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CAPInv. 1876: Serapiastai

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Aegean Islands
ii. Region	Kos
iii. Site	Halasarna (Kardamaina)

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	Σεραπιασταί (IG XII 4.2 605 II, l. 2)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>Serapiastai</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	ii AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Theophoric:	<i>Sarapiastai</i> : Sarapis
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IG XII 4.2 605 II (ii AD)
Note	PH 371b RICIS 204/1101 Maillot 2013: no. 52
Online Resources	Paton-Hicks 371b
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)

i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Dedication in Greek. The inscription is inscribed below an earlier Hellenistic inscription (IG XII 4.2 605 I). IG XII 4.2 605 II records a gymnasiarch of <i>Serapiastan</i> . His name, Zosimos son of Zosimos, is engraved inside a wreath.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Marble base.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Found in modern Kardamaina (ancient Halasarna) in the church of Aghia Theoteta.

VII. ORGANIZATION

iv. Officials	γυμνασίαρχος, <i>gymnasiarchos</i> (II l. 1) Zosimos, the son of Zosimos, was gymnasiarch of the <i>Sarapiastai</i> .
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XII. NOTES

i. Comments	In light of the later date of the inscription (ii AD) the term <i>gymnasiarchos</i> should denote the person responsible for the supply of oil, probably on the occasion of athletic contests. Associations centered around the cult of Egyptian deities are well attested in Kos. See CAP Inv. 1873 with more references.
iii. Bibliography	Maillot, S. (2013), 'Les associations à Cos', in P. Hamon and P. Fröhlich (eds.), <i>Groupes et associations dans les cités grecques</i> . Geneva: 199-226.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The name (theophoric terminating in -iastai) is indicative of a cultic association.