

CAPInv. 673: **theasitai** (l. **thiasitai**)

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Thrace
ii. Region	Inland Thrace
iii. Site	Marcianopolis

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	θεασῖται (l. θιασῖται; IGBulg V. 5364, l. 2)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>theasitai</i> (l. <i>thiasitai</i>)

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	f. iii AD
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IGBulg V. 5364 (f. iii AD)
Note	Other publ.: SEG 28: 603
Online Resources	IGBulg V 5364 and AGRW ID 13976
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Dedication in Greek to Θεὸς Αὐλαρχηνός, <i>Theos Aularchenos</i> (l. 1)
i.c. Physical format(s)	Limestone block (0.15 X 1.25 X 0.80), possibly originating from some kind of structure, as indicated in IGBulg.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Found at the modern village of Manastir

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

i. Archaeological remains	For the site at Manastir, see TIR K-35/2 (Philippopolis) 213, s.v. Manastir, where a settlement and a sanctuary of the Thracian Horseman (walls, votive tablets, pottery, coins) of the Roman period and Late Antiquity are reported. For reliefs originating from this sanctuary, see IGBulg II 831 and IGBulg V 5365-5368.
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VII. ORGANIZATION

iii. Members	Collectively designated as <i>θεασῖται</i> , <i>theasitai</i> , l. <i>θιασῖται</i> , <i>thiasitai</i> (l. 2)
iv. Officials	<i>ἱερεύς</i> , <i>hiereus</i> (l. 1)

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	The group dedicated the inscription to <i>Theos Aularchenos</i> .
Deities worshipped	<i>Theos Aularchenos</i>
iv. Honours/Other activities	The <i>thiasitai</i> , together with the <i>hiereus Martiales</i> and the <i>λοιποὶ συγγενεῖς</i> , <i>loipoi syngeneis</i> , set up a dedication in honour of <i>Theos Aularchenos</i> .

XI. INTERACTION

i. Local interaction	The <i>συγγένεια</i> , <i>syngeneiai</i> , could have been subdivisions of <i>φυλαί</i> , <i>phylai</i> , cf. Robert 1945 for Caria. Such <i>συγγένεια</i> , <i>syngeneiai</i> , were often connected to particular cults and sanctuaries.
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XII. NOTES

i. Comments	The term <i>συγγένεια</i> , <i>syngeneia</i> , is also attested at Philippopolis IGBulg III.1 959 and its territory IGBulg III.1 1104 .
iii. Bibliography	Robert, L. (1945), <i>Le sanctuaire de Sinuri près de Mylasa. Les inscriptions grecques</i> . Paris.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Possible
Note	The fact that the term <i>θιασῖται/θεασῖται</i> , <i>thiasitai/theasitai</i> , occurs here in conjunction with the <i>λοιποὶ συγγενεῖς</i> , <i>loipoi syngeneis</i> , makes its private character debatable; cf. CAPInv. 558 from Aigina, where the term <i>θιασῖται</i> , <i>thiasitai</i> , also occurs in conjunction with public institutions (namely the <i>boule</i> and the <i>demos</i>).