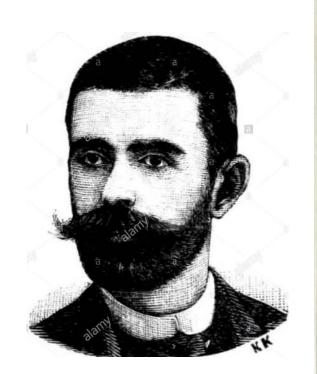
**Kostis Palamas** (Greek: Κωστής Παλαμάς; 13 January [O.S. 8 January] 1859 – 27 February 1943) was a <u>Greek</u> poet who wrote the words to the <u>Olympic Hymn</u>. He was a central figure of the <u>Greek</u> <u>literary</u> generation of the 1880s and one of the cofounders of the so-called <u>New Athenian School</u> (or Palamian School, or Second Athenian School) along with <u>Georgios Drosinis</u>, <u>Nikos Kampas</u>, and <u>Ioannis Polemis</u>.





## The Olympic Hymn

Ancient immortal spirit, honorable father Of the Beautiful, the Great and the True, Come down, reveal yourself and shine In the glory of your earth and heaven. In racing, in wrestling and stone-throwing Shine in the heat of noble contest, Crown youth with the undying branch And make their bodies strong and worthy. Fields and mountains and seas shine with you Like a great purple and white temple And to this temple they come as pilgrims, Ancient immortal spirit, all the races of the earth.