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CAPInv. 1891: **ho sympas xystos**

## I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	The Near East and Beyond
ii. Region	Arabia
iii. Site	Gerasa

## II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	ὁ σύμπαξ ξυστός (I.Gerasa 170, l. 9)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>ho sympas xystos</i>

## III. DATE

i. Date(s)	210 (?) - 220 (?) AD
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## IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Other:	<i>sympas</i>
iii. Descriptive terms	ξυστός, <i>xystos</i>	
Note	<i>xystos</i> : I.Gerasa 170, l. 9	

## V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	I.Gerasa 170 (AD 210-220 ?)
Online Resources	<a href="#">I.Gerasa 170</a>
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Honorific decree, in Greek

## VII. ORGANIZATION

### iv. Officials

ξυστάρχης, *xystarches* (l. 7): As in Ephesos, the designation is coupled with διὰ βίου, *dia biou*, "for life". This might indicate leadership of a defined group. The adjective παράδοξος, *paradoxos*, however, is normally added to terms designating victors in *agones*. This may point to a less "institutional" meaning of the term *xystarches*.

## XIII. EVALUATION

### i. Private association

Possible

#### Note

Marcus Aurelius Alketas calls himself the "astonishing *xystarches*", and honors the Roman governor Alfenius Avitianus as "benefactor of the whole *xystos*" (presumably the whole athletic community). This does not necessarily imply that the *xystos* was an association (for similar problems, cf. the entries on *xystoi* from Ephesus and Erythrai. See [CAPInv. 1890](#) and [CAPInv. 1889](#).