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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 ἢ 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

<b>Online Resources</b>	<a href="#">CIRB 1054</a> and <a href="#">AGRW ID 8462</a> <a href="#">CIRB 1055</a> and <a href="#">AGRW ID 7778</a>
<b>i.a. Source type(s)</b>	Epigraphic source(s)
<b>i.b. Document(s) typology &amp; language/script</b>	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.
<b>i.c. Physical format(s)</b>	CIRB 1054: marble stele broken at the bottom. CIRB 1055: fragmentary marble block written on the front (A) and right (B) faces.
<b>ii. Source(s) provenance</b>	Hermonassa

## VII. ORGANIZATION

<b>ii. Leadership</b>	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 [ <i>νακόρος</i> ], [ <i>nakoros</i> ] or [ <i>νεοκόρος</i> ], [ <i>neokoros</i> ] was an official at the royal court, ἐπὶ τῆς ἀουλῆς, <i>epi tes aules</i> (cf. <a href="#">CAPIInv. 1296</a> and <a href="#">CAPIInv. 1299</a> ).
<b>iii. Members</b>	The members are referred to as <i>θιασεῖτ[αι]</i> (l. <i>θιασῖτ[αι]</i> ), <i>thiasit[ai]</i> (CIRB 1054, l. 6-7)
<b>iv. Officials</b>	One <i>ιερεύς</i> , <i>hiereus</i> (CIRB 1054, ll. 9-10, written <i>ιρεύς</i> , <i>hireus</i> ; 1055 A). One <i>ιερομάστορ</i> , <i>hieromastor</i> (CIRB 1054, ll. 10-12). For this office see <a href="#">CAPIInv. 1301</a> . One <i>γραμματεύς</i> , <i>grammateus</i> (CIRB 1054, 12-14). One <i>φιλάγαθος</i> , <i>philagathos</i> (CIRB 1054, ll. 14-15).

## IX. MEMBERSHIP

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

## X. ACTIVITIES

<b>i. Assemblies</b>	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

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

<b>ii. Poland concordance</b>	Poland B 119 A (CIRB 1054)
<b>iii. Bibliography</b>	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 monarkhiej [Bosporan Thiasoi: Between Polis and Monarchy]</i> . Moscow: 80-2 and 255-7 (about CIRB 1055).

## XIII. EVALUATION

<b>i. Private association</b>	Certain
<b>Note</b>	The terminology employed suggests a private association.