

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Thrace
ii. Region	Inland Thrace
iii. Site	Nicopolis ad Istrum or Marcianopolis

II. NAME

i. Association with unknown name	U-THR-037
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III. DATE

i. Date(s)	Imp.
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IGBulg V 5329 (Imp.)
Online Resources	IGBulg V 5329
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Dedication in Greek to the god Souregethes
i.c. Physical format(s)	Rectangular limestone stele, broken at its upper left corner (1.10 x 0.50 x 0.16). A relief decorates the upper part (two rows of nine people in procession), the inscription running below.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Found at Dobroplodno (Varna district)

IX. MEMBERSHIP

i. Number	The dedication was set up by five persons; the relief depicts 18 in total.
ii. Gender	Men
Note	The attested names are male names.

iv. Status

The five dedicants were of Thracian origin, as indicated by their names.

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship

The dedication to the god Souregethes suggests worship by the group.

Deities worshipped

Souregethes

XII. NOTES

i. Comments

The relief decorating the stele is usually interpreted as depicting the members of a cult association; see IGBulg V, p. 162: 'anaglyphum monstrat dedicatores membra collegii Suregethem colentis fuisse' and SEG 45: 862: 'probably the members of a cult association who are about to attend a banquet'. For a συμπόσιον θεοῦ Σουρεγέθου, *symposion theou Souregethou*, from Philippi, see [CAPInv. 1635](#).

iii. Bibliography

Beshevliev, V. (1985), 'New inscription of God Souregethes', *Bulletin du Musée national de Varna* 21: 5-10.
Beshevliev, V. (1995) 'Θεός Σουρεγέθης', in A. Fol (ed.), *Studia in honorem Georgii Mihailov*, Sofia: 55-8.
Najdenova, V. (1987), 'A shrine of Ares Suregethes in Thrace', *Terra Antiqua Balcanica* II: 252-8.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Possible

Note

The view that IGBulg V 5329 should be interpreted as indicating the existence of a cult association is based exclusively on the panel relief. Nothing in the text indicates a permanent associative organisation.