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A New *Thiasos* from Mylasa: *Thiasitai Heroistai* of Ouliades, Son of Euthydemos

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Abstract

This article presents a new funerary inscription on a stele from Mylasa. The stele was found in the area to the southeast of Esentepe during the sondage excavation held under the supervision of the Milas Museum in 2021. The text is the funerary inscription of 11 members of a thiasos who claimed to be buried together at the same place when they die. According to the inscription, Ouliades son of Euthydemos was heroized with divine honors after his death, and the thiasos was established in his honor. The members of the thiasos (θιασεῖται Ἡρωϊσταί) dedicated a bomos to the heros Ouliades on the street called "the street of Skorpon." The beros Ouliades, who became the object of a cult, was the son of Euthydemos, the well-known leader of the city in the first half of the first century BC. Therefore the inscription is dated to the late first century BC - first century AD due to letter forms and prosopography.

Keywords: Mylasa, *thiasos*, *heros* cult, Ouliades son of Euthydemos, funerary inscription

Öz

Bu makalede Mylasa'dan bir stel üzerinde yer alan yeni bir mezar yazıtı sunulmaktadır. Stel 2021 yılında Esentepe'nin güneydoğusundaki bölgede, Milas Müze Müdürlüğü denetiminde yürütülen sondaj kazıları sırasında ele geçmiştir. Yazıt metni, bir thiasosun öldüklerinde birlikte aynı yere gömülme talebinde bulunmuş 11 üyesinin mezar yazıtıdır. Yazıta göre Euthydemos oğlu Ouliades, ölümünden sonra tanrısal onurlar ile onurlandırılmış ve heros Ouliades onuruna bir thiasos kurulmuştur. Thiasosun üyeleri (θιασεῖται Ήρωϊσταί) "Skorpon'un caddesi" adı verilen caddede, beros Ouliades için bir bomos kutsayıp adamışlardır. Onuruna bir heros kültü kurulmuş olan Ouliades, MÖ birinci yy.'ın ilk yarısında kentin lideri konumunda bulunan ünlü Euthydemos'un oğluydu. Bu nedenle yazıt, harf karakterleri ve prosopografya ışığında MÖ birinci yy. sonları - MS birinci yy.'a tarihlenmektedir.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Mylasa, *thiasos, heros* kültü, Euthydemos oğlu Ouliades, mezar yazıtı

The stele was found in the Haciapti district of modern Milas during the sondage excavation held on an estate under the supervision of the Milas Museum in 2021.¹ The

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excavation area is approximately 100 meters southeast of Esentepe² near the southern slope.³ Now the stele and its base are at the Milas Museum, Milas Uzunyuva Mausoleum and Museum Complex (Milas Müzesi, Milas Uzunyuva Anit Mezarı ve Müze Kompleksi). Inv. No. 2021 / 10(A).

Description: White marble rectangular stele with three acroteria, two on the edges and one in the middle, on top and a tenon at bottom. The stele is well preserved and complete (fig. 1). There is *anathyrosis* on the left surface, while the back and the the right surfaces are rough (figs. 2-3).

The stele was found fallen on its side, with the original base as the tenon attached into the rectangular socket (0,16 m x 0,44 m; depth 0,17 m) on the white marble base (fig. 4).

Dimensions: (stele) H: 0,73 m; (with tenon) 0,88 m; W: 0,55 m; T: 0,145 m; LH: (lines 1-3) 0,018 m; (lines 4-19) 0,015-0,018 m; Omega 0,02 m; Phi 0,025 m.

(Tenon) H: 0,15 m; W: 0,39 m; T: 0,13 m.

(Base) H: (front) 0,34 m; (back) 0,27 m; W: 0,73 m; T: 0,69 m.

Date: late first century BC - first century AD (prosopography and letter forms).

vac. ήρώων ἀγαθῶν· vac.

2 ^{ν.} οί θιασεῖται Ήρωϊσταὶ ^{νac.}

^{ν.} Ούλιάδου ^{ν.} τοῦ Εὐθυδήμου ^{ν.}

- 6 πρός τῷ κυθρίνῳ, κοινὸν κατεσκεύασαν μ^{ν.} νῆμα γραμματεύοντος
- 8 Αντιόχου τοῦ Θευδã ^{ν.} ἐπὶ στεφανηφόρου Ἀριστέου τοῦ Μυωνίδου· εἰσὶν δὲ
- 10 οἱ ὑπογεγραμ<μ>ένοι Ἐκαταῖος Ἀνδρονίκου, - Πάμφιλος - Ἀριστέου, ^{vac.}
- 12 Νικόστρατος Φανίου, Θεόδοτος Μαρίω-^{ν.} νος, Δωρόθεος Έκάτωνος, Συμμάχος
- 14 Μενίππου, Μενίππος Παμφίλου, ^{vac.}
 Δίφιλος Διοκλέους, Διονύσιος Γρύλ-
- 16 λου, Άριστείδης Ιεροκλήους, Μᾶρκος Αντώνιος Οἰνοπίον - οἱ κατὰ προαίρεσιν ^{ν.}
- 18 κοινῶς ζήσαντες καὶ ἀποθανόντες ἐν^{ν.} ἐνὶ τόπῷ ὅμοῦ κεῖσθαι θέλοντες.

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² The higher plain area called Esentepe was possibly a privileged part of the necropolis of Mylasa. A late Classic-early Hellenistic monumental chamber tomb with a dromos was found on Esentepe approximately 120 meters northwest of the findspot of the inscription during a salvage excavation held by the management of the Milas Museum in 2018. The chamber tomb was made of high-quality marble with fine craftsmanship; however, it is quite damaged. Also during another salvage excavation held in the vicinity of the monumental chamber tomb that same year, three rock tombs were documented. I would like to thank Cemre Öztan Çetinkaya for the information about the salvage excavations as well as Prof. Dr. Aytekin Büyüközer for the architectural evaluation and for the date of the monumental chamber tomb.

 $^{^3}$ During the excavation, a tile tomb made of stacked convex tiles (1.20 m as preserved x 0.45 m), seven soil (terracotta) pipes entwined together in upright position, and a marble block (1.23 m x 0.77 m x 0.20 m) possibly used as the cover of a sarcophagus-type tomb were also unearthed in the same sondage area. I would like to thank Cemre Öztan Çetinkaya for the information about these archaeological finds.

Translation: (The monument of) *beroes agathoi. Thiasitai Heroistai* (the members of the heroists society in honor) of *beros* Ouliades son of Euthydemos and of the *bomos* that consecrated by them, which was on the street of Skorpon near the hollow, have built a common monument, while Antiochos son of Theudas was *grammateus* (secretary) and Aristeas son of Myonides was *stephanephoros*; the persons whose names are written below are (in the tomb), Hekataios son of Andronikos, Pamphilos son of Aristeas, Nikostratos son of Phanios, Theodotos son of Marion, Dorotheos son of Hekaton, Symmachos son of Menippos, Menippos son of Pamphilos, Diphilos son of Diokles, Dionysios son of Gryllos, Aristeides son of Hierokles, Marcus Antonius Oinopion, the persons who lived in togetherness in accordance with devotion and claimed to be buried together at the same place when they die.

L. 1: The genitive expression $\delta \alpha \mu \delta \nu \omega \nu \dot{\alpha} \gamma \alpha \theta \tilde{\omega} \nu$ is widely attested in funerary inscriptions from Mylasa⁴ and Iasos,⁵ thus the expression $\dot{\eta} \rho \omega \omega \dot{\alpha} \gamma \alpha \theta \tilde{\omega} \nu$ should be an adapted form of $\delta \alpha \mu \delta \nu \omega \nu \dot{\alpha} \gamma \alpha \theta \tilde{\omega} \nu$ in relation with a *heros* cult. Therefore the use of word $\ddot{\eta} \rho \omega \varsigma$ instead of word $\delta \alpha (\mu \omega \nu \omega \nu)$ possibly related with the religion of the persons who were buried in the tomb.

L. 2-4: θιασεῖται Ήρωϊσταὶ Οὐλιάδου τοῦ Εὐθυδήμου ἥρωος. The members of the *thiasos*⁶ (heroists society) established in the honor and memory of the *heros* Ouliades son of Euthydemos.

Ouliades (Oùλiáôηç) is a frequently attested personal name in Karia. The name was possibly derived from Oulios (Oŭλioç),⁷ the epithet of Apollon, the god of health and healing at Miletos and Delos.⁸

L. 4: The letter O of $\eta \rho \omega \sigma \varsigma$ was omitted and written afterwards on the letter Σ .

L. 5: ἐν τῃ πλατήτῃ Σκόρπωνος = ἐν τῃ πλατεία τῃ Σκόρπωνος "on the street of Skorpon".

The street of Skorpon (πλατεῖα ἡ Σκόρπωνος) was not attested hitherto. The person Skorpon, after whom the street was named, is unknown. The personal name Skorpon (Σκόρπων) is a rare Greek name attested for the first time at Mylasa. The name is known from Rhodos⁹ and also from Stratonikeia.¹⁰

L. 6: πρὸς τῷ κυθρίνῳ = πρὸς τῷ χυτρίνῳ, "near the hollow." Possibly near the street, the location where the *bomos* was built, there was a hollow with a spring in it. In the lexicon of Hesychios,¹² it is stated that χυτρίνοι· τὰ κοίλα τῆς γῆς, δι' ὦν αί πηγαὶ ἀνίενται.

- $^8\,$ Strab. 14.1.16 (C 635). According to Strabon, the verb oùtew means "to be healthy."
- ⁹ SEG 30, 1004 (second-first c. BC); see also AD 20 / B3 1965, 598.

⁴ *I.Mylasa*, 428.(1-3); 429.(1) = (Blümel *et al.* 2014, 49, no. 38); 433.(1); 436.(1-2); 437.(1-2); 439.(1); 442.(1-2); 444. (1); 446.(1); 449.(1-2); 450.(1-2); 452.(1-2); 453.(1); 454.(1); 455.(1); 456.(1); 458.(1-2); 463.(1); 464.(1); 470.(1-2) = (Blümel *et al.* 2014, 48, no. 37); 471.(1); 473.(1); 474.(1); 477.(1-2); 487.(1); 479.(1); 480.(1); 483.(1); 484.(1); 484.(1); 487. (1); 488.(1); 489; 494.(1) = (*I.Mylasa* II, p. 5); 495.(1-2) = (*I.Mylasa* II, p. 5; Blümel *et al.* 2014, 48, no. 36); for the worship of *daimones agathoi*, see: *I.Mylasa*, 806.(3); 808.(4); 810.(2); 811.(3); 812.(3); 813.(2); 814.(3-4); 815.(3); 819.(2); 869.(9; 15); 870.(4-5); Blümel 1989, 7-8, no. 895.(3); see also: Blümel *et al.* 2014, 41-42.

⁵ *I.Iasos*, 397.(1); 405.(1); 408.(1).

⁶ For *thiasos* and *thiasitai*, see Foucart 1873, 55-84; Poland 1967, 16-28; Arnaoutoglou 2003, 61-70.

⁷ Zgusta 1964, 398 § 1163-3; *I.Mylasa* I, p. 25 (no. 101, app. cr. 26).

¹⁰ Pytheas Skorpon, the adoptive father of Tiberius Claudius Theophanes (first c. AD), see *I.Stratonikeia*, 1021.(3); *LGPN* VB, 385 s.v. Σκόρπων, for the family see Laumonier 1937, 249, no. 47.

¹¹ I.Mylasa, 403.(2-7); I.Mylasa II, p. 4, cf. I.Smyrna, 714.(1-2).

¹² Hsch., χ, 852. In Periplus Maris Rubri (mid. first c. AD), concerning the river Namnadios (Narmada) at India, χυτρῖνος is used to define the deeper parts of the river: οἱ δὲ κύθρινοι τόποι εἰσὶ τοῦ ποταμοῦ βαθύτεροι μέχρι Βαρυγάζων, see Peripl. M. Rubr. 44, cf. Geop. 14.6.2: κατασκευάζειν δὲ χρὴ ἐν τοῖς τοίχοις καὶ νεοττίας πυκνάς, ἀπὸ ἐδάφους μέχρι τῆς ὀροφῆς, ἅς τινες καλοῦσι σηκούς, ἡμεῖς δὲ κυθρίνους ὀνομάζομεν, ἐν οἶς χρὴ διάγειν καὶ τίκτειν τὰς ἐζευγμένας περιστεράς. In Geoponica, the word is used to define the holes in which the pigeons in pairs are to settle and to breed.

L. 6-7: θ_{1} active models a common monument." A letter (possibly H) was erroneously written between the letters M and N of the word $\mu v \tilde{\eta} \mu a$, and the letter was deleted causing a *vacat* for one letter space.

In accordance with their devotion and the membership in the *thiasos*, the eleven members "claimed to be buried together at the same place when they die" as explained in detail in the following lines (17-19). The common monuments of the members of associations or various groups are widely attested at Kilikia in the Roman Imperial period.¹³

The original location of the $\kappa_{01}\nu_{01}\mu_{01}$ (common monument) built by the θ_{100} ϵ_{100} Trai Hpwiotai for the eleven members is unknown. Since the stele was found with its original base, the monument was possibly erected in the vicinity of the findspot.

L. 7-8: The *grammateus* Antiochos son of Theudas is unknown. A person named Theudas son of Menes is known from Mylasa. This Theudas, son of Menes, was one of the persons who consecrated an altar to *beros* Gaius Iulius Hybreas, the high priest.¹⁴ The identification of the Theudas, son of Menes, with Theudas, the father of Antiochos mentioned in our inscription, is possible.

L. 8-9: The *stephanephoros* Aristeas, son of Myonides, is unknown. A person named Aristeas, son of Myonides, is known from a honorary decree¹⁵ (second - first c. BC) by the *koinon* of the people of Lagnokeis ($\tau \delta$ κοιν $\delta v \tau \delta \Lambda a \gamma v \omega \kappa \delta \omega v$) from Kys. There is no evidence for a familial relationship or an identification with the person mentioned in our inscription.

L. 9: The letter Σ of Apiotéou was omitted and written afterwards on the letter T.

According to the inscription, Ouliades, son of Euthydemos, was heroized with divine honors after his death, and a *thiasos* - a voluntary religious association - was established in his honor. The members of the *heroists* society "*thiasos of worshippers of the heros*" ($\theta u \alpha \sigma \epsilon i \tau \alpha t$) dedicated a *bomos* to the *heros* Ouliades on "the street of Skorpon" near the hollow. The members of the *thiasos* also built a common monument for the eleven members who claimed to be buried together at the same place when they die.

Euthydemos, the father of the *beros* Ouliades, was a contemporary of Strabon. He mentions two notable men from Mylasa in his time, Euthydemos and Hybreas,¹⁶ who were both orators¹⁷ and leaders of the city. According to Strabon, Euthydemos had great wealth and high repute inherited from his ancestors who also added his own cleverness to these. He was regarded not only as a great man in his native land, but was also worthy of the foremost honor in Asia.¹⁸ As long as Euthydemos lived, he strongly prevailed; he was powerful but at the same time useful to the city. Even if there was something tyrannical about him, it was atomed for by the fact that it was attended by what was good for the city.¹⁹ In this connection, people applauded the statement of the orator Hybreas who stated towards the end of a public speech: "Euthydemos! You are an evil necessary to the city, for we can live neither with you nor without you." One of the issues involving what was good for the city was perhaps the debts of the people to

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¹³ The inscriptions were compiled and reexamined with English translations recently, see Arnaoutoglou 2021, 83-116.

¹⁴ *I.Mylasa*, 535.(6).

¹⁵ Cousin and Deschamps 1887, 308-9, no. 2; *I.Nordkarien*, 41.(4-5; 13).

¹⁶ Strab. 14.2.24 (C 659).

 $^{^{17}\,}$ According to Strabon, Hybreas was the greatest orator of his time; see Strab. 13.4.15 (C 660).

¹⁸ This statement of Strabon - οὐκ ἐν τῇ πατρίδι μόνον μέγας ἦν ἀλλὰ καὶ ἐν τῇ Ἀσία τῆς πρώτης ἡξιοῦτο τιμῆς - was identified with asiarchia; see Campanile 1997, 243; Delrieux and Ferriès 2004a, 54.

¹⁹ According to Delrieux and Ferriès, his mode of government seems to be that of a benefactor "tyrant" who tolerates dispute; see Delrieux and Ferriès 2004a, 58; Fraser 2015, 55.

Cluvius of Puteoli in 52 - 51 BC.²⁰ Cicero, then the governor of Cilicia, wrote in a letter to Q. Minucius Thermus,²¹ the governor of Provincia Asia, that when he was at Ephesos, he met Euthydemos.²² There Euthydemos told Cicero that he would see that *ecdici* (ἕκδικοι) were sent from Mylasa to Rome, but that had not been done.²³ Cicero heard that legates had been sent, but in his letter he nominately stated that he prefered *ecdici* so that some settlement might be made. Therefore, by means of his relationship with Cicero, Euthydemos could have played a significant role in solving this important financial dispute.

According to Strabon,²⁴ Hybreas was an ambitious young man who had a mule-driver and a wood-carrying mule inherited from his father. After he became a pupil of Diotrephes of Antiocheia²⁵ for a short time, Hybreas came back to the city and began to apply himself to the affairs of state and to follow closely the speakers of the forum. Hybreas quickly grew in power and was already an object of amazement in the lifetime of Euthydemus. In particular, after his death, he became master of the city. When Q. Labienus invaded Asia Minor in 40 BC, Mylasa was under the rule of Hybreas who refused to yield and caused the city to revolt.²⁶

Unlike Euthydemos, Hybreas was not a member of the civic elite.²⁷ However, he had enough power and support to dare to criticize Euthydemos - while he was alive - with ironic statements during a public speech. Despite the strong social opposition between the two orators, the transition of leadership over Mylasa, which only took place after the death of Euthydemos, was possibly smooth.²⁸ It must therefore fall in the years between 51 / 50 and 42 / 41 BC.²⁹ Inscriptions and ancient sources are silent about the reasons of this transition. In the period of financial crisis of the Greek cities of Asia³⁰ and the civil war between Pompeius and Caesar, the death of Euthydemos possibly constituted an opportunity and a backdrop.³¹ Euthydemos had to work in concert with Pompeius for the profit of Mylasa during his leadership and was considered a leader linked with the Pompeian elite. On the other hand, young Hybreas was a newcomer to the political scene and therefore not associated with the Pompeian elite, thus he took the leadership following Caesar's victory.³²

²⁰ M. Cluvius was a banker of Puteoli who made Cicero heir to a part of his property; see Cic. Att. 13.46. Besides the people of Mylasa, those of Alabanda, Herakleia, Bargylia and Kaunos also owed him money; see Cic. Fam. 13.56.

²¹ Cic. Fam. 13.56. The letter was written in 51 or 50 BC, possibly in December 51; see Habicht 1984, 70.

²² This meeting possibly took place in July 51 BC; see Habicht 1984, 70, n. 6; Delrieux and Ferriès 2004a, 59, n. 43.

²³ The Mylasians had difficulty in repaying their debt so they relied on the results of a new discussion. Furthermore, Euthydemos and the Mylasians had much to gain by delaying negotiations for reimbursement in the period of civil war between Pompeius and Caesar. So Euthydemos used every means to delay the negotiations. If Pompeius won the spoils of war, it would make him more generous; if he lost, the debt of Mylasa could be removed, see Delrieux and Ferriès 2004a, 62; Fraser 2015, 56. For details of the financial status of Mylasa during this period, see Delrieux and Ferriès 2004a, 59-62.

²⁴ Strab. 14.2.24 (C 660).

²⁵ Strabon mentions him as a famous sophist; see Strab. 13.4.15 (C 639).

²⁶ The other ruler who refused to yield and caused his city to revolt was Zenon of Laodikeia; see Strab. 14.2.24 (C 660). The people of Mylasa and Alabanda had accepted garrisons from Labienus. However, they murdered the soldiers on the occasion of a festival, and they revolted. Thus Labienus, after he captured the city, punished the people of Alabanda and razed Mylasa after it had been abandoned. Labienus also besieged Stratonikeia for a long time, but was unable to capture the city; see Dio Cass. 48.26.3-5.

²⁷ Habicht 1984, 69; Delrieux and Ferriès 2004a, 55-56; Fraser 2015, 54-55.

²⁸ Delrieux and Ferriès 2004a, 58-59; Fraser 2015, 55.

²⁹ Habicht 1984, 71 (50-42 BC); Delrieux and Ferriès 2004a, 54 (50-41 BC); Fraser 2015, 55 (51 / 50-42 BC).

³⁰ Delrieux and Ferriès 2004a, 60-63.

³¹ Delrieux and Ferriès 2004a, 61-62; Fraser 2015, 55-56.

³² Delrieux and Ferriès 2004a, 62; Fraser 2015, 56. Hybreas' age was possibly in the 40s when he took the leadership;

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After his death, Euthydemos was honored with divine honors as an *heros* before his son Ouliades. L. Robert reported an unpublished inscription from Sinuri that mentions a priest of Sinuri,³³ and also the names of *heros* Euthydemos and *heros* Hybreas. Robert also suggested that a priest was assigned to the *heros* cult established in honor of Hybreas,³⁴ and the priest was common for the *heros* cult established in honor of Euthydemos.³⁵ The reason why Euthydemos recieved such an honor was possibly his actions providing benefits to his citizens,³⁶ including his efforts in solving the financial dispute with Cluvius.

In addition to the inscription reported by Robert, several inscriptions indicate that Gaius Iulius Hybreas was honored with divine honors as an *beros.*³⁷ There are possible reasons for the establisment of the *beros* cult for Hybreas. It could be related to his active participation in the reconstruction and recovery of the economy of Mylasa or to obtaining freedom for his city.³⁸ According to F. Delrieux and M.-C. Ferriès, the glory of Hybreas was, above all, patriotic. By his eloquence that crossed all borders, he represented the independence of the Greeks of Asia by telling his truths to M. Antonius³⁹ and Q. Labienus, the oppressors of the city.⁴⁰

Ouliades was the son of Euthydemos, the leader of the city who was heroized after his death. The names of the father and the wife of Euthydemos - in other words, names of the grandfather and the mother of Ouliades - are unknown.⁴¹ Ouliades was the only famous son or possibly the only son of Euthydemos, since it is unknown if he had a brother or a sister. Ouliades, son of Euthydemos, was honored with divine honors, and a cult was established in his honor. The reason for the establishment of this cult is unknown. As the son of the former leader of the city, he should have taken responsibility during the period of financial crisis⁴²

see Delrieux and Ferriès 2004b, 509, n. 157. In several inscriptions, Hybreas, son of Leon, is mentioned with the *trianomina* Gaius Iulius Hybreas; see *L.Mylasa*, 534.(1-2); 535.(1-2); 536.(1-3). Hybreas could have recieved citizenship from Caesar or, more probably, from Octavianus; see Delrieux and Ferriès 2004a, 63; Fraser 2015, 56-57, cf. Holtheide 1983, 28; Sartre 1995, 163; Bertrand 1997, 840.

³³ Robert 1935, 335; Delrieux and Ferriès 2004a, 53; Delrieux and Ferriès 2004b, 514, n. 12.

³⁴ Robert 1966, 419-20 (= Robert 1989b, 43-44), see also Robert 1974, 103.

³⁵ Robert 1989a, 53; Fraser 2015, 55, n. 164; 59; Delrieux and Ferriès 2004a, 38.

³⁶ Fraser 2015, 60.

³⁷ Heros Gaius Iulius Hybreas, son of *heros* Leon; see *I.Mylasa*, 534.(1-2) = (Delrieux and Ferriès 2004b, 509); 535. (1-2) = (Delrieux and Ferriès 2004b, 510); 536.(1-3) = (Delrieux and Ferriès 2004b, 510; Blümel *et al.* 2014, 33, no. 19); see also Delrieux and Ferriès 2004b, 509-10 (French translation). For the title "high priest by descent" (ἀρχιερεὺς διὰ γένους) mentioned in the inscriptions, see Delrieux and Ferriès 2004b, 513, n. 170. The *heros* title of Leon, the father of Hybreas, was related with the glory and the honors of his son; see Delrieux and Ferriès 2004a, 55, n. 19. For the honomymous son of Gaius Iulius Hybreas, see Sen. *Suas.* 4.5; 7.14; also Habicht 1984, 71.

³⁸ Delrieux and Ferriès 2004b, 504, n. 129; Fraser 2015, 59.

³⁹ Plut. Ant. 24.5-6.

⁴⁰ Delrieux and Ferriès 2004b, 514; Fraser 2015, 59.

⁴¹ In the honorary decree (ca. 76 BC) by the phyle of Otorkondeis for Hiatrokles of Tarkondara, son of Demetrios, a person who held the office of *stephanephoria* named Ouliades, son of Sibilos and adopted son of Euthydemos son of Theoxenos, is mentioned; see *I.Mylasa*, 109.(1); *I.Mylasa* II, p. 1. For Euthydemos, son of Theoxenos, and the other possible members of this family, see *I.Mylasa*, 207.(5); 207.B.(8-9); 801.(4-7); 803.(4-5); 804.(4-6); 814.(5); 816B.(1-2). There is no evidence for a familial relationship between the members of this family with Ouliades, son of Euthydemos, mentioned in our inscription.

⁴² The letter of a Roman official to Mylasa (?) contains the reasons and the extent of the public dept of Mylasa after the ravages of Q. Labienus (after 39 BC); see Sherk 1969, 308-9, no. 59; *I.Mylasa*, 601. The text was reexamined and restored by F. Canali De Rossi; see Canali De Rossi 2000, 178-81 (Italian translation); Delrieux and Ferriès 2004b, 500-1 (French translation). According to Canali De Rossi, the letter could be identified as a letter from M. Antonius, the triumvir who held control of the eastern provinces, to a praefectus or to the governor of Asia; see Canali De Rossi 2000, 180-81; Delrieux and Ferriès 2004b, 501-2.

and reconstruction of the city after the ravage of Labienus. The letter of Octavianus⁴³ to the Mylasians, which was a response to a Mylasian embassy, describes the situation of the city (lines 12-19): Many citizens were put to death, and some burned with the city. The cruelty of the enemies caused them neither to refrain from plundering temples nor the most sacred sanctuaries. The countryside was also pillaged, and the farms were burned. The names of the members of the embassy are not preserved in the inscription, except the one written in the first place (line 10): Ouliad[es], however, the patronymic is not preserved. This Ouliades, the leader of the embassy, is possibly Ouliades son of Euthydemos.⁴⁴ The end of the letter (lines 20-24) of Octavianus probably contains a promise to grant some favors to the city. Thus Ouliades, son of Euthydemos, was possibly the main author of the favors of Octavianus as the leader of the embassy.

In an inscription from Mylasa a person named Ouliades,⁴⁵ one of the persons who sailed out to Gaius (line 2), was praised and crowned according to the *nomos aristeios*, because of his love of honor and goodwill towards his country (lines 56-59). One can suggest that the identification of the Ouliades honored in the inscription with Ouliades, son of Euthydemos, is possible.⁴⁶ Therefore, if this identification is correct, the Gaius to whom he sailed out, should be Gaius Iulius Octavianus.

Ouliades had great wealth and a high reputation inherited from his father Euthydemos and his ancestors. The traces of possible evidence indicate that he was an *euergetes* of the city; as the most eminent member of the wealthy elite, Ouliades, son of Euthydemos, played an active role in the city's recovery process and also in the relations with Rome.

The date of the death of Ouliades is unknown. He was possibly young when his father died in a year between 51 / 50 - 42 / 41 BC. However, in 39 or 31 BC, during his leadership of embassy to Octavianus, he was possibly at least in his 30s. Thus, one can suggest that Ouliades should have been died towards the end of the first century BC or in the beginning of the first century AD.

Ouliades had a son named Menandros who was honored as "benefactor of his country and descendant of benefactors"⁴⁷ by the *demos* with a honorary column - possibly supported the honorific statue of Menandros - at the eastern side of the podium on the axis of the entrance of the *Hekatomneion* at Uzunyuva.⁴⁸ Thus, after Euthydemos and his son Ouliades, Menandros son of Ouliades was an *euergetes* of the city, worthy of the reputation of his ancestors.

⁴³ *L.Mylasa*, 602; see also Sherk 1969, 310-12, no. 60. The inscription was restored by Canali De Rossi; see Canali De Rossi 2000, 172-78 (with Italian translation); Delrieux and Ferriès 2004b, 501-2 (with French translation); Demir 2019, 184-85. The letter of Octaivanus was traditionally dated to 31 BC due to the mention of his consulate designatus for the third time: ὕπατός τε τὸ τρίτον καθεσταμένος (line 2-3). F. Canali De Rossi suggests that the letter could be dated back to 39 BC; see Canali De Rossi 2000, 177; Delrieux and Ferriès 2004b, 501-2.

⁴⁴ Habicht 1984, 72; Canali De Rossi 2000, 177; Delrieux and Ferriès 2004b, 502.

⁴⁵ *I.Mylasa*, 101.

⁴⁶ Canali De Rossi 2000, 177.

⁴⁷ *I.Mylasa*, 402 (after 40 BC, possibly the reign of Augustus); see also Rumscheid 2010, 69-83. For the date, see Rumscheid 2010, 70; Kızıl 2020, 128-32; 153-154.

⁴⁸ According to F. Rumscheid, "this monument signified an almost unprecedented honour, while simultaneously demonstrating to what extent the citizens expected future benefits from Menandros, the offspring of one of Mylasa's wealthiest families"; see Rumscheid 2010, 100. In accordance with the privileged position of the column at *Hekatomneion*, A. Kızıl suggests that Euthydemos was possibly a descendant of the Hekatomnid family; see Kızıl 2020, 154.

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FIG. 1 The stele and the inscription.



FIG. 2 The stele with the original base (front).



FIG. 3 The stele with the original base (back).



FIG. 4 The stele and the base as found (Milas Museum archive).

