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The two bronze objects presented here are preserved in the İzmir Archaeological Museum. Though there is no record about their provenance(s), they probably originate from İzmir (Smyrna) or its surroundings.

1. Dedication of a bronze lamp

A bronze cast lamp with squat, carinated body and small flat area round filling-hole. The filling hole has a lid in the form of a scallop shell which works on a hinge. It has a flat bottom, a raised round nozzle and ring-shaped handle with a flame guard in the form of an ivy-leaf. On the leaf-shaped flame guard a dedicatory inscription is incised.

Measurements: height of body 3.9; height with flame guard 6; length 11.6; diameter at the bottom 5.5; letter height 0.5–0.6 cm. Inv. no. 5414.

Date: probably Roman imperial period.

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Demetria, priestess of Demeter, made a vow.


4 Because of the limited space the sigma was omitted.

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2. Dedication of the statuette of a dog

Solid cast statuette of a standing dog showing a cylindrical body with a long, thick neck and a blunt-nosed head and small erect ears. It bears a muzzle. The only incised details are the mouth, the eyes and the neck. Its long tail is attached to the hind legs while his genitals are marked slightly. The careless script is incised on the right side of the body.

Measurements: height 3.9; length 11.6; depth 5.5; height of letters 0.3–0.4 cm. Inv. no. 7872.
Date: Roman imperial period.

Loukis made a vow to the Mother of Gods.


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