THREE GREEK ETYMOLOGIES.

άμια, κρασί, μόσω.

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άμια

Modern Gk. (but not common speech) = θεόο "aunt". Lat. amīta. 
Venetian amia 1) Gk. ámīa, not, as suggested by Meyer and Andriotis, 
Gk. ámυά, ámυα > Ven. amia > Gk. ámīα.

κρασί

κρασί. Βοστ Θεογν. Can. 21 3) The verb κρασί, though not 
attested elsewhere, can be safely posited as a variant of κράζω.
It fits neatly in a pattern which is common in MGk. :

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μόσω

Modern Greek possesses three different, but very similar, verbs 
meaning "gather", viz. μαζεύω, μαζώνω and (4) μάζω with aorists : 
μαζεύω, μαζώνω, μόσω. According to Andriotis 4) (following Chatzidakis) these verbs are derived from ομόδα (→ ομάδευω > μαζεύω with 
paretymological influence from μάζα), μάζα (→ μαζώνω) and ομόδα 
(→ ομάδευω > μάζω) respectively. This was disputed by Tsopanakis 5) 
who, observing correctly that any attempt of establishing the 
origin of (4) μάζω-μόσω must concentrate on the aorist form which 
is the only one in regular use (μάζω being extremely unusual) pro-
posed a derivation from Dor. ἄμαδω (pres. ἄμαδω).

Maybe another approach could be ventured. Ancient Gk. has a 
verb closely related in sense and form, viz. ματεύω/ματέω "search
for". To this has been assigned the aorist μᾶσσαι found in Hsch. who says μᾶσσαι, ξηναί, καθαρίσσαι, ψυγαί 7) which would seem to mean "search for, gather". It is then reasonable to declare Hsch.'s word the infinitive of our μᾶσσω (probably then better spelt μᾶσσω). If that is accepted, and if the derivation of μᾶσσαι from ματέω = ματεύω is correct, we have established the connection between the ματέω-family and μᾶσσω. Whether possibly ματεύω could be derived from ματεύω too, is another question.

2) Ν.Π. 'Ανδριώτη, Ετυμολογική λεξικό της Κοινής Νεοελληνικής, 2.εκδ. Θεσ/νίκη 1967 s.v.
4) op. cit. s.vv.
5) 'Α.Τ. Σοπανάκη Α' Γλώττα, Ρόδος 1949 p.52f.
6) so Bechtle: Lexilogus zu Homer, Halle 1914, p.223 (following Ficht). 
7) Cited from LSJ, s.v. μᾶσσαι (so they correct the accent).