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CAPInv. 599: he hiera synodos ton [apo t]e[s oiko]umen[es] peri ton Dionyson kai ton kyrion hemon Autokratora Nervan Traianon Kaisara Sebaston Germanikon Dakik[on techneiton hieroneikon stephaneiton (l. techniton hieronikon stephaniton)] kai ton touton synagoniston

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

i. :	Full name (original language)	ή ίερὰ σύνοδος τῶν [ἀπὸ τ]ῆ[ς οἰκο]υμέν[ης] περὶ τὸν Διόνυσον καὶ τὸν κύριον ἡμῶν Ἀυτοκράτορα Νέρουαν Τραιανὸν Καίσαρα Σεβαστὸν Γερμανικ[ὸν Δακικὸν τεχνειτῶν ἱερονεικῶν στεφανειτῶν (Ι. τεχνιτῶν ἱερονικῶν στεφανιτῶν)] καὶ τῶν τούτων συναγωνιστῶν (Ι.Gerasa 192, ΙΙ. 3-5)
ii.	Full name (transliterated)	he hiera synodos ton [apo t]e[s oiko]umen[es] peri ton Dionyson kai ton kyrion hemon Autokratora Nervan Traianon Kaisara Sebaston Germanikon Dakik[on techneiton hieroneikon stephaneiton (l. techniton hieronikon stephaniton)] kai ton touton synagoniston

i. Date(s)	105 - 114 AD

IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements Geographical: oikoumene

> Personal: peri ton kyrion hemon Autokratora

Nervan Traianon Kaisara Sebaston

Germanikon Dakikon

Professional: technitai, hieronikai, stephanitai,

synagonistai

Status-related: technitai, hieronikai, stephanitai,

synagonistai

Theophoric: Dionysos

Other: hiera

iii. Descriptive terms σύνοδος, synodos

synodos: I.Gerasa 192, 11. 3, 12, 16 Note

I.Gerasa 192 (AD 105-114) Source(s)

Note See also: SEG 7: 825

Online Resources I.Gerasa 192 and AGRW ID 22959

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

i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script Greek honorary decree

i.c. Physical format(s) Round pedestal

Source(s) provenance South theatre of Gerasa

viii. Obligations The synodos declares that the statue of its benefactor has to be crowned by everyone who performs in

the theatre; if he does not, he is to pay to the synodos (11. 18-20).

iii. Income The synodos declares that the statue of its benefactor has to be crowned by everyone who performs in

the theatre; if he does not, he is to pay to the synodos (Il. 18-20).

iv. Honours/Other activities The synodos honours an agonothetes, who has not only done his job well, but also feasted the synodos on many occasions (with "royal banquets", l. 16). He receives the "customary inscription" and a statue;

furthermore, he is proclaimed as a benefactor in every city where the synodos performs.



XII NOTES

iii. Bibliography Welles, C.B. (1938), 'The Inscriptions', in C.H. Kraeling (ed.), Gerasa. City of the Decapolis, New

Haven: 353-494.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association Certain

Note The Dionysiac artists are a special case of association, acting as an independent state in many respects,

but they remained a private network.

