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CAPInv. 808: **ho[i s]yngenis (l. syngeneis)**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Bithynia
iii. Site	Nikaia

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	ο[ἰ σ]υνγενίς (l. συγγενεῖς, I.Iznik 1513, l. 4)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>ho[i s]yngenis (l. syngeneis)</i>

III. DATE

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

ii. Name elements	Kinship-related: <i>syngeneis</i>
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	I.Iznik 1513 (ii - iii AD)
Online Resources	I.Iznik 1513
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Dedication in Greek to Zeus <i>Pappoos</i> or <i>Patroos</i> set up by the <i>syngeneis</i> .
i.c. Physical format(s)	Marble altar.
ii. Source(s) provenance	The inscription was found at Pazaryeri in the area of Iznik.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

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| ii. References to buildings/objects | An altar was dedicated by the <i>syngeneis</i> to Zeus <i>Pappoos</i> or <i>Patroos</i> . |
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VII. ORGANIZATION

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| iv. Officials | The presence of <i>hiereus</i> in genitive plural (ἱερέων, <i>hiereon</i> , ll. 3-5), followed by what seems to be traces of personal names, may refer to officials of the group. |
| viii. Obligations | On possible contributions see below under field XII.i: Comments. |

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

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| ii. Realty | The altar dedicated by the <i>syngeneis</i> probably belonged to the group. |
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X. ACTIVITIES

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| iii. Worship | The altar dedicated to Zeus <i>Pappoos</i> or <i>Patroos</i> by the <i>syngeneis</i> following the instructions received by the god (ll. 2-3: κατὰ ἐπιταγὴν, <i>kata epitagen</i>) suggests that the group of relatives performed cultic activities addressed to that deity. The dedication possibly followed or anticipated a benefaction perceived to have been provided by the god. |
| Deities worshipped | <i>Zeus Pappoos</i> or <i>Patroos</i> |

XII. NOTES

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| i. Comments | The dedication was addressed to Διὶ Παππῳ (Dii <i>Pappooi</i> , l. 2) but S. Şahin (in I.Iznik 1513, p. 289b) thinks that the correct reading may have been Διὶ Πατρῳ, <i>Dii Patrooi</i> .
If the <i>syngeneis</i> constituted a formally established group, the cost of the altar may indicate the existence of a common treasury. However, there is no clear proof for that. The cost may have been covered from <i>ad hoc</i> contributions paid by the members of the group. |
| iii. Bibliography | Poland, F. (1909), <i>Geschichte des griechischen Vereinswesens</i> . Leipzig. |

XIII. EVALUATION

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| i. Private association | Possible |
| Note | On associations defined as <i>syngeneia</i> or with other correlated terms, see Poland 1909: 88. The dedication of the altar suggests lasting cultic activities on the part of the <i>syngeneis</i> . However, it cannot be established with certainty whether this term in our inscription corresponded to an organized association or was used to denote a simple group of relatives which dedicated the altar. |