

Two Greek Talismans of the Haimali Type

Left: A Χαϊμαλὶ depicting Saint Spiridon in his shrine, a tall candlestick on either side. In the inscription identifying Saint Spiridon at the top, the word intended to be Aγιος ("Saint") is written without the initial A, an unusual kind of spelling error. On the reverse side of the haimali are incised the cross, lance, and sponge of the Crucifixion, and at the base of the cross is the skull representing Golgotha. On either side of the cross are three eight-pointed stars. The side has an incised border.

A card inside the haimali is from the Corfu shop of O. Marolla & Fils, dated May 14, 1929. The haimali also contains a tag with the same date and the notation "W. Straker, Ltd.; the Ludgate tag."

2 1/2" x 2 1/8" 19th c.

Purchased in London from The Old Drury on October 22, 1981, for \$200.

Right: A haimali depicting the relief figures of the Mother and Child on one side and Saint Haralambos holding the devil by the ears on the other.

2 1/2" x 2 1/4" 18th or 19th c.

Purchased from The Original Moschos Antique Shop, Athens, on May 29, 1979, for \$117.



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