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CAPInv. 1627: to synedr[ion ton] latreut[on]

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Ionia
iii. Site	Ephesos

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	τὸ συνέδρι[ον τῶν] λατρεύ[ων] (I.Eph(esos) 1247B, ll. 7-8)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	to synedr[ion ton] latreut[on]

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	200 (?) - 250 (?) AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Cultic: <i>latreutai</i>
iii. Descriptive terms	συνέδριον, <i>synedrion</i>
Note	<i>synedrion</i> : I.Eph(esos) 1247B, l. 7

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	I.Eph(esos) 1247B (200 (?) - 250 (?) AD)
Online Resources	I.Eph(esos) 1247B
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Honorific inscription, Greek

i.c. Physical format(s)	White marble plate
ii. Source(s) provenance	Unclear

VII. ORGANIZATION

i. Founder(s)	Melitios is not the founder, but the "restorer" of the association, if the restoration ἀ[νανε]ωσάμενον, <i>a[nane]osamenon</i> (ll. 5-6) is correct.
ii. Leadership	Melitios was probably the leader of the association as well; he is named as --αρχης, -- <i>arches</i> in l. 5. [Μυστ]άρχης?, [<i>Myst</i>]arches?

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	The nature of the <i>latreia</i> implied in the group's designation is unclear.
Deities worshipped	Sarapis? The inscription begins with a religious formula: "Great is the name of the god" (ll. 1-2). This and the unusual term λατρευταί, <i>latreutai</i> has led to the incorporation of the inscription into the corpora on Egyptian cults (Hölbl 1978: 53; SIRIS 304; RICIS II 304/0613).
iv. Honours/Other activities	The association honors its "restorer".

XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography	Hölbl, G. (1978), <i>Zeugnisse ägyptischer Religionsvorstellungen für Ephesus</i> . Leiden.
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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Probable
Note	Too little is known to decide the question, but the group seems to be a private association.
ii. Historical authenticity	Certain