

Temple of Poseidon

This is typical of the temples in Strophe (and indeed of all the Irisian City States, and even in Themisia to some extent) except for the great Basilica on the Acropolis.

It consists of a 3 step pedestal, with columns surrounding the Temple atop the pedestal, along with a large outdoor altar where all sacrifices are made.

The inside of the temple is divided into an Outer Agia (Sanctum, Holy place) and smaller Inner Agia. The Outer Agia contains the main statue of the God, and more smaller statues and treasures along right and left hand walls. As well there is often the bones of last year's New Year (or other Holy Day) sacrifice – in the case of Poseidon, a bull, and symbols of the God on either side of the Statue – here, 2 founts of seawater, where devotees can wash their hands and face. This is the only area of the temple which is open to the public.

The Inner Agia is reserved for priests and on occasion, acolytes. This contains a small altar from which devotions are conducted, and a statue of the God's sacred animal – here a golden bull. It is where acolytes are raised to the full priesthood, and where the chief priest is installed before the God. In addition, the most precious of the temple's treasures are placed here, strongly protected against theft by magic, of course.