



OBJECT ID	1996.97.9.A
OBJECT NAME	Candle
DATE CREATED	1923, 1923
ALTERNATIVE NAME	Wedding Candle
MATERIAL	Satin; Wax
OBJECT ENTITIES	<p>Maniates, Maria (collected by)</p> <p>Boukias, Pete Maduros and Alexandra (owned by)</p> <p>Maniates, Maria (is related to)</p> <p>Maduros, Peter (is related to)</p> <p>Boukias, Alexandra (is related to)</p>
ACCESS POINTS	Stefana wedding

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

One of two wedding candles (lambades) used in the July 5, 1923, wedding of Peter Maduros and Alexandra Boukias. Candle decorated with long and wide satin ribbon, with coordinating piece of wedding stefana applied to bow.

ORIGIN

The wedding 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 The Koumbaro who is like a "best man." Traditionally, the koumbaros was the groom's godfather. In



traditional Greek weddings, the koumbaro's role is highly symbolic, and his duties are many. Used in the July 5, 1923, wedding of Peter Maduros and Alexandra Boukias.

CITATION

Candle, 1923, 1923, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 01/25/21.
