - 105 BC Romans, under the commanders Caepio and Mallius, are badly defeated at Arausio by the Cimbri and Teutons; Italy is left defenseless [Momm III, 172][FCRR, 46]
  - 69 BC Force of 10,000 under Lucullus clubs Tigranes' 225,000 near Tigranocerta in Armenia [PRA, 75]
    - *Ludi Fortunae Reducis, day 2.*
  - 404 Eudoxia dies from a miscarriage [PLRE][Hol, 53][Bury L I, 159]

- Oct 7 Nones
- *Dedication of the shrine to Jupiter Fulgar (lightning) in the Campus Martius* [FCRR, 191] [NTD, 219]
  - *Dedication of the shrine to Juno Curitis in the Campus Martius* [FCRR, 191][NTD, 214]
- 241 BC Triumph of C. Lutatius Catulus over the Carthaginians and naval victory over Sicily. See March 10 [CIL I, 458]
- ca. 14 BC Birth of Drusus Caesar, son of Tiberius and Vipsania [RCS, 66][Seag T, 25n]
- *Ludi Fortunae Reducis, day 3.*
- 336 Death of Marcus, Bishop of Rome [Lanc R, 578]
- Oct 8 VIII Id.
- *Ludi Fortunae Reducis, day 4.*
- 316 Licinius is defeated at Cibalae by Constantine and retreats to Sirmium [Bar, 15] [JRS LXIII, 36, 316][Burk, 278][C&C, 212][C&E, 67] ([Burk] and [C&C] wrongly say AD 314.)
- 329 Petronius Probianus<sup>3</sup> becomes prefect of Rome [Bar, 11][PLRE]
- 451 Council of Chalcedon begins, will condemn the pro-Nestorians and the Second Council of Ephesus, declare Flavian, who died last year in exile, to be orthodox, and depose and condemn Dioscorus of Alexandria. The council ends November 10 [LRE I, 220][Hol, 213][Frend, 770]
- Oct 9 VII Id.
- *Sacrifices are offered to Genius Populi Romani, Fausta Felicitas, and Venus Victrix on the Capitol* [FCRR, 191][NTD, 181]
- 170 BC Senate decrees that the praetor Q. Maenius should delegate five senators to hear the Thisbeans, a people recently under Roman rule, on their affairs and problems. See October 14 [RCS, 314]
- 44 BC Antony leaves for Brundisium to meet Macedonian legions to challenge Brutus in Cisalpine Gaul [Syme, 124][Jones A, 16][Sto, 294][Bailey, 248]
- 28 BC *Octavian dedicates the Temple of Apollo on Palatine. He vowed the temple in 36 BC during the campaign against Sextus Pompey. It was built on land which was rendered public property because it had been struck by lightning* [CAW, 231][RGA, 48n][CIL I, 329][CIL VI, 2295] [NTD, 14]
- *Ludi Fortunae Reducis, day 5.*
- Oct 10 VI Id.
- *Celebrations are held at the Temple of Juno Moneta, associated with a rededication of the temple. See June 1* [NTD, 215][FCRR, 191]
- 54 BC Gabinius, accused of treason in Syria, is reviled in a public meeting by the tribune Memmius [Seag P, 136]
- *Ludi Fortunae Reducis, day 6.*
- 19 Death of Germanicus in Antioch at age 33, probably from disease [CAW, 233][Garz, 42] [Barrett, xii, 15][CIL I, 329][Lev, 21]
- 353 Constantius sponsors lavish games at Arles as his Tricennalia gets underway [RIC VIII, 25] [P-AM, 43] (The latter source says AD 354.)
- ? (after 408) Dedication of Theodosius' Hagia Sophia in Constantinople. The old church burned June 20, 404 [BG-Ist, 73]
- 425 Death of Atticus, bishop of Constantinople [Hol, 148][Bury L I, xxii]

- Oct 11 V Id.
- *MEDITRINALIA*. A toast is drunk of old and new wine for healing purposes [FCRR, 192] [YCS VII, 287]
  - *Ludi Fortunae Reducis*, day 7.
- 54 BC Cicero to his brother: All candidates for the Consulship have been indicted for bribery [Fuller, 170]
- 366 Bithynia is rocked by an earthquake, ruining Nicaea [Kaegi, 196]
- Oct 12 IIII Id.
- 34 BC Triumph of C. Norbanus Flaccus for his victory in Spain [CIL I, 461]
- 19 BC *Main and last day of the Augustalia, or Ludi Fortunae Reducis*. It was first celebrated in 19 BC with Augustus' arrival in Rome [YCS VII, 163, 287][Jones A, 59][RGA, 34n][CIL I, 325, 377] [NTD, 157]
- 166 Commodus and Annius Verus, at ages 5 and 3 respectively, are declared Caesars. M. Antoninus and L. Verus each receive the title *pater patriae* as they celebrate a triumph over Parthia [CAW, 240][Bir MA, 147]
- 386 Theodosius celebrates a triumph over the Greuthungi [RIC IX, xliii]
- 404 Burial of Aelia Eudoxia in Constantinople's Church of the Holy Apostles [PLRE]
- Oct 13 III Id.
- *FONTINALIA*, in honor of *Fons*, god of springs [FCRR, 192][Lanc R, 132]
- 231 BC *Shrine of Fons* is dedicated by C. Papirius Maso outside the *Porta Fontinalis* [NTD, 153] [FCRR, 278]
- 51 BC Roman forces under Cicero scour the mountains of Cilicia, destroying rebel bases [Bailey, 121ff]
- 45 BC With no victory to justify it, Q. Fabius Maximus, Caesar's legate, celebrates a triumph over Spain [RCS, 220][Gelzer, 309][CIL I, 461]
- 54 Claudius succumbs to a poisoned mushroom of Agrippina. Really, she may not be responsible for his death [L-Suet, 81][Warm, 19][Garz, 143][Barrett, xiv][Lev, 78]
- Nero is acclaimed emperor, to be officially installed December 4 [Barrett, 71][Lev, 78]
- 58 L. Salvius Otho Titianus leads the Arval Brethren in sacrifices for Nero's well being [RCS, 554] [CIL VI, 2041]
- Oct 14 Prid. Id.
- *Dedication of the Temple to the Penates Dei on the Velia* [NTD, 289][FCRR, 193]
- 170 BC Senate decrees that Boeotian League member Thisbae should manage its own affairs. See October 9 [RCS, 315]
- 73 BC Senate considers the taxability of the sanctuary of the god Amphiaraus at Orpheus. A measure was passed October 16 [RCS, 345]
- 410 Emperors issue a rescript demanding the formation of a council to settle the Donatist controversy. Count Fl. Marcellinus is appointed judge. See July 3, 411 [CH LX(1), 9]

- Oct 15 Ides
- *The Ludi Capitolini, or Capitoline Games. These were not public games, but were given by the College of Capitolini* [FCRR, 194]
  - *Race of two-horse chariots in the Campus Martius. The right hand horse of the winning pair is sacrificed to Mars* [Carc, 207][YCS VII, 163][ARC, 222][FCRR, 193]
- 309 BC Triumph of L. Papirius Cursor over the Samnites [CIL I, 456]
- 70 BC Birth of Vergil in Andes near Mantua [L-Suet II, 465] ([CIL I, 353] says October 14.)
- 68 Galba dedicates a statue commemorating his restoration of liberty to the Roman people [Garz, 197]
- 138 The Senate authorizes Lucilius Africanus, *vir clarissimus*, to establish a market in Casae in North Africa on III Non. and XII Kal. each month [RCS, 337]
- 172 Augustan History date for Marcus Aurelius and Commodus being appended with the title “Germanicus” [Bir MA, 174]
- 412 Theophilus, bishop of Alexandria, dies. He will be replaced by Cyril [PLRE, 3][Bury L I, xxiii]
- Oct 16 XVII Kal. Nov. XVI Kal. Nov. XVII Kal. Nov.
- 73 BC Senate decrees that the sanctuary of the god Amphiaraus at Oropus is tax-exempt [RCS, 346]
- Oct 17 XVI Kal. Nov. XV Kal. Nov. XVI Kal. Nov.
- ? (before 79) A Pompeian bitch, Puteolana, has a litter of 3 males and 2 females [RAH, 264]
- 456 Battle of Placentia: Avitus is defeated and deposed by Ricimer and is to become bishop there [Sear][PLRE][LRE I, 240][Bury L I, 328] (The latter source says possibly October 18.)
- Oct 18 XV Kal. Nov. XIII Kal. Nov. XV Kal. Nov.
- *Ludi Circenses Iovi Liberatori* [YCS VII, 287]
- 59 BC In today’s delayed consular elections, Gabinius and Piso, the choices of the triumvirs, are the successful candidates [Gelzer, 96]
- 17 *Temple of Janus, near the Theater of Marcellus and recently rebuilt, is dedicated* [HLL, 326n] [NTD, 206]
- 31 Sejanus is present in the Temple of Apollo on the Palatine for a senate meeting. Tiberius’ letter denouncing Sejanus is read, and the prefect is condemned, to be strangled later in the day. Macro is now Praetorian Prefect [TD 6, 54][Garz, 61-62][Barrett, xiii, 28][FGN, 277]
- 33 Agrippina dies of self-inflicted starvation in exile on a small Mediterranean island [Mer V, 238] [Barrett, 32][Grif, 25]
- 331 Should anyone appeal a judgement in a suit and lose a second time, it is off to the mines for two years for the poor, and for the wealthy, half of all property to the fisc [C Th, 1.5.3]
- 412 Cyril, future murderer of Hypatia, becomes Bishop of Alexandria [Bury L I, xxiii]
- Oct 19 XIII Kal. Nov. XIII Kal. Nov. XIII Kal. Nov.
- 202 BC Scipio beats Hannibal near Zama [SCD, 259]
- *Festival of ARMILUSTRUM. The purification of weapons, and the traditional close of the campaign season. It was held in the Armilustrum Square on the Aventine* [Bir MA, 37] [Carc, 204][YCS VII, 163][NTD, 39][FCRR, 195]
- 63 BC Senate meets on the Catilinarian crisis, ordering a special investigation [JRS IV, 56ff][Kap, 80]
- 48 BC (possibly 47 BC) Octavian assumes the *toga virilis* and at a precocious age is elected to the College of Pontiffs [CIL I, 329] ([EB 2, 686] says October 18.)
- 439 Geiseric takes Carthage by surprise, and begins to build a fleet [Bury, 124][PLRE, 254] [Frend, 795]
- Chronological era of the Vandals begins [Bury L I, 257]
- 443 Valentinian waives the debts of all Africans who were dispossessed in the Vandal conquest [C Th (N Val), 12]

- Oct 20 XIII Kal. Nov. XII Kal. Nov. XIII Kal. Nov.  
 162 In Alburnus Major, Alexander, son of Cariccus, borrows 60 denarii from Julius Alexander at 1% per month [RCS, 218]  
 460 Death of Aelia Eudocia, wife of Theodosius II, in exile in Jerusalem [Sear][PLRE][WWW]
- Oct 21 XII Kal. Nov. XI Kal. Nov. XII Kal. Nov.  
 88 BC P. Servilius Vata celebrates a triumph [CIL I, 460]  
 63 BC Crassus turns over incriminating documents to Cicero, Cicero informs the senate of Catiline's plans, and the senate invests the consuls with extraordinary powers: *Senatus consultum de re publica defenda*. This gives Cicero total power, as his colleague, Gaius Antonius, was a useless wretch [Sto, 115, 338][P-Cic PS, 74ed][Kap, 78][P-Sall, 173ed][Bailey, 32][Ward, 181][FGN, 109] (Others, like [L-Sall, 149n], say October 20.)  
 51 BC Pindenissum, in Cilicia, is besieged on the proconsul Cicero's orders. The siege will last eight weeks [Bailey, 122]  
 38 Fire destroys much of the Aemilian district in Rome [Barrett, xiii]  
 308 Pope Eusebius, exiled by Maxentius, dies in Sicily [C&E, 38]  
 346 On Constantius' invitation, Athanasius triumphantly re-enters Alexandria, returning to his see [LRE I, 115][AJAH 3, 65][RIC VIII, 22][Frend, 946]
- Oct 22 XI Kal. Nov. X Kal. Nov. XI Kal. Nov.  
 180 Commodus celebrates a triumph in Rome after concluding a shameful peace with the Germans [Bir SS, 59]  
 362 During Julian's visit, the Temple of Apollo burns at Daphne. It is probably the work of Christian fanatics [L-Julian III, 98n, 203n][Brow, 182][L-Lib, 270n][P-AM, 249][RIC VIII, 29]
- Oct 23 X Kal. Nov. VIII Kal. Nov. X Kal. Nov.  
 54 BC Gabinius goes on trial for treason, being defended unenthusiastically and successfully by Cicero. Later this year Gabinius will stand trial for extortion, to be unsuccessfully defended by Cicero [Bailey, 93][Seag P, 137]  
 42 BC Brutus and Cassius lose to Antony and Octavian at the first battle of Philippi; Cassius chooses suicide [Syme, 205][Jones A, 25][Huzar, 126]  
 12 Tiberius celebrates his Pannonian and Dalmatian triumph [Seag T, 45][Garz, 12, 562]  
 424 Helion, at the request of Theodosius II, crowns Valentinian III Caesar in Thessalonica [Kaegi, 20][PLRE]  
 425 Helion crowns Valentinian III Augustus in Rome [Sear][PLRE][Kaegi, 23][Bury L I, xx, 224] [CIL I, 353]
- Oct 24 VIII Kal. Nov. VIII Kal. Nov. VIII Kal. Nov.  
 31 Sejanus' eldest son Strabo is strangled [TD 6, 54][Seag T, 222][Garz, 579]  
 51 Birth of Domitian in the Pomegranate region in Rome, to Flavia Domitilla and Vespasian [L-Suet, 339][FRE, 11][P-Suet, 299]  
 114 Longinus Hy. . . , a non-Roman who served in the Roman army and cohabitated with a Roman woman, manages to get their two sons Longinus Apollinarius and Longinus Pomponius declared citizens, though he cannot be made their legal father [RCS, 518]  
 362 Athanasius leaves Alexandria for exile in upper Egypt [L-Julian III, 144n]

- Oct 25 VIII Kal. Nov. VII Kal. Nov. VIII Kal. Nov.
- 44 BC Cicero receives news that Scaptius has secret news from Brutus [Sto, 294]
  - 304 Death of Marcellus, ex-bishop of Rome, who had cooperated with the persecutors by handing over scriptures [C&E, 38]
  - 339 Fabius Titianus<sup>6</sup> becomes Rome's urban prefect [PLRE]
  - 408 Stilicho's property is confiscated [PLRE][C Th, 9.42.21]
  - 451 The "torches of the orthodox faith", Marcian and Pulcheria, attend today's proceedings of the Council of Chalcedon. Marcian reads the final draft. See October 8 [Frend, 771][Hol, 215]
  - 502 Symmachus is being tried by a synod, and it is here that Arigerius delivers evidence on the violence which occurred in Rome during Symmachus' election as pope in 496. Symmachus will be acquitted. See November 22, 498 [PLRE]
- Oct 26 VII Kal. Nov. VI Kal. Nov. VII Kal. Nov.
- *Ludi Victoriae Sullanae, established in 81 BC. It is a celebration of Sulla's victory over the Samnites at the Colline Gate. Festivities continue until November 1* [FCRR, 196][Carc, 204] [CIL VI, 2295, 2297][FCRR, 196]
  - 31 Apicata, the divorced wife of Sejanus, kills herself, and Decimus Capito Aelanus and Iunilla, daughter of Sejanus, lay dead on the Gemonian steps [TD 6, 54][Garz, 579]
  - 312 Constantine is five miles from Rome, where Maxentius is beginning the annual celebration of his accession with chariot races. The crowd taunts Maxentius, declaring Constantine superior [C&C, 71][Frend, 482]
- Oct 27 VI Kal. Nov. V Kal. Nov. VI Kal. Nov.
- *Ludi Victoriae Sullanae, day 2.*
  - 63 BC C. Manlius wields forces in Etruria to launch the second Catilinarian conspiracy, setting the stage for tomorrow's planned assassinations [Kap, 84][Ward, 181][Gelzer, 48][Sto, 338]
  - 97 Adoption of M. Ulpius Trajanus in absentia by Nerva in the Temple of Jupiter [P-HA, 25ed] [TD 6, 152ed][FRE, 176]
  - 251 Valerian, future emperor, is proclaimed censor by the senate [Gibbon I, 216][L-HA III, 9] [E&B, 215]
  - 312 C. Annius Anullinus replaces Aradius Rufinus as prefect of Rome, and not a day too soon [C&E, 307n]
- Oct 28 V Kal. Nov. IIII Kal. Nov. V Kal. Nov.
- *Ludi Victoriae Sullanae, day 3.*
  - 63 BC Catiline's plan to cause a riot and assassinate today's consuls-elect is a failure [P-Cic PS, 74ed, 81n][Gelzer, 48]
  - *Beginning of the Roman festival of Isis* [Barrett, 220]
  - 306 Maxentius is raised to the purple in Rome by the Praetorians [PLRE][Bar, 12][C&C, 59] [C&E, 30][RIC VI, 27]
  - 312 Constantine wins at the Milvian bridge; Maxentius drowns at Saxa Rubra [Sear][Brow, 20] [Bar, 12][PLRE][C&C, 72][C&E, 43]
- Oct 29 IIII Kal. Nov. III Kal. Nov. IIII Kal. Nov.
- *Ludi Victoriae Sullanae, day 4.*
  - 58 BC Eight Tribunes, against Clodius, publish a bill calling for Cicero's rehabilitation [PRP, 17] [Sto, 192][Gelzer, 113]
  - 312 Constantine enters Rome as emperor [Bar, 71][C&C, 72][C&E, 44][Frend, 482]
  - 437 Licinia Eudoxia marries Valentinian III in Constantinople [Sear][C Th, 3n][PLRE][Kaegi, 27] [Bury L I, 225]
  - 500 Arles is confirmed by the pope as a metropolitan see. See September 22, 417 [Wolf, 201]

Oct 30 III Kal. Nov. Prid. Kal. Nov. III Kal. Nov.

- *Ludi Victoriae Sullanae, day 5.*

- 63 BC Senate responds to Catiline by declaring a state of war [Gelzer, 48]  
130 Antinöus drowns in the Nile opposite Hermopolis [Hen, 131][Garz, 399]  
322 Constantine pardons all criminals except sorcerers, murderers, and adulterers, in honor of the birth of a grandchild [C Th, 9.38.1]  
335 Athanasius arrives in Constantinople after fleeing the council of Tyre [AJAH 3, 63][C&E, 239]  
431 Cyril returns to Alexandria in triumph, after securing the condemnation of Nestorius at Ephesus in July [Hol, 176]

Oct 31 Prid. Kal. Nov. — Prid. Kal. Nov.

- *Ludi Victoriae Sullanae, day 6.*

- 69 Rosius Regulus becomes consul and resigns the same day, to complete the term begun by the rebellious Caecina [YOFE, 162]  
475 Elevation of Romulus Augustulus by Orestes, his father and Master of Soldiers [PLRE] [Bury L I, xx, 405]

**November.** 29 days to 46 BC, 31 days 45 BC to 9 BC, 30 days from 8 BC

Nov 1 Kalends

- 264 BC Triumph of M. Fulvius Flaccus over the Vulsinii [CIL I, 457]  
82 BC Samnites fall to Sulla after their unsuccessful siege of Rome at the Colline Gate [Ward, 63] [Keav, 143][Gelzer, 20][RR, 150][Velleius, ii, 27]  
• *Last day of the Ludi Victoriae Sullanae, and the anniversary of the battle.*  
63 BC Catiline's date for taking Praeneste by surprise. They didn't [P-Cic PS, 74ed][Momm IV, 164] [Sto, 117]  
44 BC Cicero receives a letter from Octavian which contains the latter's intention to assault Antony's legions in Italy [Bailey, 249ff]

Nov 2 IIII Non.

- 54 BC Triumph of the propraetor C. Pomptinus over the Allobroges for his campaigns in 61 and 60 BC. Caesar's political concerns caused the delay [CIL I, 460]  
36 Fire breaks out in the Circus Maximus and spreads to the Aventine [Seag T, 238]  
109 Trajan completes a second gladiatorial exhibition, which lasted 117 days [TD 6, 120]  
282 Death of Probus [Lemp]  
472 Olybrius dies of dropsy [Sear][Kaegi, 47][LRE I, 243][PLRE][Bury L I, xx, 340n]

Nov 3 III Non.

- *Feast of Isis. In the later empire it was known also as "Hilaritas"* [L-HA][YCS VII, 288]
- 57 BC Clodius' hooligans vandalize Cicero's home, still under construction, and attack Quintus' residence [Bailey, 77]  
39 Birth of Lucan in Corduba [P-Lucan, 7ed][Grif, 157]  
361 After his baptism by Antioch's Arian bishop Euzonius, Constantius dies at Mopsocrene in Cilicia of a fever, probably malaria [Sear][Brow, 121][PLRE][Bar, 8][RIC VIII, 14, 29] [Frend, 600, 948]

- Nov 4 Prid. Non.
- *Ludi Plebeii*. Games continue until the 17th. They were established in 220 BC and were originally held in the Circus Flaminius. Later they were moved to the Circus Maximus [L-HA, 250n] [P-Cic SW, 48n][Carc, 203][FCRR, 196]
- 82 BC Meeting of the senate with Sulla while over 3,000 Samnites were being executed next door in the Villa Publica [Lanc R, 472][RR, 150-151] ([Ros R, 113] says November 3, and 8,000 Samnites)
- 44 BC Cicero receives two letters at Puteoli from Octavian, urging him to go to Rome. Octavian now wants to work *with* the senate [Sto, 295][P-Cic LA, 657]
- 512 Riot forms as soldiers disband a gathering of heretics in St. Sophia [Bury L I, 439]
- Nov 5 Nones
- *Ludi Plebeii*, day 2.
- 307 Maximinus orders the execution of Domnius, a Christian [C&C, 65]
- 432 Birth of Sidonius as Gaius Solius Apollinaris Sidonius, probably at Lugdunum [PLRE]
- Nov 6 VIII Id.
- *Ludi Plebeii*, day 3.
- 63 BC Night meeting of Conspirators at the home of M. Porcius Laeca: Cicero must be murdered, Rome set ablaze, slaves must be set free to loot, and other chaotic events must ensue in Italy [P-Sall, 173ed][Sto, 117, 338][FGN, 109]
- 15 Birth of Agrippina the younger to Agrippina the elder and Germanicus, at Oppidum Ubiorum (Cologne). Agrippina was Caligula's sister and Nero's mother [Garz, 156][Grif, 23] [CIL VI, 2039]
- 335 Constantine, entering the Imperial City, is accosted by Athanasius, who convinces the emperor to grant his request to face the hostile council in Constantine's presence [C&E, 239]
- 355 Julian is declared Caesar in Milan by Constantius. He is no longer imprisoned [Sear] [Brow, 108][PLRE][LRE I, 117][P-AM, 83][C&E, 263][RIC VIII, 14, 26][Frend, 598]
- 360 Constantius celebrates his quinquennalia in Vienne [RIC VIII, 28]
- 426 (possibly November 7) Galla Placidia rules in the famous "Law of Citations" that the legal opinions of all the famous jurists may be cited in law cases, and that an interpretation shall be based on a majority among these—Papinian counting for one and a half [C Th, 1.4.3]
- 512 Mob in Constantinople declares the general Areobindus emperor [Bury L I, 439]
- Nov 7 VII Id.
- *Ludi Plebeii*, day 4.
- 63 BC (early morning) Vargunteius and Cornelius undertake the assassination of Cicero. They failed, of course [P-Sall, 173][Gelzer, 49][Sto, 117, 138]
- 335 Athanasius leaves Constantinople for exile in Trier, after losing his temper before his accusers and Constantine [AJAH 3, 63][C&E, 240][Frend, 527, 943]
- 512 Constantinopolitan mob is subdued by Anastatius' offer to abdicate [Bury L I, 439]

- Nov 8 VI Id.
- *Ludi Plebeii, day 5.*
  - *Mundus, a ceremonial pit to the underworld, is opened. Also August 24 and October 5* [FCRR, 197][Hus, 117]
- 63 BC Cicero delivers his first Catilinarian speech in the Temple of Jupiter Stator. Catiline leaves Rome [Bal, 42][P-Sall, 173ed][Sto, 117, 138][Ward, 186][NTD, 225] ([Kap, 83] and [P-Cic PS, 74ed] claim November 7 and [Bailey, 32] opts for November 5.)
- 35 Birth of M. Cocceius Nerva, future emperor and son of Sergia Plautilla [P-HA, 29] [YCS VII, 288][FRE, 169][CIL I, 354, 355]
- 66 Cestius Gallus, governor of Syria and special commander assigned by Nero, is defeated in his attempt to take Jerusalem with one legion [Grif, 180]
- 324 Constantius is declared Caesar in Constantinople by Constantine [PLRE][Bar, 8, 85, 163] [C&E, 212]
- Formal dedication of the site of Constantinople: Constantine marks the boundary of the city, and the foundation of the western wall is begun. The city will be inaugurated May 11, 330 [Bar, 76][AJAH 3, 56][C&E, 212] ([LRE I, 1081n] says November 3, [Burk, 367] says November 4.)
- 392 Imperial ban on various types of home worship. Suffer complete confiscation if you burn incense or hang a garland on your property. Theodosius now makes it illegal to worship pagan gods [LRE I, 168]
- 395 Burial of Theodosius in Constantinople. He died January 17 [CP 71, 266]
- Nov 9 V Id.
- *Ludi Plebeii, day 6.*
- 63 BC Cicero delivers his second speech against Catiline to the people from the Rostra [P-Sall, 173ed] [Sto, 120, 338][Kap, 88]
- 50 BC Cicero's return to Italy from his Cilician tour-of-duty is curtailed at Corcyra by poor weather [Bailey, 125]
- 368 "The madness of defamatory writings shall perish, as we have often decreed" [C Th, 9.34.8]
- Nov 10 III Id.
- *Ludi Plebeii, day 7.*
- 44 BC Octavian foolishly occupies the Forum with troops. See November 4 [Syme, 125][Huzar, 100]
- 42 Promulgation of a letter of Claudius to the citizens of Alexandria, in which he humbly refuses the construction of temples in his honor [Scram, 64]
- 316 Constantine, in Milan, writes to Eumelius, deputy-prefect of Africa, declaring Caecilian innocent [C&C, 103][NE, 308][C&E, 60][Frend, 492]
- Nov 11 III Id.
- *Ludi Plebeii, day 8.*
- 126 BC Triumph of Mu. Aquillius over Asia [CIL I, 460]
- 57 BC Clodius and his thugs attack Cicero on the Sacra Via [Bailey, 78]
- *End of the sailing season, according to Vegetius; this date applies at least from the early empire to the fourth century* [Barrett, 74]
- 109 Dedication by Trajan of the Naumachia Vaticana, and arena for staged naval battles [Garz, 333, 663]
- 203 The quindecimviri meet on the Palatine to arrange for the Saecular games [Bir SS, 158]
- 308 Imperial conference at Carnuntum, attended by Diocletian, Maximian, and Galerius. Diocletian won't re-assume the purple, Maximian is forced to retire, Galerius declares Licinius Augustus in the West, and Constantine is reduced to the rank of Caesar [C&C, 61, 212] [Bar, 6, 80][PLRE][C&E, 32]
- 405 Death of Arsacius, bishop of Constantinople. He was "muter than a fish and more inert than a frog" [Bury L I, xxii, 157n]

- Nov 12 Prid. Id.  
 • *Ludi Plebeii, day 9.*  
 57 BC The toughs of Clodius try to burn down Milo's house in the Cermalus at 11 AM [Bailey, 78]  
 • *First day of three of the festival of the Finding of Osiris* [COV, 98]  
 349 Constantius reduces the penalty for rape: ordinary capital punishment replaces the pouring of molten lead into the throat of the convicted [C Th, 9.24.2]
- Nov 13 Ides  
 • *Temple to Fortuna Primigenia is dedicated by Servius Tullius on the Capitol* [FCRR, 197-198] [NTD, 156]  
 309 BC Q. Fabius Maximus celebrates a triumph over the Etruscans [CIL I, 456]  
 • *Dedication of the Temple to Feronia in the Campus Martius. This deity was concerned with freedom to slaves* [FCRR, 197]  
 • *Ludi Plebeii, day 10.*  
 • *Feast of Jupiter. Also September 13* [L-HA II, 250][FCRR, 197]  
 • *According to* [FCRR, 198], *the Temple to Pietas in the Forum Holitorium was dedicated today. See December 1, 181 BC*  
 36 BC Octavian celebrates an ovation for his Sicilian war. See July 1 [RGA, 18n][CIL I, 461]  
 • *Festival of the finding of Osiris, day 2.*  
 309 Firmilianus executes four more Christians in Caesarea [C&E, 154]  
 354 Birth of Augustine as Aurelius Augustinus in Thagaste in northern Numidia. His parents are St. Monica and Patrick [P-SA, 19ed][Chad, 216][PLRE][Frend, 659]
- Nov 14 XVII Kal. Dec. XVIII Kal. Dec. XVIII Kal. Dec.  
 • *Ludi Plebeii, day 11.*  
 332 BC Alexander is enthroned as Pharaoh in Memphis [P-Arr, 403ed][Green, xxxv] ([Green] says that the date is in question.)  
 • *The equorum probatio, a cavalry parade established by Augustus. See July 15, 304 BC* [FCRR, 198]  
 • *Festival of the finding of Osiris, day 3.*  
 465 Death of Libius Severus in Rome. He may have been poisoned by Ricimer [PLRE]  
 565 Death of Justinian. Justin II is now emperor [PLRE][Bury L I, xx]
- Nov 15 XVI Kal. Dec. XVIII Kal. Dec. XVII Kal. Dec.  
 • *Ludi Plebeii, day 12.*  
 407 Heretics who confess the Catholic faith shall be acquitted of their former heresy [C Th, 16.5.41]
- Nov 16 XV Kal. Dec. XVII Kal. Dec. XVI Kal. Dec.  
 • *Ludi Plebeii, day 13.*  
 42 BC Birth of Tiberius on the Palatine to Livia and Tiberius Claudius Nero [RCS, 66][L-Suet, 299] [YCS VII, 235, 289]  
 534 Tribonian publishes the *Codex Repetitae Praelectionis*, the second edition of Justinian's Code [P-Just, 46ed][LRE I, 279, 477]

- Nov 17 XIII Kal. Dec. XVI Kal. Dec. XV Kal. Dec.
- *Last day of the Ludi Plebeii.*
- 9 Birth of Vespasian at Falacrina. Vespasia Polla and T. Flavius Sabinus are the lucky parents [L-Suet, 283][YCS VII, 236, 289][CIL I, 354, 355]
- 303 Execution of the Christian Romanus of Palestinian Caesarea, for having disrupted a routine sacrifice a year earlier in Antioch [C&E, 21]
- Flavianus, governor of Palestine, tortures and executes Zacchaes of Gadara and Alpheus of Eleutheropolis in Caesarea [C&E, 151]
- 375 Valentinian dies at Brigetio in Pannonia while giving an audience to deputies of the Quadi. His apoplectic stroke was brought on by his furious reaction to the insolence of the barbarians [PLRE][LRE I, 323][SCD, 307][RIC IX, xlii][Frend, 619]
- 379 Proclamation in Constantinople of Theodosius' victories over the Goths, Alans, and Huns [Wolf, 131][Frend, 635]
- 474 Death of Leo II at age seven or eight [Bury L I, xx, 389]
- 594 Death of Gregory of Tours [P-GT, 9ed]
- Nov 18 XIII Kal. Dec. XV Kal. Dec. XIII Kal. Dec.
- *Beginning of a three day market period* [FCRR, 198]
- 401 Alaric enters Italy with his barbarian forces [C Th, 543n] ([Wolf, 151] says "By November 18, 410. . ." making it unclear if it took place on November 18 or sometime earlier.)
- Nov 19 XII Kal. Dec. XIII Kal. Dec. XIII Kal. Dec.
- *Mercatus, day 2.*
  - *A supper of the priests, in honor of Cybele*
- 430 Theodosius sends out an order for the Third Ecumenical Council to resolve the debate over *Theotokos* [Hol, 162]
- 461 The senate, at the instigation of Ricimer, proclaims Libius Severus emperor in Ravenna [Sear][PLRE][Bury L I, xx, 332]
- 478 Adaric, rebel against Odovacer, is defeated and executed with his mother and brother [PLRE]
- Nov 20 XI Kal. Dec. XIII Kal. Dec. XII Kal. Dec.
- *Mercatus, day 3.*
- 202 Santa Prisca is initiated into the Mithratic cult in Capua [Frend, 277]
- 284 Diocletian is declared Augustus three miles outside Nicomedia. Aper, Numerianus' praetorian prefect and accused assassin, is publicly executed, and Diocletian enters the consulship with the senator L. Caesonius Ovinus Manlius Rufinianus Bassus, an act rejecting Carinus [LRE I, 38][PLRE][C&E, 4] ([F&B II, 372] and [C&C, 212] give September 17, certainly wrong.)
- 284? Birth of Maximinus Daia [C&E, 26]
- 303 In Rome Diocletian and Maximian celebrate their Vicennalia, and the Caesars their decennialia [CAW, 245][C&E, 24, 25]
- 304 Diocletian dedicates a circus in Nicomedia [C&E, 25]
- 306 Only one Christian is thrown to wild beasts today at Maximinus' games in Caesarea [C&C, 64]
- 423 Johannes seizes power in Rome, because no one else had since Honorius' death August 15 [PLRE]

- Nov 21 X Kal. Dec. XII Kal. Dec. XI Kal. Dec.  
 301 BC Triumph of M. Valerius Corvus over the Marsians and Etruscans [CIL I, 456]  
 130 Hadrian and Sabina, at Egyptian Thebes, hear the song of Memnon and the verse of Balbilla. Memnon was a famous statue which ‘sang’ as the dawn wind passed through its openings [Hen, 130][Garz, 399]  
 235 Anteros becomes Pope [Lanc R, 578]  
 533 Justinian’s *Institutes*, a textbook for law students, is published [P-Just, 45][LRE I, 279]
- Nov 22 VIII Kal. Dec. XI Kal. Dec. X Kal. Dec.  
 375 Valentinian II becomes Emperor at age four, declared by Merobaudes [PLRE][RIC IX, xlii][WWW]  
 498 Laurentius and Symmachus are each elected Pope by their own factions [Bury L I, 464]
- Nov 23 VIII Kal. Dec. X Kal. Dec. VIII Kal. Dec.  
 68 BC Death of Cicero’s father M. Cicero [Bailey, 24][LTA, I.6]  
 337 Athanasius, returning from exile, enters Alexandria. Naturally there will be trouble [Bar, 86n][AJAH 3, 65][C&E, 264][RIC VIII, 10][Frend, 528]
- Nov 24 VII Kal. Dec. VIII Kal. Dec. VIII Kal. Dec.  
 50 BC Terentia meets Cicero in the Brundisium market square, his journey back from Cilicia complete [Bailey, 125][Sto, 246]  
 44 BC Antony calls a senate meeting and doesn’t show up, because some of his soldiers have mutinied at Alba Fucens [Syme, 125][Jones A, 17][Sto, 296][Bailey, 260]  
 62 Death of Persius at his estate near the eighth milestone of the Via Appia [L-Suet, 495]  
 380 Theodosius celebrates his formal, triumphal arrival (*adventus*) in Constantinople [C Th, 425n][Hol, 10][Wolf, 132][Frend, 637]
- Nov 25 VI Kal. Dec. VIII Kal. Dec. VII Kal. Dec.  
 572 BC Triumph of King Servius Tullius over the Etruscans [CIL I, 453]  
 39 BC Triumph of C. Asinius Pollio over the Parthini, natives of Dyrrhachium [CIL I, 461]  
 ? Birth of Clodius Albinus in Hadrumentum, North Africa [P-HA, 239]  
 • *Onset of the week-long Ludi Sarmatici, a celebration of imperial victories past—either of Constantine I or Constantius II. It was flourishing in 354* [L-HA III, 448ed]  
 380 The Arian bishop Demophilus is told by Theodosius to become Catholic or to go into exile. He chose the latter [Frend, 637] ([Hol, 17] says November 26.)
- Nov 26 V Kal. Dec. VII Kal. Dec. VI Kal. Dec.  
 311 Agents of Maximinus transform the Alexandrian bishop Peter into a martyr [Bar, 68][C&E, 40, 149] ([Frend, 481, 939] says November 25.)  
 • *Ludi Sarmatici, day 2.*

- Nov 27 III Kal. Dec. VI Kal. Dec. V Kal. Dec.
- 167 BC First day of L. Aimilius Paullus' two-day triumph for restoring discipline in Macedonia and defeating King Perseus. Perseus is the honored captive in today's parade [CIL I, 459]
- 43 BC Senate passes the 5-year *lex Titia*, formally recognizing the second triumvirate [Syme, 190] [Jones A, 24][RGA, 25n][FGN, 158]
- 8 BC Death of Horace after a short illness [L-Suet, 491]
- ca. 111 Birth of Antinöus in Bithynion, a small city in Bithynia [Hen, 130][RCS, 273]
- 176 Commodus is declared Augustus by Marcus Aurelius [Bir SS, 54][Bir MA, 195][Garz, 504]
- 326 Constantine invites Arius to the imperial court to accept the Nicene creed [C&C, 14] [C&E, 229]
- *Ludi Sarmatici, day 3.*
- 395 A force detached from Stilicho's main army reaches Constantinople, and kills Rufinus at Hebdomen while Arcadius watches on. Caesarius is now praetorian prefect [C Th, 455n][WWW] [Hol, 60][Bury L I, 113]
- 450 Death of Galla Placidia in Rome [Gibbon II, 296n][PLRE][WWW]
- 511 Death of Clovis in Paris [EB 1969 5, 952][Frend, 805]
- Nov 28 III Kal. Dec. V Kal. Dec. III Kal. Dec.
- 44 BC Antony calls an emergency meeting of the senate in order to redistribute provinces among his allies, as Octavian is gaining in power [Syme, 126][Jones A, 17][Huzar, 101][Sto, 296]
- 38 BC Triumph of P. Ventidius Bassus for his June 9 naval victory over Parthia [CIL I, 461]
- 67 Nero declares Achaea free in a speech at Corinth during specially scheduled Isthmian Games [RCS, 394][Garz, 621][Warm, 117][Grif, 162]
- *Ludi Sarmatici, day 4.*
- Nov 29 Prid. Kal. Dec. III Kal. Dec. III Kal. Dec.
- 44 BC Troops and others swear allegiance to Antony in Tibur. Antony sets out north to join other legions [Syme, 126] ([P-Cic SW, 96ed] says November 28.)
- 312 C. Annius Anullinus ends his second term as urban prefect in Rome, and is replaced by Arcadius Rufinus. Annius was appointed by Maxentius the day before the battle at the Milvian bridge, and was the last Maxentian to lose his office under Constantine [PLRE][Bar, 111]
- *Ludi Sarmatici, day 5.*
- Nov 30 — III Kal. Dec. Prid. Kal. Dec.
- 147 Birth of Domitia Faustina, daughter of Marcus Aurelius and Faustina [Bir MA, 44][Garz, 470] (The latter source says Annia Galeria Aurelia Faustina.)
- *Ludi Sarmatici, day 6.*
- 430 Nestorius receives Cyril's dogmatic letter and a letter of John Cassain, insisting that he desist from Nestorianism [Chad, 197]
- ca. 539 Birth of Georgius Florentius, later Gregory of Tours, in Arvernus [P-GT, 7]
- Nov 31 — Prid. Kal. Dec. —

**December.** 29 days to 46 BC, 30 days 45 BC to 9 BC, 31 days from 8 BC

Dec 1 Kalends

- 181 BC *Dedication of the Temple of Pietas in the Forum Holitorium. It was vowed by M'. Acilius Glabrio on the eve of the battle of Thermopylae in 191 BC and dedicated by his son. The temple may have been moved by Caesar to the Circus Flaminius* [NTD, 290] ([FCRR, 198-199] says November 13.)
- *Rededication of the Temple of Neptune by Cn. Domitius* [FCRR, 199]
  - *Today is also sacred to Aphrodite, Amphitrite, Tyche Ephore, Sophrosyne, and Eros* [FCRR, 199]
- 167 BC Triumph of Cn. Octavius over Macedonia and naval victory over King Perseus. See also November 27 [CIL I, 459]
- 61 BC Cicero discourses at length on the “harmony of the Orders”, a reconciliation of the equestrian and senatorial classes prompted by a tax-farming problem. The lecture continues tomorrow [Bailey, 44][Ward, 211]
- 50 BC Curio goads the senate into resolving to end the proconsular powers of Caesar and Pompey to avoid civil war [RCS, 279ed][FGN, 121]
- 147 Marcus Aurelius is declared tribune and is granted *imperium*, and Faustina is declared Augusta [Bir MA, 103][Garz, 701]
- *Last day of the Ludi Sarmatici.*
- 355 Julian, recently declared Caesar, leaves Mediolanum with an “army” of 360 soldiers for Gaul to deal with barbarian invasions [Brow, 76][P-AM, 83][RIC VIII, 26][Frend, 598]

Dec 2 III Non.

- 63 BC The conspirators Gabinius, Statilius, Cethegus, Lentulus, and Caeparius are arrested at the Milvian Bridge with incriminating documents (ca. 3 AM December 3, but in ancient Rome the new day started at dawn, thus December 2) [P-Sall, 174ed][Kap, 101][Sto, 339]
- 362 Another earthquake destroys Nicomedia and lots of Nicaea [P-AM, 250][RIC VIII, 29]

Dec 3 III Non.

- *Semi-official ceremony to Bona Dea for women, attended by the Vestal Virgins. It was not always on the third* [FCRR, 199]
- 117 BC Triumph of Q. Marcius Rex over the Ligurians “Stoeneis” [CIL I, 460]
- 63 BC Cicero delivers his third oration against Catiline to the populace from the Rostra [P-Sall, 174ed][Sto, 339]
- Captured conspirators confess to plotting to incite revolt in Gaul [Bailey, 33]
  - Senate orders four more conspirators to be arrested [Gelzer, 49]
- 311 Death of Diocletian at Salonae [Bar, 32][JRS LXIII, 33ff][PLRE][C&E, 41]

Dec 4 Prid. Non.

- 63 BC L. Tarquinius implicates Crassus in the plot, Catiline’s agents fail in a rescue attempt of the prisoners, and Cicero convenes the senate to push for the death penalty [Gelzer, 49] [P-Sall 174ed][Kap, 103][Sto, 131]
- 62 BC Publius Clodius disguises himself as a woman and attends the secret women’s rite of Bona Dea in Caesar’s home on the Via Sacra, possibly for an interlude with Pompeia [FCRR, 199ff]
- 34 Birth of Persius to Fulvia Sisennia and Flaccus in Volaterrae in Etruria [L-Suet, 495]
- 54 Nero is formally installed as emperor by the senate, and assumes the tribuneship [Barrett, 71]

- Dec 5 Nones
- *Faunus is honored in the countryside as toil-weary farmers dance on their fields* [FCRR, 201]
- 66 BC Catiline concocts a plot to assassinate the new Consuls on January 1 [P-Sall, 172ed]
- 63 BC Cicero hints for death in his fourth Catilinarian oration, Cato demands execution, and Caesar speaks for life imprisonment. The execution of the conspirators is carried out by strangulation later in the day [Gelzer, 50][P-Sall, 174ed][Kap, 104ff][Sto, 131, 339][FGN, 109][Bailey, 33]
- Dec 6 VIII Id.
- 50 BC In a move which convinces Pompey of Caesar's estrangement, Hirtius, visiting Rome, finds Pompey in power and doesn't pay him a visit [Bal, 118][Seag P, 159][Gelzer, 187][Bailey, 141]
- Dec 7 VII Id.
- 43 BC Murder of Cicero by agents of Antony near Formiae [Bailey, 275][Sto, 332][LTA, 15ed]
- 373 Ambrose is consecrated Bishop of Milan [Frend, 618, 950]
- 416 (possibly 415) Theodosius II passes a law excluding pagans from imperial service and from becoming administrators or judges [Kaegi, 60][Frend, 704][C Th, xvi.10.12]
- 430 Clerical representatives of Celestine and Cyril present documents of excommunication to Nestorius, who takes them and tells them to come back in the morning [Hol, 162]
- 521 Birth of the poet Columba in Donegal, Ireland [LP, 268ed]
- Dec 8 VI Id.
- *Dedication of the shrine or altar to Tiberinus and Gaia. Gaia was either Gaia Taracia, a Vestal Virgin, or Gaia Caecilia, the wife of Tarquinius Priscus* [NTD, 180, 398][FCRR, 202] ([FCRR] says it was a temple while [NTD] omits Gaia.)
- 122 BC Triumph of L. Aurelius Orestes over Sardinia [CIL I, 460]
- 65 BC Birth of Horace at Venusia in the Appenines [L-Suet, 491]
- 48 BC Publius Terentius, a friend of Cicero and managing director of the Customs and Pasture Rents Company in Asia, encounters Quintus Jr., Cicero's nephew, at Ephesus, and is shown a speech the latter has written contra Cicero for Caesar's ears [Bailey, 180]
- 174 Tyrian merchants write to the city of Tyre asking them to pay the 250 denarii annual rent for properties. Ultimately the Tyrian merchants at Rome will pay the bill [RCS, 196-197]
- 313 C. Ceionius Rufius Volusianus<sup>4</sup> becomes Rome's urban prefect [Bar, 111][PLRE]
- Dec 9 V Id.
- 44 BC Cicero finally reaches Rome [Sto, 298]
- 536 Belisarius undertakes the entrenchment of his army in Rome to battle the Goths [Frend, 792] [Wolf, 344] (The latter source says December 9 or 10.)
- Dec 10 III Id.
- *Inauguration of Tribunes* [FCRR, 202]
- 100 BC Following election violence, Sturninus and Glaucia, radical popular leaders, surrender to Marius, who locks them with their followers in the senate building. A mob breaks open the roof and stones all inside to death. Marius' powers thus end in Rome [FGN, 59]
- 59 BC Caesar promises to protect Cicero against the newly-elected tribune Clodius [Gelzer, 98]
- 50 BC Pompey sees Cicero; they talk of Caesar and the imminent war [Bailey, 141][Gelzer, 187]
- 408 End of the Western blockade against the East [PLRE][C Th, 7.16.1][Wolf, 438n]

- Dec 11 III Id.
- *The Septimonium. A festival for the residents of the eight regions Palatium, Velia, Fagatal, Subura, Cermalus, Caelius, Oppius, and Cispus* [LRR, 34][FCRR, 203][NTD, 349]
  - *The AGONALIA, also January 9, March 17 and May 21. Today it is held in honor of Sol Indiges* [RCS, 63][FCRR, 203]
  - ? Birth of Gn. Domitius Ahenobarbus, son of Antonia and L. Domitius Ahenobarbus, and Nero's father. According to Suetonius he was decadent, cruel and dishonest [Grif, 22][CIL VI, 2039]
- 52 Claudius issues a military diploma to the trierarchs and sailors of Misenum [Garz, 132][CIL III(2), pg. 844]
- 359 Constantinople becomes an urban prefecture, and Honoratus is created its first prefect [LRE I, 132][RIC VIII, 14, 28]
- 361 Julian reaches Constantinople as sole Augustus [Brow, 121][P-AM, 235][RIC VIII, 29]
- Dec 12 Prid. Id.
- *Dedication or rededication of the Temple of Consus on the Aventine* [FCRR, 204][NTD, 100]
- 56 Umbricia Januaria receives 11,039 sesterces from the auctioneer Lucius Caecilius Jucundus in Pompeii, as the proceeds of a sale conducted for her [RAH, 264][RCS, 332]
- 416 In reaction to barbarian influences in Italy, a law is issued calling for severe penalties for those in Ravenna who wear long hair or garments made from skin [C Th, 14.10.4]
- Dec 13 Ides
- *Temple of Tellus is dedicated in Carinae, a district on the south-west end of the Esquiline. It was vowed by P. Sempronius Sophus in 268 BC after an earthquake occurred during a battle against the Picentes* [FCRR, 204][NTD, 378]
- 109 BC Roman soldiers, off-guard because of a holiday, are cut down in Vaga at Jugurtha's instigation [P-Sall, 102]
- 45 BC Triumph of Caesar's nephew and legate Q. Pedius over Spain, despite the fact that he achieved no victory there [RCS, 220][Gelzer, 309][CIL I, 460]
- 115 Much of Antioch is destroyed by an earthquake which continues for days; the consul M. Pedo Vergilianus perishes [FRE, 324][Garz, 368]
- 430 Nestorius chides Cyril in a sermon, repeating his wish for a council to resolve their differences. Theodosius has already ordered such a council to convene—see November 19 [Hol, 162]
- Dec 14 XVII Kal. Ian. XVIII Kal. Ian. XVIII Kal. Ian.
- 109 BC Metellus marches to avenge the Jugurthan revolt in Vaga [P-Sall, 105]
- 309 Three Egyptian Christians who were arrested in Ascalon are beheaded by Firmilianus [C&C, 65][C&E, 54]
- Dec 15 XVI Kal. Ian. XVII Kal. Ian. XVIII Kal. Ian.
- *CONSUALIA. Festival of Consus, god of sowing, celebrated with foot and horseback races. Probably today the subterranean altar in the Circus Maximus to Consus is exposed. Also August 21* [RCS, 65][Carc, 204][FCRR, 205][NTD, 100]
- 109 BC Romans re-take Vaga [P-Sall, 104, via 102n]
- 19 BC Dedication near the Porta Capena of the Altar to Fortuna Redux, who brought Augustus back from overseas provinces. See October 12 [RCS, 66][RGA, 35n][NTD, 157]
- 37 Birth of Nero as Lucius Domitius at Antium, to Agrippina and Gn. Domitius Ahenobarbus [Warm, 13][L-Suet, 95][Garz, 147][Lev, 73][Lev, 73]
- 130 Birth of L. Aelius Aurelius Commodus, later to be renamed Lucius Verus. His dad was Aelius, the adopted heir of Hadrian [Bir MA, 246][YCS VII, 252, 290]
- 195 The senate declares Clodius Albinus a Public Enemy [Bir SS, 120]
- 530 Tribonian and fifteen helpers are commissioned to compile and edit the works of the old jurists. Their edition will be called the *Digest* [P-Just, 39][LRE I, 279, 477]

- Dec 16 XV Kal. Ian. XVI Kal. Ian. XVII Kal. Ian.  
 19 Tiberius recites a eulogy for Germanicus before the senate [TD 6, 66]  
 533 Publication of Justinian's *Digests*. It was commissioned December 15, 530 [LRE I, 279, 477]  
 ([P-Just, 46] says December 29.)
- Dec 17 XIII Kal. Ian. XV Kal. Ian. XVI Kal. Ian.  
 497 BC *Temple of Saturn in the Forum at the foot of the Capitol is dedicated by A. Sempronius and M. Minicius* [Lanc R, 291][FCRR, 205-206] (The latter source says the dedication took place "probably in one of the early years of the Republic".)  
 • *SATURNALIA. Festival of Saturn, god of agriculture. It lasted up to seven days by the time of Cicero, and varied between three, five, and seven days during the Empire* [RCS I, 65] [RCS II, 568][YCS VII, 6][CIL VI, 2297][ARC, 224][FCRR, 205]  
 202 BC Roman detachment near Tunis routs a force of pro-Carthaginian Numidians under Vermina [P-Livy 3, 665]  
 63 BC Consirator's date for yet another uprising. These plans were discovered in the documents seized December 2 [FGN, 109]  
 47 BC Caesar arrives at Lilybaeum in Sicily to start the African campaign against Metellus Scipio and his Pompeian forces [Fuller, 263][Gelzer, 264]  
 476 Now that the West is in barbarian hands, an edict declares Constantinople the capitol of Christendom [Frend, 808]  
 546 By the treachery of a band of Isaurians, the Goths under Totila take Rome and do lots of damage [Lanc A, 293][Wolf, 356]
- Dec 18 XIII Kal. Ian. XIII Kal. Ian. XV Kal. Ian.  
 • *Saturnalia, day 2.*  
 45 BC On way to Puteoli, Caesar, with 2,000 hungry attendants, eats and spends the night at the house of L. Marcus Philippus, Cicero's neighbor and Octavian's step-father [Gelzer, 313] [P-Cic SW, 89][Bailey, 225]
- Dec 19 XII Kal. Ian. XIII Kal. Ian. XIII Kal. Ian.  
 • *Saturnalia, day 3.*  
 • *OPALIA. Festival of Ops, goddess of agriculture* [RCS, 65][NTD, 277][FCRR, 207]  
 51 BC Captives from Cicero's Pindenissum siege are sold in Tarsus [Bailey, 122]  
 45 BC Caesar decides to drop in on Cicero to have a friendly talk about literature [Gelzer, 313] [P-Cic SW, 90][Bailey, 226]  
 69 Death of Flavius Sabinus, brother of Vespasian, during the seige of Rome by Vespasian's Danubian forces [Garz, 629]  
 401 Death of Anastasius I, archbishop of Rome [Lanc R, 578]
- Dec 20 XI Kal. Ian. XII Kal. Ian. XIII Kal. Ian.  
 • *Saturnalia, day 4.*  
 44 BC Cicero delivers the third and fourth Philippics against Antony, the latter to the people of Rome [Syme, 162][CAW, 229][Jones A, 18][Huzar, 103][Sto, 298][Bailey, 260, 261]  
 69 Vitellius is captured and killed in his palace by Vespasian's men, and his corpse is flung into the Tiber [CAW, 237][Bir MA, 14][FRE, 2n][Garz, 226, 629]  
 303 Diocletian departs from Rome after an extended visit, heading for Ravenna [Burk, 258] [Frend, 461]  
 415 Pelagius successfully defends his views on grace and free will at the Synod of Diospolis [Frend, 677]

- Dec 21 X Kal. Ian. XI Kal. Ian. XII Kal. Ian.
- *Saturnalia, day 5.*
  - *DIVALIA. Festival of Angerona, a primitive healing deity, held in the Curia Acculeia, or at the Altar of Volupia* [RCS, 65][NTD, 101, 433][FCRR, 209]
- 50 BC Antony delivers a speech attacking Pompey's entire life [RCS, 283][PRP, 127][Bal, 119]  
[Bailey, 137][Gelzer, 190] ([Seag P, 159] says December 20.)
- 69 The senate declares Vespasian emperor [TD 6, 81n][Garz, 629] ([Lev, 41] says December 20.)
- Dec 22 VIII Kal. Ian. X Kal. Ian. XI Kal. Ian.
- *Saturnalia, day 6.*
- 179 BC *The Temple to the Lares Pemarines in the Campus Martius is dedicated by M. Aemilius Lepidus. It was vowed by L. Aemilius Regillus during a naval battle against Antiochus in 190 BC* [NTD, 233][FCRR, 210]
- ca. 244 Birth of Diocletian as Diocles, in Dalmatia [Bar, 30]  
? Birth of Maximian near Sirmium [Ph 30, 177n]
- 291 Mamertinus delivers a panegyric in honor and in the presence of Maximian in Gaul [Ph 30, 177]
- 484 Death of the Vandal king Huneric, the Arian successor of Gaiseric [Frend, 797]
- Dec 23 VIII Kal. Ian. VIII Kal. Ian. X Kal. Ian.
- *Last day of the Saturnalia.*
  - *Festival of LARENTALIA near the Porta Romana, in honor of the goddess Acca Larentia, a funerary deity* [RCS, 65][Hus, 117][FCRR, 211][NTD, 101]
- 190 BC Romans score a big win over Antiochus in a sea battle between Teos and Colophon [Momm II, 251]
- 179 BC *M. Aemilius Lepidus dedicates two temples in the Circus Flaminicus, one to Diana and the other to Juno Regina. They were vowed in 187 BC during a campaign against the Ligurians* [NTD, 109, 216][FCRR, 212]
- Games of M. Aemilius Lepidus begin. Three days are dedicated to Juno, two to Diana, and two for the Circus [FCRR, 212]
- *Dedication, or maybe a rededication, of a temple to the Tempestates. If a rededication, it may be the temple originally founded on June 1* [FCRR, 212][NTD, 379]
- 119 Deification of Matidia, Trajan's niece and mother of Sabina [Garz, 387][CIL VI, 2080]
- 176 Commodus celebrates a triumph with Marcus Aurelius over the Germans and Sarmatians [CAW, 240][Garz, 504][Bir MA, 197][Bir SS, 54][RIC III, 212]
- 400 Gainas is defeated and killed by Uldin the Hun in a naval battle in the Hellespont [Wolf, 150] [Bury L I, 135]
- 428 Proclus, bishop in exile of Cyzicus, delivers a panegyric to Mary *Theotokos* at the Great Church in Constantinople. It is a brilliant and famous panegyric, which even Nestorius had to praise [Hol, 155]
- Dec 24 VII Kal. Ian. VIII Kal. Ian. VIII Kal. Ian.
- 3 BC Birth of Galba near Tarracina [L-Suet, 195]
- 361 Pagan mob in Alexandria lynches the Arian bishop George and two officials of Constantius [L-Julian III, 65n][Chad, 155][Frend, 603]
- 427 Death of Bishop Sisinnius of Constantinople [Hol, 148][Bury L I, xxiii]

- Dec 25 VI Kal. Ian. VII Kal. Ian. VIII Kal. Ian.
- 89 BC Cn. Pompeius Strabo celebrates a triumph *De Asculaneis Picentibus* [CIL I, 460]
  - 50 BC Cicero meets Pompey at Formiae near the Lavernium, where they have long discussion on politics [RCS, 283][Bal, 119][Bailey, 136][PRP, 127] ([Seag P, 159] says December 24.)
  - 47 BC Caesar puts to sea from Lilybaeum with six legions en route to Africa [Momm IV, 415] [Gelzer, 264][Fuller, 165]
  - 273 *Aurelian establishes the Day of Sol invictus (Invincible Sun), or Natalis Solis. Today was listed as the Nativity of Christ in the west as early as AD 336. In AD 354 we find it could still be entered as "Natalis Invicti", but by AD 448 it was "Natalis domini corporalis"* [FCRR, 47, 207, 212][YCS VII, 291][CIL I, 356, 357][Bury L I, 373]
  - 323 Constantine issues a law defining the punishments for those who force Christians to perform pagan sacrifices, a measure directed against Licinius [C&E, 71]
  - 333 Constans is declared Caesar at about the age of ten [PLRE][Bar, 8][WWW][C&E, 251] [RIC VIII, 12]
  - 350 Abdication of Vetricianus at Naisus [RIC VIII, 11, 12, 23]
  - 438 The Codex Theodosianus is promulgated by the senate in Rome at the home of Glabrio Faustus, the Praetorian prefect. 43 acclamations were chanted, each repeated 8 to 28 times [PLRE] [C Th, xvii, 7] ([Bury L I, 232] says December 23, and [EB 19, 547] says that the Codex was given the force of law January 1, 439.)
- Dec 26 V Kal. Ian. VI Kal. Ian. VII Kal. Ian.
- 116 Trajan appends his title with "Parthicus" [Garz, 369]
  - 211 Caracalla murders Geta in Julia Domna's presence [JTS XIX, 524][Bir SS, 189, 218]
  - ca. 430 The Constantinopolitan liturgical festival in honor of the Virgin Mary is instituted, either by the bishop Atticus or Sisinnius [Hol, 145]
  - 537 Dedication of Justinian's Hagia Sophia [BG-Ist, 73]
- Dec 27 IIII Kal. Ian. V Kal. Ian. VI Kal. Ian.
- 74 Vespasian issues an edict exempting teachers and physicians from taxation [TD 6, 128] [RCS, 295]
  - 211 Caracalla declares "amnesty" in the senate for those hostile to the late Geta [Bir SS, 180]
- Dec 28 III Kal. Ian. IIII Kal. Ian. V Kal. Ian.
- 47 BC Caesar spots Hadrumentum in Africa; the rest of his fleet is scattered by a storm [Fuller 265] [Gelzer, 265]
  - 43 BC L. Munatius Plancus celebrates a triumph for his victory in Gallia Comata [RCS, 220] [CIL I, 461]
  - 457 Formal adoption of Majorian by the Roman senate, army and people in Ravenna, and without the consent of Leo [PLRE][Kaegi, 31][LRE I, 241]
  - 484 Succeeding his father Euric, Alaric II becomes king of the Visigoths at Toulouse [PLRE] [Wolf, 190]
- Dec 29 Prid. Kal. Ian. III Kal. Ian. IIII Kal. Ian.
- 71 BC Pompey celebrates a triumph for victories wrought in Spain, a day before assuming his first consulship [PRA, 67][Momm IV, 92][Ward, 44n][SFP (Velleius), 2.30]
  - 63 BC Cicero, prevented by the tribune Q. Metellus Nepos from delivering a speech on his consulate, instead talks of how he saved the Roman state [Kap, 123][Gelzer, 55]

Dec 30 — Prid. Kal. Ian. III Kal. Ian.

43 BC Two days after Plancus, Lepidus celebrates a triumph for his victory in Spain [RCS, 220]  
[CIL I, 461]

39 Birth of Titus to Flavia Domitilla and Vespasian in Rome [YCS VII, 237, 291][FRE, 7]  
[L-Suet, 321][CIL I, 356]

414 The Praetorian prefect Aurelian places a bust of Pulcheria with those of the emperors in the  
senate house in Constantinople [Hol, 97]

Dec 31 — — Prid. Kal. Ian.

45 BC Caesar raises G. Caninius Rebilus to the consulship to serve for a few hours [Gelzer, 311]

— Antony and many senators heap honors on an absent Caesar [Huzar, 77][Gelzer, 316]

192 Commodus is strangled in his bath by his private wrestling partner, Narcissus [Sear]  
[CAW, 240][Bir MA, 224][C Th, xviii][Garz, 551]

— Pertinax is declared emperor by Laetus and Eclectus [Bir SS, 88]

406 Vandals, Seuvi, and Alans cross a frozen, undefended Rhine into Gaul [Chad, 247][Kaegi, 12]

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