



**Tuesday, February 3, 2015**  
**7:30 PM Lecture (7:00 PM Reception)**

**1400 Marie Mount Hall**  
**University of Maryland, College Park**

**Professor Alexander Mazarakis Ainian,**  
**The University of Thessaly,**

will present the  
**National AIA Kress Lecture**

**"Apollo and Artemis on Kythnos:  
Findings from the Excavation of a Greek  
Island Sanctuary "**

#### Lecture Abstract

In recent years, on the site of the ancient capital of the Cycladic island of Kythnos, Professor Alexander Mazarakis Ainian of the University of Thessaly led his team in the excavation of a rich sanctuary of the Archaic and Classical periods, probably dedicated to the cult of Apollo and Artemis. The highlight of this was the discovery of the un plundered inner sanctum (*adyton*) of the temple. The *adyton*, as well as the nearby extensive votive deposit, yielded innumerable precious offerings, and a great variety of luxurious objects, dated mostly from the seventh to the fourth centuries B.C., though certain objects were antiques, dating back to the Late Bronze Age.

In this lecture Professor Mazarakis Ainian will present the finds and discuss the impact of the discovery. Moreover, he will offer a comparative study of other island and mainland sanctuaries, aiming towards a better understanding of the importance of the Kythnos sanctuary and the dedication strategies in Greek cult places in general.

This lecture is co-sponsored by the Department of Classics and Department of Art History and Archaeology of the University of Maryland. It is free and open to the public.

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