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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	<a href="#">I.Eph(esos) 1247B</a>
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