

Colossus of Attalos I or II rededicated for Antony [cf. ELA id: 411]

ELA id: 412

Plu. Ant. 60, 6

Inv. number

PHI

Translations

Images

Description

Date 39-31 BCE

Period: 1st century BCE --> second half

Reasons: historical context, prosopography

Notes:

Cf. ELA id: 411.

The rededication of this statue to Antony certainly dates back to a moment following the visit of Antony and Octavia to Athens, when the two received many honours in the city, being also recognised as gods (see Ath.Agora 18 H273 = ELA id: 344; IG 2[2] 1043 = ELA id: 245), and preceding the crushing defeat suffered by Antony at Actium.

Text category honorific dedication (tabula honoraria)

✓overwriting

Notes:

Honorific dedication for Antony previously honouring Attalos I or II of Pergamon.

Monument description

Monument type: base

Notes:

This inscription and colossus directly parallel the other imposing statue rededicated for Antony on the Acropolis (ELA id: 411), perhaps representing a heroic nudity. As well as in the other case, it was blown down by a storm a little before the Battle of Actium or, more likely, thrown down by the Athenians themselves after the news of the victory of Octavian reached the city.
Cf. also Kotsidu 2000 Kno. 32[L].

Physical features

Reuse: Apparently reused "in situ"

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Circumstances: literary source

Original location

Acropolis --> Parthenon (east of)

Details:

Together with the other colossus, this statue may have also decorated the eastern sector of the Acropolis east or south-east of the Parthenon, as supposed by Di Cesare.

✓ uncertain

Notes:

Cf. Di Cesare in Krumeich - Witschel 2010 237-238

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