

ALEPOCHORI of ATTICA

With a population of 412 inhabitants (2001 census) Alepochori is a village of the region of Attica in the Municipality of Megara. It has one of the most popular beaches in western Attica, called Psatha.

Near the village, on the Gulf of Corinth, was the ancient Greek city-harbour of "Pigae" or "Pagae", that pertained to the kingdom of the "Megaris", allies of the Spartans.

Due to border disputes with the Corinthians, in 459 b.C. the Megaris detached from the Spartans and allied with the Athenians, who built the walls we see today near Alepochori. The presence of the Athenians in Megara was the main reason for starting a series of conflicts between the Peloponnesians and the Athenians referred to as "First Peloponnesian War". These conflicts ended in 446 BC with the signature of a thirty-year peace treaty. Following this treaty, Athens was forced to resign from the ports of Megara and Nissea which went back to the Megaris. "Pagae", in 193 b.C., became an independent member of the Achaean League until the Roman conquest in 146 b.C. Pausanias mentions the existence in "Pagae" of a remarkable bronze statue of Artemis Soteira (saviour).



