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CAPInv. 1304: theas Aphrodeites synodos

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Black Sea Region
ii. Region	North Coast of the Black Sea
iii. Site	Hermonassa

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	θεᾶς Ἀφροδείτης σύνοδος (CIRB 1055)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>theas Aphrodeites synodos</i>

III. DATE

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

i. Name in other forms	ἡ σύνοδος ἡ περὶ νακόρον κτλ. (<i>he synodos he peri nakoron</i> , CIRB 1054, l. 15).
ii. Name elements	Cultic: <i>thea Aphrodite</i> Personal: <i>peri nakoron</i>
iii. Descriptive terms	σύνοδος, <i>synodos</i> : Note <i>synodos</i> : CIRB 1054, ll. 6-7; 1055 A, l. 1.

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	CIRB 1054 (123–133) CIRB 1055 (ii AD)
Note	Other editions: CIRB 1054: IOSPE IV 421

Online Resources	CIRB 1054 and AGRW ID 8462 CIRB 1055 and AGRW ID 7778
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	CIRB 1054 is a Greek record of unknown character dated under Cotys II. It contains a fragmentary list of the members of the association. CIRB 1055 is a Greek dedication by the association to Aphrodite.
i.c. Physical format(s)	CIRB 1054: marble stele broken at the bottom. CIRB 1055: fragmentary marble block written on the front (A) and right (B) faces.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Hermonassa

VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. Leadership	One νακόρος, <i>nakoros</i> , i.e. νεοκόρος, <i>neokoros</i> (Bages Sosipatrou in CIRB 1054, l. 7-8). Possibly also in the lacuna, l. 2, of CIRB 1055 A, before the <i>ιε[ρεύς]</i> , <i>hie[reus]</i> (Zavojkina 2012: 256). This supposed [νακόρος], [<i>nakoros</i>] or [νεοκόρος], [<i>neokoros</i>] was an official at the royal court, ἐπὶ τῆς αὐλῆς, <i>epi tes aules</i> (cf. CAPIInv. 1296 and CAPIInv. 1299).
iii. Members	The members are referred to as θιασεῖτ[αι] (l. θιαστ[αι]), <i>thiasit[ai]</i> (CIRB 1054, l. 6-7)
iv. Officials	One ἱερεύς, <i>hiereus</i> (CIRB 1054, ll. 9-10, written ἱερός, <i>hireus</i> ; 1055 A). One ἱερομάστωρ, <i>hieromastor</i> (CIRB 1054, ll. 10-12). For this office see CAPIInv. 1301 . One γραμματεὺς, <i>grammateus</i> (CIRB 1054, 12-14). One φιλάγαθος, <i>philagathos</i> (CIRB 1054, ll. 14-15).

IX. MEMBERSHIP

i. Number	More than 12
ii. Gender	Men
Note	The recorded names are male names.
iii. Age	Adults
iv. Status	One member (allegedly the <i>nakoros/neokoros</i>) was an official at the royal court, ἐπὶ τῆς αὐλῆς, <i>epi tes aules</i> (CIRB 1054, l. 7-8).

X. ACTIVITIES

i. Assemblies	For σύνοδος, <i>synodos</i> designating the assembly of a θίασος, <i>thiasos</i> see Gauthier in <i>BE</i> 2001: no. 312 and Chaniotis in <i>SEG</i> 47: 1199 and 49: 1053.
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XI. INTERACTION

i. Local interaction	The leadership, or at least the membership, of an ἐπὶ τῆς αὐλῆς, <i>epi tes aules</i> (see VII.ii: Leadership) suggests interaction with the royal court.
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XII. NOTES

ii. Poland concordance	Poland B 119 A (CIRB 1054)
iii. Bibliography	Harland, P.A. (2014), <i>Greco-Roman Associations: Texts, Translations, and Commentaries. II. North Coast of the Black Sea, Asia Minor</i>. Berlin, Boston: 23. Ustinova, Y. (1999), <i>The Supreme Gods of the Bosporan Kingdom. Celestial Aphrodite and the Most High God</i>. Leiden, Boston, Cologne: 198. Zavojkina, N.V. (2012), <i>Bosporskie fiasy: mezhdru polisom i monarkhiey</i> [Bosporan Thiasoi: Between Polis and Monarchy]. Moscow: 80-2 and 255-7 (about CIRB 1055).

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The terminology employed suggests a private association.