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CAPInv. 2122: Soteriastan [-] ok[- - -] Dionideion

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I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Aegean Islands
ii. Region	Rhodes
iii. Site	Rhodos

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	Σωτηριαστᾶν [-] ΩΚ[- - -] Διονιδείων
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>Soteriastan [-] ok[- - -] Dionideion</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	i BC - i AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Personal:	Διονιδεῖοι, <i>Dionideioi</i> - From the Greek personal name Διονίδας, <i>Dionidas</i> (LGPN s.v. 1). The compound name likely suggests a founder or a benefactor of the association, (cf. Thomsen (forthcoming), Gabrielsen 1997 p. 126-7, Maiuri 1916 p. 141, Poland 1909 p. 73-6). It is possible that this name element should be attributed to another association, due to the fragmentary state of the inscription.
	Theophoric:	Σωτηριασταί, <i>Soteriastai</i> - From Zeus, specifically the epithet Σωτηρ, Soter (Morelli, <i>I Culti in Rodi</i> [Pisa, 1959] 46-52, 136-147).

Note

The character of the association is greatly reminiscent of other associations described as κοινὸν, *koinon*, although the descriptive term has been omitted in this case.

V. SOURCES

i. **Source(s)** SEG 15.497

Online Resources [SEG 15.497](#)

i.a. **Source type(s)** Epigraphic source(s)

XIII. EVALUATION

i. **Private association** Certain

Note

The use of a personal name element and the dedicatory-honourific context of the attested inscriptions make the private character of the association certain, although a descriptive term is omitted.