

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Central Greece
ii. Region	Eastern Thessaly. Region of Magnesia.
iii. Site	Demetrias

II. NAME

i. Association with unknown name	U-CGR-011
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III. DATE

i. Date(s)	iii BC
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	Batziou-Efstathiou forthcoming (iii BC)
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Unpublished votive inscription in Greek to the 'Mother of the Gods' (<i>Meter Theon</i>).
ii. Source(s) provenance	Demetrias

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

i. Archaeological remains	Excavation in the eastern sector of Demetrias revealed parts of an intramural building with a peristyle court; it was initially interpreted as a house with peristyle court hosting a domestic shrine (Batziou-Efstathiou and Triantafyllopoulou 2000: 301-3), while more recently it has been identified tentatively with a Metroon, the cult seat of the Mother of the Gods/Cybele (Batziou-Efstathiou 2002: 30-2, figs. 33-6; Batziou-Efstathiou forthcoming).
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ii. References to buildings/objects

The building delivered a well and drainage pipe dated to the end of the third/beginning of the second century BC and a clay incense burner, while clay figurines of the Mother of the Gods/Cybele, along with those of Aphrodite *Epitragia*, En(n)odia, Hecate and Zeus *Milichios* were found in the court. Figurines of the Mother of the Gods/Cybele are also known from at least two other localities in the northern sector of the city: one has been interpreted as a house with peristyle hosting a domestic shrine, while the other is probably a household cult of Cybele and Demeter (Arvanitopoulos 1916: 121; Triantafyllopoulou 2000; cf. Mili 2015: 206-7; Kravaritou 2016: 139).

XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography

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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Probable

Note

The presence of the cult of the Mother of the Gods/Cybele in various *loci* of Demetrias indicates in every probability the presence of a local cultic association.