

CAPInv. 1852: Aphrodeisiastai ton syn Theudorai

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Aegean Islands
ii. Region	Kos
iii. Site	Kos

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	Ἀφροδεισιαστῶν τῶν σὺν Θευδώρᾳ (IG XII.4 2808, lines 3-5)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	Aphrodeisiastai ton syn Theudorai

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	1 (?) - 100 (?) AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Personal:	<i>syn Theudorai</i> (σὺν Θευδώρᾳ, lines 4-5)
	Theophoric:	<i>Aphrodeisiastai</i> (Ἀφροδεισιαστῶν, lines 3-4) The name denotes worshippers of Aphrodite, or perhaps more properly, those who celebrate the goddess' festival and rites, the Aphrodeisia (the name would thus be heortephoric).

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IG XII.4 2808.
Note	Bosnakis, <i>Epigraphes</i> 281, with ph.; SEG 58.884; Tsouli 2013: no. 646. Cf. also Maillot 2013: no. 35.

Online Resources	PHI: Epigraphes 281
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Boundary stone of a burial plot. Greek.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Rhomboid fragment of a white marble stele. [θηκαίω]ν has been inscribed in a rasura in line 2. There was probably a simple mistake in the writing of the gen. pl. form θηκαίων (e.g. θηκαίων was inscribed instead).
ii. Source(s) provenance	Found during a dig in the necropolis, neighbourhood of Marmaroto.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects	The point of reference of the boundary stone (ὄρος, line 1) is to burial plots, <i>thekaia</i> ([θηκαίω]ν, line 2).
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VII. ORGANIZATION

i. Founder(s)	Theudora, line 5. This individual, mentioned in the name of the association, is either its founder or its leader.
Gender	Female
ii. Leadership	See above.

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	See above IV.ii.
Deities worshipped	Aphrodite.

XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography	Bosnakis, D. (2008), <i>Anekdotēs epigraphēs tes Ko, Epitymvia mnemeia kai horoi</i>, Athens. Maillot, S. (2013), 'Les associations à Cos', in P. Hamon and P. Fröhlich (eds.), <i>Groupes et associations dans les cités grecques</i>, Geneva: 199-226. Tsouli, C. (2013), <i>Ταφικά και επιτάφια μνημεία της Κω</i>, (Phd thesis), Athens.
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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
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Note

Little is known about this association and its context. But simply on the basis of its name and by comparison with other highly similar boundary stones of the burial plots of associations near the city of Kos (more than 50 in number, cf. e.g. [CAPI no. 1826](#)), we can be confident that it constituted a private association.