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| OBJECT ID       | 2002.52.13   |
| OBJECT NAME     | Candle   |
| DATE CREATED    | 1912, 1912   |
| MATERIAL        | Taffeta; Wax   |
| OBJECT ENTITIES | <p>Farmakis, Daisy (collected by)</p> <p>Govostis, (owned by)</p> <p>Govostis, Castas (is related to)</p> <p>Govostis, Marico (is related to)</p> <p>Farmakis, Daisy (is related to)</p>   |
| RELATED ITEMS   | <p>Postcard, 2002.52.61.3</p> <p>Menu, 2002.52.26</p> <p>Poster, 2002.52.30</p> <p>Menu, 2002.52.67</p> <p>Menu, 2002.52.65</p> <p>Medal, Political, 2002.52.69</p> <p>Postcard, 2002.52.61.1</p> <p>Postcard, 2002.52.61.2</p> <p>Postcard, 2002.52.61.4</p> <p>Postcard, 2002.52.54</p> <p>Postcard, 2002.52.53</p> <p>Postcard, 2002.52.58</p> <p>Postcard, 2002.52.57</p> <p>Postcard, 2002.52.55</p> <p>Postcard, 2002.52.56</p> <p>Postcard, 2002.52.59</p> <p>Postcard, 2002.52.60</p> <p>Program, 2002.52.66</p> <p>Ticket, 2002.52.62.1</p> <p>Ticket, 2002.52.62.2</p> <p>Ticket, 2002.52.62.3</p> <p>Ticket, 2002.52.62.4</p> |

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 Card, Business, 2002.52.64  
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 FESTIVAL OF ATHENS - 1960, 2002.52.27  
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#### ACCESS POINTS

candle  
 greek wedding  
 Orthodox  
 wedding

#### OBJECT DESCRIPTION

26" long cream-colored candle with 3" wide ribbon tied in a bow and 7" of wax flowers from Wedding of Castas and Marico Govostis in Vresthena, Sparta, June 3, 1912.

#### ORIGIN

Decorated wedding candles are an essential component of the Orthodox wedding. They are used throughout the service and - at various times - held by the bride and groom. Two candles are traditionally tied together with a ribbon to symbolize the union of the couple.

The ceremony starts as the Bride and Groom are each handed the white candles to symbolize their willingness to accept Christ into their lives. These candles are to be provided by the Koumbaro who is like a "best man." Traditionally, the koumbaros were the groom's godfathers. In traditional Greek weddings, the koumbaro's role is highly symbolic, and his duties are many.

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#### CITATION

Candle, 1912, 1912, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 04/19/24.

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