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The inscriptions presented here have been found during the excavations of 2004–2006 at Börükçü, north of the ancient Stratonikeia in Caria. The finds from excavations at Börükçü seem to prove that here was a settlement which could be identified with Koliorga, one of the five *demoi* or *phylai* of Stratonikeia (the others were Koranza, Koraia, Lobolda and Hieria Kome)¹.



1. Marble block of which the right part is damaged. Height 0.63; width 0.31; thickness 0.36; letter-height 0.035 to 0.07 m.

Date: Roman Imperial period.

Διὸς
Σωτή-
ρος κα-
4 ἰ Καρίου

“*Of Zeus Soter and Karios*”.

Of the epithets here applied to Zeus, σωτήρ appears first in Stratonikeia, while Κάριος is well attested both in and around this city².

It is difficult to determine the nature of the inscription: a dedication or a boundary stone? However, the genitives lead to think that the stone served to mark the limits of a sacred precinct around the find-spot, rather than a dedication³.



2. Small, marble votive offering in the shape of a quadrangular altar. No precise dimensions available. The estimated height ca. 0.15, width 0.07 m.

Date: Roman Imperial period.

[.]ΛΛ[1–2]-
ΙΑ Ἄρ-
τέμι-
4 δι κα-
τὰ ἐπι-
ταγήν.

“*...ia (made a vow) to Artemis according to the command*”.

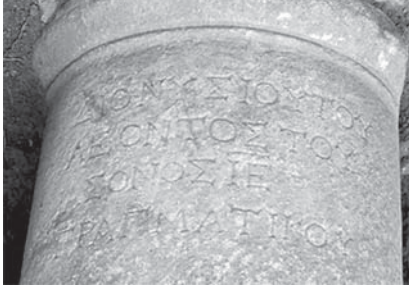
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¹ See M. Ç. Şahin, *Anadolu (Anatolia) XVII*, 1973, 179–185 and *The Political and Religious Structure in the Territory of Stratonikeia in Caria*, 1976, 2–8.

² See *IvStratonikeia I*, *passim*.

³ Cf. *IvStratonikeia I*, 47, an altar recording the inscription: Διὸς Καρίου []ου. For the consideration that the genitives on dedicatory altars would point to a boundary inscription see E. N. A. Arca, *Gephyra* 2, 2005, 47ff.

The dedicant was probably a woman.



3. Round altar (?) with mouldings above. No dimensions available.

Date: Early Imperial period ?

Διονυσίου τοῦ
Λέοντος τοῦ
Ἰάσονος Ἰε(ροκωμήτου)

4 πραγματικοῦ.

3 For the abbreviation Ἰε(ροκωμήτου) cf. e.g. *IvStratonikeia*, 140–1 (the abundant abbreviations of ethnics have unfortunately not been registered in *IvStratonikeia* II, 2, the index-volume).

“(Tomb) of Dionysios, son of Leon, grandson of Iason, from Hierokome, the lawyer”.

Dionysios was a *πραγματικός*, i.e. a lawyer or attorney or legal adviser (*pragmaticus*). On their functions see notably L. Robert, *Hellenica* XI–XII, 414–429.

Özet

Makalede, 2004–2006 yıllarında Stratonikeia yakınındaki Börükçü’de yürütülen kazılar sırasında ele geçen iki adet adak ve bir adet mezar yazıtı tanıtılmaktadır. Börükçü’deki arkeolojik buluntular, buradaki bir yerleşimin varlığını göstermektedir. Burası belki, Stratonikeia’nın 5 kabilesinden biri olan Koliorga’lıların yaşadığı yöreydi.

1 “Zeus Soter ve Zeus Karios’un (kutsal alanı ?)”.

2 “...ia (bu adağı) Artemis’e tanrısal emir gereğince (sundu)”.

3 “Leon’un oğlu ve Iason’un torunu olan, Hierokome’li dava vekili Dionysios’un (mezarı)”.