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Gradi di conservazione	Grades of preservation	Erhaltungsgrad	Degrés de conservation	Grados de Conservación
Fdc Fior di conio	Fdc Uncirculated	Stempelglanz	Fleur de coin (FDC)	FDC
Spl Splendido	Extremely fine	Vorzüglich	Superbe	EBC
BB Bellissimo	Very fine	Sehr schön	Très beau	MBC
MB Molto bello	Fine	Schön	Beau	BC

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We could not present this auction without acknowledging and thanking Simon Bendall for his invaluable contribution to the Byzantine section of this catalogue.

Late Roman Empire

The mint is Roma unless otherwise stated

Constantine I, 307 – 337



323

- 323 Solidus, Sirmium 323, AV 4.45 g. CONSTANTI – NVS P F AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. SECVRITAS P – ERPETVA Emperor in military attire and holding sceptre, standing l. crowning trophy beneath which, cuirass and shield; in exergue, SIRM. C –. Depeyrot 7/5 var. (laureate head r. and on reverse, PERPETVAE). RIC 42 var. (laureate head r.) and note.

Rare. A pleasant portrait of fine style, virtually as struck and almost Fdc 16'000

Constantine II, 337 – 340



324

- 324 Solidus, Antiochia 337-340, AV 4.47 g. CONSTAN – TINVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTO – RIA AVG Victory advancing l. holding trophy and palm branch; in l. field, star and in r., LXXII. In exergue, SMAN*. C (Constantine I) 579. Depeyrot 1/1. RIC 3.

Very rare. Several light marks and minor nicks, otherwise extremely fine 2'000

Ex Gorny & Mosch sale 50, 1990, 726.

Constans, 337 – 350



- 325 Solidus, Siscia 337-340, AV 4.51 g. FL IVL CONS – TANS P F AVG Laurel and rosette-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. FELICI – TAS – PE – RPETVA Constantine II nimbate and enthroned facing raising r. hand in benediction; inscribed on his footstool, VOT V. Facing him at his sides, Constantius II and Constans; both enthroned, diademed and holding *mappa*. In exergue, SIS*. C 27. Depeyrot 4/1. RIC 18a. Extremely rare and a very interesting reverse composition. A graffito on obverse field and an almost invisible nick on neck, otherwise good extremely fine 15'000



- 326 Solidus, Siscia 337-340, AV 4.46 g. FL IVL CONS – TANS P F AVG Laurel and rosette-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA CONSTANTIS AVG Victory seated r. on cuirass holding shield, supported by winged genius, inscribed VOT / V / MVLT X; in exergue, SIS*. C -. Depeyrot 5/4. RIC 36. Rare. A very attractive portrait, virtually as struck and almost Fdc 2'500



- 327 Solidus, Thessalonica 337-340, AV 4.61 g. CONSTANS – P F AVG Laurel and rosette-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA – DD NN AVGG Victory advancing l. holding trophy in r. hand and palm branch in l.; in exergue, TSE. C -. Depeyrot 1/3. RIC 4. Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 2'000



- 328 Solidus, Siscia 340-350, AV 4.51 g. FL IVL CONS – TANS P F AVG Laurel and rosette-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. OB VICTORIAM TRIVMPHALEM Two Victories facing each other, holding between them wreath inscribed VOT / X / MVL XV; in exergue, SIS*. C – cf. 89 (MVLT XX). Depeyrot 9/1. RIC 115.

Rare. An absolutely unobtrusive edge nick at seven o'clock on reverse, otherwise good extremely fine 2'000



- 329 Solidus, Treveri 347-348, AV 4.53 g. CONSTANS – AVGVSTVS Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIAE DD NN AVGG Two Victories facing each other, holding between them wreath inscribed VOT / X / MVL / XX; in exergue, TR. C 171. Depeyrot 6/3. RIC 135.

Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 2'000

Constantius II caesar, 324 – 337



- 330 Solidus, Thessalonica 330-331, AV 4.43 g. FL IVL CONSTANTIVS NOB CAES Diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. PRINCIPI – IVVE – NTVTIS Prince, in military attire, standing l., holding vexillum in r. hand and sceptre in l.; in r. field, two standards. In exergue, MTS. C 162 var. (NOB C). Depeyrot 14/3 var. (NOB C). RIC 176 var. (NOB C).

Extremely rare. An insignificant edge mark, otherwise extremely fine 5'000

Constantius II augustus, 337 – 361



331

- 331 Solidus, Constantinopolis 337-340, AV 4.45 g. D N CONSTA – NTIVS AVG Laurel and rosette-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. FELICITAS REIPUBLICE wreath enclosing VOT / XV / MVLT / XX; in exergue, CONS. C 67. Depeyrot 1/10. RIC 12.
Extremely rare. Good extremely fine 3'000



332

- 332 Solidus, Thessalonica 337-340, AV 4.55 g. FL IVL CONSTAN – TIVS P F AVG Laurel and rosette-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA – DD NN AVGG Victory advancing l. holding trophy in r. hand and palm branch in l.; in exergue, TES. C 261. Depeyrot 4/2 (misdescribed). RIC 26.
Light reddish tone, extremely fine / good extremely fine 2'000



333

- 333 Solidus, Antiochia 337-347, AV 4.45 g. CONSTAN – TIVS AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGVSTORVM Victory seated r. on cuirass holding shield, supported by winged genius, inscribed VOT / XXX; in exergue, SMANB•. C 245. Depeyrot 4/9. RIC 18.
Extremely fine 1'500

Ex UBS sale 75, 2008, 1117.



334

- 334 Soldius, Antiochia 337-347, AV 4.42 g. FL IVL CONSTAN – TIVS PERP AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. FELICITAS ROMANORVM Wreath enclosing VOTIS / XV / MVLTIS XX. In exergue, SMANΘ. C 76. Depeyrot 5/8. RIC 30. Almost invisible marks on obverse, otherwise extremely fine 2'500



335

- 335 Medallion of four siliquae, Thessalonica 340-350, AR 13.09 g. FL IVL CONSTANTI – VS PIVS FELIX AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. TRIVMFATOR – GENTIVM BARBARARVM Emperor standing l., in military attire, holding standard and resting l. hand on shield; in exergue, TES. C 194. Gnechi 50. Toynbee pl. XXXII, 8. RIC 79. Extremely rare. A scratch on obverse, an area of weakness on reverse and surface somewhat smoothed, otherwise good very fine 10'000



336

- 336 Solidus, Treveri circa 347-348, AV 4.53 g. CONSTANTI – VS AVGVSTVS Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIAE DD NN AVGG Two Victories standing facing, holding between them a wreath inscribed VOT / XX / MVLT / XXX; in exergue, TR. C 280. Depeyrot 6/1. RIC 132. Good extremely fine 2'000



337

- 337 Solidus, Antiochia 347-355, AV 4.47 g. FL IVL CONSTAN – TIVS PERP AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. GLORIA – REI – PVBLICAE Roma and Constantinopolis, enthroned facing, supporting between them a shield inscribed VOT / XX / MVLT / XXX; in exergue, SMANO. C 180. Depyrot 6/3. RIC 81. Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 2'500

Ex NAC sale 10, 1997, 708.



338

- 338 Semissis, Nicomedia 355-361, AV 2.16 g. CONSTAN – TIVS AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGVSTORVM Victory seated r. by cuirass and shield, holding shield inscribed VOT / XXXX supported by Genius; in exergue, SMAN. C –. Depyrot 7/1. RIC 101. Extremely rare. Small scratch on reverse, otherwise about extremely fine 3'500

Ex NAC 33, 2006, 604 and NAC 54, March 2010, 628 sales.

Magnentius, 350 – 353



339

- 339 Siliqua, Treveri 350-353, AR 3.31 g. IM CAE MAGN – ENTIVS AVG Bareheaded, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VIRTVS – EXERCITI Emperor in military attire standing facing, head r., holding spear in r. hand and resting l. on shield. In exergue TR. C 82. RIC 258. Bastien 18b.

Very rare. Dark tone, flan crack at seven o'clock on obverse, otherwise extremely fine

3'500

Vetranio, 1st March – 25th December 350



- 340 Siliqua, Siscia 350, AR 3.02 g. D N VETRA – NIO P F AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGVSTORVM Victory advancing l., holding wreath and trophy; in exergue, SIS • / crescent. C 8 var (SIS). RIC 265.

Rare and in exceptional condition for the issue. An almost invisible flan crack at twelve o'clock, otherwise virtually as struck and almost Fdc 8'000

Nepotian, 3rd – 30th June 350



- 341 Æ2, 3rd-30th June 350, 4.28 g. FL POP NEPOT – IANVS P F AVG Bareheaded, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. GLORIA ROMANORVM Emperor, in military attire, galloping r., spearing barbarian kneeling l. with outstretched arms; on ground, shield and broken spear and in field above, star. In exergue, R S. C 1. RIC 200. Bastien Nepotian p. 408 and pl. 29, 1.

Extremely rare. An attractive green patina and a very pleasant portrait, about extremely fine 12'500

Ex NAC 42, Feirstein part II, 213 and NAC 59, 4-5 April 2011, 1176 sales.

Constantius Gallus caesar, 351 – 354



- 342 Solidus, Antiochia 351–354, AV 4.38 g. D N CONSTANTI – VS NOB CAES Bareheaded, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. GLORIA – REI – PVBLICAE Roma and Constantinopolis enthroned facing, the latter turned to l., supporting between them a shield inscribed OT / TIS / V; in exergue, SMANB•. C 24 var. (obverse DN FL and on reverse, VOTIS). Depyrot 7/4 note. RIC 90 note (the die with this blundered inscription actually exists and was not misread by DO).

Rare. A light scratch on obverse field, otherwise extremely fine 5'000

Julian II caesar, 355-361



343



- 343 9 Siliquae, Antiochia 355-361, AV 1.66 g. IVLIAN – VS CAES Bareheaded, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGVSTORVM Victory seated r. on cuirass, holding shield, supported by small genius, inscribed with a star. In exergue, •SMAN•. C 56 (?). Depeyrot 13/4. RIC 178.

Of the highest rarity, apparently only the fourth specimen known of this issue.

Good extremely fine 10'000

Julian II augustus, 360 – 363



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- 344 Solidus, Antiochia 361–363, AV 4.46 g. FL CL IVLIA – NVS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VIRTVS EXERCI – TVS ROMANORVM Soldier, helmeted, standing r., holding trophy over l. shoulder and placing r. hand on head of kneeling captive; in exergue, ANTN. C 79. Depeyrot 15/2. RIC 199.

Good very fine / about extremely fine 3'000

Jovian, 363 – 364



345



- 345 Solidus, Antiochia 363-364, AV 4.46 g. D N IOVIAN – VS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. SECVRITA – SREI – PVBLICAE Roma and Constantinopolis enthroned facing and supporting shield inscribed VOT / V / MVL / X; in exergue, ANTZ. C 4. Depeyrot 18/1 (this coin cited). RIC 222.

Good extremely fine 5'000

Ex Adolf Hess sale 194, 1929, Vogel, 964.

Valentinian I, 364 – 375



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- 346 Solidus, Siscia 364-367, AV 4.42 g. D N VALENTINI – ANVS P F AVG Pearl-diademed bust l., wearing imperial mantle and holding *mappa* and short sceptre. Rev. SALVS – REIP Emperor standing facing, head r., holding labarum and Victory on globe, spurning captive kneeling l., head reverted; in r. field, star and in exergue, SMSIST palm. C 32. Depeyrot 27/1. RIC 1.

Very rare. Minor edge marks, otherwise good very fine

1'500



347



- 347 Solidus, Antiochia 367-375, AV 4.47 g. D N VALENTINI – ANVS P F AVG Rosette-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. GLORIA – R Christogram O – MANORVM Roma and Constantinopolis, enthroned facing, supporting a wreath between them inscribed VOT / X / MVL / XX; in exergue, ANOBI. C 5. Depeyrot 38/2. RIC 15a.

Rare. Extremely fine / good extremely fine

1'500

Valens, 364 – 378



348



- 348 Solidus, Thessalonica 364-367, AV 4.43 g. D N VALEN – S P F AVG Pearl-diademed bust l., wearing imperial mantle and holding *mappa* and short sceptre. Rev. SALVS – REIP Emperor standing facing, head r., holding labarum and Victory on globe and spurning with r. foot captive kneeling l.; in r. field, two stars and in exergue, SMTES. C 43. Depeyrot 31/2. RIC 3b.

Rare. A very attractive portrait, virtually as struck and almost Fdc

3'000

Ex M&M list 552, 1992, 54.



- 349 Solidus, Constantinopolis 367-375, AV 4.49 g. D N VALENS – P F AVG Rosette-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. RESTITVTOR – REI REIPUBLICAE Emperor standing facing, head r., holding labarum in r. hand and Victory on globe in l.; in exergue, *CONS wreath. C 34. Depyrot 21/2. RIC 25b.
Extremely fine 800



- 350 Solidus, Antiochia 367-375, AV 4.49 g. D N VALENS – PERF AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGVSTORVM Victory seated r. on cuirass, writing VOT / X / MVL / XX on shield. In exergue, ANTOB. C 62 var. (in lower r. field, Christogram). Depyrot 38/6 var. (in lower r. field, Christogram). RIC 22c var. (in lower r. field, Christogram).
An apparently unrecorded variety. Minor edge marks, otherwise good extremely fine 1'500



- 351 Semis, Antiochia 367-375, AV 2.26 g. D N VALENS – P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGVSTORVM Victory seated r. on cuirass with shield, supported by winged genius, inscribing VOT / X / MVL / XX. In exergue, AN. C –. Depyrot 34/2 var. (ANT). RIC 24b var. (ANT and PER F). Very rare and in exceptional condition for the issue. Good extremely fine 2'500

Procopius, 365 – 366



- 352 Solidus, Cyzicus 365-366, AV 4.31 g. D N PROCO – PIVS P F AVG Pearl and rosette-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. REPARATI – O FEL TEMP Procopius standing facing, head r., holding spear in r. hand and resting l. on shield. In exergue, SMKA. C 5. Depeyrot 5/1 and pl. 28, 5/1 (this coin illustrated). RIC 1. Extremely rare and among the finest specimens known. A portrait of superb style and one of the best example of Roman portraiture of this period. Well struck on a full flan and good extremely fine 60'000

Ex Canessa 28 June 1923, Caruso 604 and NAC 54, 2010, 642 sales.

In Procopius we have one of the more legitimate rebels in Roman history. When Julian II was killed in battle against the Persians in the summer of 363, it was Procopius, a relative of Julian II and one of his campaign commanders, who bore his body back to Cilicia for burial. Furthermore, it was rumoured that he had been named successor. Despite all this, the divided army did not recognize Procopius' claim and selected Jovian, who seems to have been neutral in the east-west divide within the ranks. Another reason Procopius might have been denied was his probable sympathy toward paganism, which we might presume from his close association with Julian and his choice to wear a beard. Because of his prominence, Procopius was in grave danger and so went into hiding, emerging only when the new eastern emperor Valens was travelling to Syria. Much was working in favour of Procopius: not only was Valens far away, but the locals in Constantinopolis were desperate for relief from Petronius, the corrupt father-in-law of Valens who had been left behind in command. Procopius' revolt was easily sparked, but proved impossible to maintain. The contemporary historian Ammianus reports that Procopius tried to extend his rule into the strategically important Illyricum through the offer of an 'accession donative', but apparently even this failed. With the passage of time Procopius' support in the army eroded until he left the capital with what remained of his army to confront Valens. The pitched battle Procopius no doubt considered his only chance for survival never materialized, as he was handed over to Valens after the 'battle of Nacolia' in the summer of 366 and was executed.

Gratian, 367 – 383



- 353 Solidus, Antiochia 367-375, AV 4.49 g. D N GRATIA – NVS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGVSTORVM Victory seated r. on cuirass with shield, supported by winged genius, inscribing VOT / V / MVL / X; in r. field, christogram and in exergue, ANOBT. C 48. Depeyrot 38/7. RIC 21A. Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 2'000



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- 354 Solidus, Treveri 378-383, AV 4.51 g. D N GRATIA – NVS P F AVG Rosette-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTOR – IA AVGG Two emperors seated facing holding globe; above, Victory with spread wings between them and below, a palm branch. In exergue, TROBS. C 38. Depeyrot 43/4. RIC 39c. Minor marks, otherwise extremely fine 1'200

Valentinian II, 375 – 392



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- 355 Solidus, Constantinopolis 383-388, AV 4.44 g. D N VALENTINI – ANVS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. CONCORDI – A AVGGGS Constantinopolis, helmeted, seated facing, head r., on throne, holding sceptre and globe; r. foot on prow. In exergue, CONOB. C 4. Depeyrot 48/5. RIC 69a. Good extremely fine 1'500



356



- 356 Tremissis, Constantinopolis 383-388, AV 1.25 g. D N VALENTINI – ANVS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGVSTORVM Victory advancing r. holding wreath and *globus cruciger*; in exergue, CONOB. C 51. Depeyrot 50/1. RIC 75a. Very rare. Traces of mounting, otherwise good very fine / about extremely fine 300

Ex Tkalec sale, 26 March 1991, 507.

Theodosius I, 379 – 395



357



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- 357 Solidus, Constantinopolis 378-383, AV 4.41 g. DN THEODO – SIVS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. CONCOR – DIA AVGGG Constantinopolis, helmeted and with head r., seated facing on plain high-back throne, holding sceptre and globe; r. foot on prow. In exergue, CONOB. C –. Depeyrot 29/2. RIC 43/b. About extremely fine 750



358

- 358 Solidus, Mediolanum 383-387, AV 4.50 g. D N THEODO – SIVS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTOR – IA AVGG Two emperors, nimbate, seated facing holding globe together; the one on r. holds a *mappa* in l. hand. Above, Victory facing with spread wings between them and below, a palm branch. In field, M – D and in exergue, COM. C 37. Ulrich-Bansa 32. Depeyrot 9/2. RIC 8b.
Rare. An almost invisible mark on obverse field,
otherwise good extremely fine 1750



359

- 359 Tremissis, Constantinopolis 383-388, 1.49 g. D N THEODO – SIVS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGVSTORVM Victory standing facing, holding wreath and cross on globe; in exergue, CONOB. C 46. Depeyrot 50/2. RIC 75b.
Very rare and in exceptional condition for this difficult issue. Good extremely fine 1500



360

- 360 Solidus, Sirmium 393-395, AV 4.46 g. D N THEODO – SIVS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTOR – IA AVGGGH Emperor standing r., holding standard and victory on globe; at his foot, captive; in field, S – M and in exergue, COMOB. C 39. Depeyrot 33/4. RIC 14a.
Good extremely fine / extremely fine 1000

Aelia Flacilla, wife of Theodosius I



361

- 361 A2, Antiochia 378-383, 4.88 g. AEL FLAC – CILLA AVG Draped bust r., with elaborate headdress, necklace and mantle. Rev. SALVS REI – PVBLICAE Victory seated r. on throne, writing Christogram on shield held on small column; in r. field, T and in exergue, ANTE. C 4. Depeyrot 36/1. RIC 43 var. (missing T in field).
Brown tone and very fine 150

Magnus Maximus, 383 – 388



362



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- 362 Solidus, Londinium-Augusta 387-388, AV 4.42 g. D N MAG MA – XIMVS P F AVG Rosette-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTOR – IA AVGG Two emperors seated on throne, holding globe between them; behind, Victory with outspread wings and below, palm branch. In exergue, AVGOB. C 9. Depeyrot 2/1. RIC 2b.

Very rare and an issue of great historical importance. Scratch on cheek, otherwise about extremely fine / extremely fine

15'000

Ex NAC sale 54, 2010, 648.

This extremely rare issue has been ground of confrontation among scholars, in that the attribution of the coins bearing the mint-name AVG to Londinium Augusta is not universally accepted. The first one to advance this hypothesis was Sir Arthur Evans in NC 1915, but his ideas were considered unacceptable first by George Elmer, in NZ 1934, and then by Friedrich Mayreder, in NC 1947. They instead suggested Augustodunum, basing their argument on the assumption that coinage in precious metal, at the time, always implied the presence or immediate closeness of the Emperor, and that Maximus never visited Britain after 383. This attribution has not been accepted by Pearce in RIC vol. IX. As soon as Maximus raised to the rank of augustus in Britain, we might reasonably expect to find his earliest coinage coming from a British mint, which could have been only Londinium. Since it is evident the importance for Maximus to strike coins for propagandistic reasons and to pay donatives to the soldier, we do not understand why the work of the mint should have been stopped after this earlier issue.

Our coin belongs to the second issue, which is extremely difficult to date. In it we find no trace of the previous policy of Maximus of dissociating himself from the coinage of Gratian, whose types and styles of mint mark (with OB and PS) are now carried over by him. It also quite interesting to notice the presence on the reverse of the legend VICTORIA AVGG; in fact it is quite difficult to establish who is the second Augustus implied in the legend. It is most probably Theodisius and and this means that the "Senior Augustus" Valentinian II is ignored. Is there implicit in the matter a claim of Maximus to the whole Valentinian I's inheritance ?

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Eugenius, 392 – 394



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- 363 Solidus, Treveri 392–394, AV 4.45 g. D N EVGENI – VS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTOR – IA AVGG Two emperors, nimbate, seated facing on throne; the emperor on r. holding *mappa* and the two together holding globe. Above, Victory facing with spread wings and below, palm branch. In field, T – R and in exergue, COM. C 6. Depeyrot 55/1. RIC 101.

Very rare. A pleasant portrait struck on a full flan, extremely fine

30'000

Ex Stack's 5 May 1984, Knobloch part II, 1468; NAC-Spink Taisei 16 November 1994, Gilbert Steinberg, 783 and NAC 54, 2010, 649 sales.

Arcadius, 383 – 408



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- 364 Solidus, Mediolanum 394-395, AV 4.50 g. D N ARCADI – VS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGG Emperor standing r. with r. foot on captive, holding standard and Victory on globe; in field, M – D and in exergue, COMOB. Ulrich-Bansa 60. LRC 265. Depeyrot 16/1. RIC 1205. Minor marks, otherwise about extremely fine 600



365



- 365 Solidus, Constantinopolis 403-408, AV 4.46 g. D N ARCADI – VS P F AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust facing three-quarters r., holding spear and shield with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. NOVA SPES REIPUBLICAE S Victory seated r. on shield and cuirass inscribing XX / XXX on shield resting on her l. knee; in l. field, star and in exergue, CONOB. LRC 250. Depeyrot 57/1. RIC 29. Rare. Good extremely fine 800

Aelia Eudocia, wife of Theodosius II



366



- 366 Tremissis, Constantinopolis after 423, AV 1.49 g. AEL EVDO – CIA AVG Diademed and draped bust r. Rev. Cross within wreath; in exergue, CONOB *. MIRB 50. LRC 461. Depeyrot 72/2. RIC Theodosius II, 335. Ex M&M 68, 1986, 430 and NAC 8, 1995, 976 sales. Rare. Good extremely fine 1'500

Honorius, 393 – 423



- 367 Solidus, Mediolanum 394-395, AV 4.47 g. D N HONORI – VS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGG Emperor standing r., r. foot on captive, holding standard and Victory on globe; in field, M – D and in exergue, COMOB. C 44. Ulrich-Bansa 61. LRC 712. Depyrot 16/2. RIC 1206. Virtually as struck and Fdc 1'500



- 368 Solidus, Sirmium 395-408, AV 4.47 g. D N HONORI – VS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGG Z Emperor standing r., holding standard and victory on globe; at his foot, captive; in field, S – M. In exergue COMOB. C 44. LRC (Constantinopolis) 692. Depyrot 34/3. RIC 2. Two almost invisible graffiti on obverse, otherwise about extremely fine 1'000



- 369 Solidus, Constantinopolis 403-408, AV 4.49 g. D N HONORI – VS P F AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust facing three-quarters r., holding spear and shield with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. CONCORDI – A AVGG € Constantinopolis, helmeted, seated facing, head r., on throne ornamented with lions' heads, holding sceptre and Victory on globe, r. foot on prow; in field l., eight-rayed star. In exergue, CONOB. C 3. MIRB 13B. LRC 776. Depyrot 73/1. RIC 201. Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 1'500

Ex Auctiones sale 10, 1979, 839.



370

- 370 Solidus, Ravenna after 408, AV 4.46 g. D N HONORI – VS P F AVG Helmeted, diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGG Emperor standing facing, crowned from above by *Manus Dei*, holding long staff surmounted by Christogram, placing l. hand on hilt of sword and resting r. foot on recumbent serpent-tailed lion. In field, R – V and in exergue, COB. C 43. LRC 742. Depyrot 3/1. RIC 1310. Rare. About extremely fine 3'500

Constantinus III, 407 – 411



371

- 371 Solidus, Lugdunum 408-409, AV 4.46 g. D N CONSTAN – TINVS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORI – AA AVGGG Emperor standing r., holding standard in r. hand and Victory on globe in l., spurning captive with his l. foot; in field, L – D and in exergue, COMOB. C 5 var. Bastien Lyon pl. 28, 250n. LRC 793. Depyrot 22/2. RIC 1512. Rare. An almost invisible mark on cheek and a graffito on reverse, otherwise good extremely fine 8'000

Ex Glendining's 9, December 1986, EJW Hildyard, 65 and Leu 53, 1991, 344 sales.

Constantine III, a general of obscure origins but considerable talent, was proclaimed emperor in Britain in 407 by his soldiers following the assassinations of the usurpers Marcus and Gratianus (neither of whom issued coins). He led his troops across the Channel into Gaul, where his authority was swiftly accepted locally, but was opposed by the reigning Western emperor Honorius, who sent his general Sarus from Italy to harass his defences. After initial setbacks, Constantine gained the upper hand and occupied all of Gaul up to the Alps, establishing his base at Arles. At its greatest extent, the territories controlled by Constantine included all of Western Europe, from Britain in the North and Spain in the South. Soon, however, his grip began to loosen. First Britain rose in revolt, and then Gerontius, Constantine's own magister militum, whom he had sent to Spain to quell another revolt, ended up turning against him. His fate was sealed in 411 when Honorius sent a general by the name of Constantius (the future emperor Constantius III) to defeat him. Although he had taken refuge in a church and was ordained before surrendering, the former rebel was murdered in captivity and his head sent to Ravenna where it was exhibited for some time.

Maximus, 409-411



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- 372 Siliqua, Barcinona 410-411, AR 0.74 g. D N MAXIM – VS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICT[OR A AVGGG] Roma seated l. on cuirass, holding Victory on globe and reversed spear; in exergue, SMB[A]. C 1. King, Melanges Bastien, pp. 291-292. LRC –. RIC 1601. Very rare. Toned and about very fine 2'500

Priscus Attalus, 409-410



- 373 Siliqua 409-10, AR 1.89 g. IMP PRISCVS AT – TALVS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VOT / V / MVLT / X within wreath; in exergue, PST. C 16. LRC –. RIC 1402.
Exceedingly rare and in unusually fine condition for the issue. Lovely old cabinet tone, flan crack at five o'clock on obverse, otherwise good extremely fine 15'000

Ex INumis sale 14 December 2010, 69.

Priscus Attalus came to power at a critical moment in Roman history, when the Visigoths had captured Rome's granaries and were besieging the great city in 409. Facing eventual starvation behind Rome's walls, the senate was forced to cooperate with king Alaric by electing one of their own as emperor in opposition to Honorius, who was based in Ravenna. The choice fell upon Priscus Attalus, a pagan senator of Greek extraction who had been the senate representative in negotiations with Alaric in the previous year. Attalus was baptized and the Romans had a new emperor, and Honorius a new rival. But Attalus was not a new rival in any true sense of the word, for he was merely a puppet of the Visigoths, and they were a rival to Honorius with or without Attalus. After having failed to oust Honorius from Ravenna, Alaric returned to Rome: in June he deposed Attalus, and late in August his armies sacked the great city for three days, taking with them every portable item of value, including hostages such as Priscus Attalus and the emperor's half-sister Galla Placidia. Since the siliquae of Attalus were struck not long before Rome was sacked, their inscription INVICTA ROMA AETERNA ("the unconquerable, eternal Rome") is laughably ironic, yet a legitimate reflection of the spirit of the besieged Romans. Attalus remained a prisoner of the Visigoths until, in 415, Alaric's successor Athaulf hailed him emperor in opposition to Honorius for a second time. His second reign was based in Gaul, not Rome, and it was equally brief. Attalus' embarrassing career as puppet emperor of the Goths ended in the spring of 416 when he was captured by Honorius' soldiers and taken to Rome. There he was paraded through the streets and banished to the Lipari islands where he lived out the rest of his days, having been relieved of his right thumb and forefinger by Honorius in symbolic gesture against any future revolt.s

Jovinus, 411 – 413



- 374 Solidus, Treveri 411-413, AV 4.46 g. DN IOVIN – VS P F AVG Pearl and rosette-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. RESTITV – TOR REIP Emperor standing r., holding standard and Victory on globe, spurning captive with his l. foot; in field, T – R and in exergue, COMOB. C 1. LRC –, p. 220. Depeyrot 59/1. RIC 1704
Extremely rare and in superb condition for the issue. An edge nick at eleven o'clock on obverse and minor marks, otherwise extremely fine 40'000

Ex Morton & Eden sale 24 November 2004, 731.

When the Gallic nobleman Jovinus was proclaimed emperor in Germania Secunda in 411, his timing was ideal; the luckless Honorius had only just emerged from the horrors of 407-411, during which many crises had struck the Western empire, including the sack of Rome by the Visigoths. Jovinus already had agreements with kings of the Alans and Burgundians, and he immediately set about making alliances with other barbarian leaders, including Athaulf, king of the Visigoths. All was proceeding according to plan until Jovinus courted the Gothic dissident Sarus, and hailed his own brother Sebastianus co-emperor, for both of these actions alienated Athaulf, who instead began to co-operate with Honorius. The alliance of Athaulf and Honorius was effective, and the rebels Sebastianus and Jovinus were, in turn, captured and executed.

Galla Placidia wife of Constantine III and mother of Valentinian III



375

- 375 Solidus, Ravenna 426-430, AV 4.50 g. D N GALLA PLA – CIDIA P F AVG Pearl-diademed and draped bust r., wearing necklace and crowned above by *Manus Dei*; Christogram on shoulder. Rev. VOT XX – MVLT XXX R – V Victory standing l., supporting long jewelled cross; in upper field, star. In exergue, COMOB. C 13. LRC 826. Kent, NC 1960, p. 130, type 2. Depeyrot 13/2. RIC 2012.

Rare. About extremely fine 5'000

Ex NAC sale 5, 1992, 610.

Johannes, 423 – 425



376

- 376 Solidus, Ravenna 423-425, AV 4.33 g. D N IOHAN – NES P F AVG Rosette-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGG Emperor standing r., holding standard and Victory on globe, spurning captive with his l. foot; across field, R – V. In exergue, COMOB. C 4. RIC 1901. Depeyrot 12/1. LRC 819.

Rare. Good very fine / about extremely fine 8'000

The closest surviving male relative of the Western emperor Honorius when he died in August 423 was Valentinian III, the son of Galla Placidia. When alive Honorius had banished his half-sister, so at the time of his death both she and her son were living in Constantinople. Her absence afforded the primicerius notariorum (chief notary) Johannes the opportunity to seize power in Rome, which he did with support from Castinus and Aëtius, both barbarians in the service of the Western empire. However, Johannes' rule was short-lived. Theodosius II had sent a small armada to Italy under the command of the general Arbadurius to oust Johannes and then install Valentinian III on the throne. Although Johannes managed to capture Arbadurius, the crafty general convinced several of Johannes' officers to betray him. The rebel was captured and then taken to Aquileia where, before he was executed, he was mutilated and paraded before jeering crowds.

Theodosius II, 402 – 450



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- 377 Tremissis, Constantinople circa 403-408, AV 1.39 g. D N THEDO – SIVS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGVSTORVM Victoria standing facing, head l., holding wreath in r. hand and *globus cruciger* in l.; in r. field, star. In exergue, CONOB. RIC Arcadius 3b. MIRB 46. LRC 323. Depeyrot 70/1.

About extremely fine 500

- 378 Solidus, Thessalonica 424-425/430(?), AV 4.38 g. D N THEODO – SIVS P F AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust facing three-quarters r., holding spear and shield decorated with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. GLOR ORVI – S TERRAR Emperor standing facing, holding *labarum* and *globus cruciger*; in l. field, star and in exergue, TESOB. RIC 362. MIRB 58. LRC 369. Depeyrot 51/1.

Very fine 500

Ex Sotheby's sale 3-4 November 1991, 119.



- 379 Solidus, Constantinopolis circa 430–440, AV 4.49 g. D N THEODO – SIVS P F AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust three-quarters facing, holding spear and shield with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. VOT XXX – MVLX XXXX II Constantinopolis seated l., holding spear and *globus cruciger*, r. foot on prow, shield at her side; in r. field, star. In exergue, CONOB. RIC 257. MIRB 25b. LRC 384 var. (different officina letter). Depeyrot 81/1. Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 800



- 380 Solidus, Constantinopolis 441-450, AV 4.48 g. D N THEODOSI – VS P F AVG Pearl diademed, helmeted and cuirassed bust facing three-quarters r., holding spear and ornamental shield. Rev. IMP XXXII COS – XVII'PP: Constantinopolis enthroned l., holding sceptre and *globus cruciger*, l. foot on prow, shield at her side. In l. field, star and in exergue, COMOB. RIC 292. MIRB 33. LRC 414. Depeyrot 84/1 and note. Extremely fine 600
- 381 Solidus, Constantinopolis 425–429, AV 4.32 g. D N THEODO – SIVS P F AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust facing three-quarters r., holding spear and shield with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. SALVS REI – PVBLICAE Two emperors, the one on the r. smaller, nimbate, enthroned facing, both in consular robes, holding *mappa* and cruciform sceptre; above them a star. In exergue, CONOB. RIC 237. MIRB 23a. LRC 374. Depeyrot 79/1. Lovely reddish tone, graffito (Christogram) on obverse, otherwise about extremely fine 600
- 382 Semis, Constantinopolis circa 444, AV 2.24 g. DN THEODO – SIVS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGG Victory seated r. on cuirass, inscribing + / XXX on shield; in l. field, star and in r. field, Christogram. In exergue, CONOB. MIRB N42c. LRC –. Depeyrot 80/4. RIC 331. Rare and in exceptional condition for the issue. Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 1'250



Pulcheria, sister of Theodosius II



- 383 Solidus, Constantinopolis 423–429, AV 4.48 g. AEL PVLCH – ERIA AVG Pearl-diademed, draped bust r., wearing double necklace and earrings, crowned by the *Manus Dei*. Rev. VOT XX – MVLT XXX I Victory standing l., supporting long jewelled cross on top of which star; in exergue, CONOB. RIC Th. II 220. MIRB 19b. LRC 439 var. (different officina letter). Depeyrot 75/3.

Rare and in exceptional condition for the issue. Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 7'500

Privately purchased from M&M.



- 384 Tremissis, Constantinopolis circa 450-453, AV 1.47 g. AEL PVLCH – ERI[A AVG] Diademed and draped bust r. Rev. Cross within wreath; in exergue, CONOB*. RIC Marcian 521 (these dies). MIRB Th. II 49 and Marcian 15. LRC 449. Depeyrot 72/4. Rare. Extremely fine 1'000

Ex Sotheby's sale 3-4 October 1991, 121.

Valentinian III, 425-455



- 385 Solidus, Constantinopolis circa 425–429, AV 4.46 g. D N VALENTIN – IANVS P F AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust three-quarters facing, holding spear and shield with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. SALVS REI – PVBLICAE I Two emperors, nimbate, enthroned facing, both in consular robes, holding *mappa* and cruciform sceptre; above, between them, star. In exergue, CONOB. C 9. MIRB 24b. LRC 837. Depeyrot 79/2. RIC 242. Extremely fine 1'000



- 386 Medallion of 1 ½ solidi, Constantinopolis 437 (?), AV 6.74 g. D N VALENTIN – IANVS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust t r. Rev. ADVENTS – S D N AVG The Emperor, nimbate, on horseback l, his cloak flowing behind him, raising t. hand in salute; in l. field, star and in exergue, CONOB. C –. Gnecci –. Toynbee –. RIC –. Depeyrot –.

Apparently unique. A medallion of great historical interest bearing a pleasant portrait. Virtually as struck and almost Fdc

30'000

Ex Tkalec sale 18 February 2002, 279.

Licinia Eudoxia, daughter of Theodosius II and wife of Valentinian III



- 387 Tremissis, Constantinopolis 439-455, AV 1.47 g. AEL EVDO – XIA AVG Pearl-diademed and draped bust r. Rev. Cross within wreath; in exergue, CONOB *. RIC 335. MIRB Th. II, 51. LRC 873. Depeyrot 72/3. Very rare. Good very fine 1'200

Ex Sotheby's sale 3-4 October 1991, 116 (catalogued as Aelia Eudoxia).

Justa Gratia Honoria 426 (?), sister of Valentinian III



- 388 Solidus, Ravenna circa 430-445, AV 4.42 g. D N IVST GRAT HO – NORIA P F AVG Pearl-diademed and draped bust r., cross on shoulder, crowned above by *Manus Dei*. Rev. BONO REI – PVBLICAE R – V Victory standing l., supporting long jewelled cross; in upper field, star. In exergue, COMOB. C 1. LRC 866. Depeyrot 15/1 var. (IVST HO – NORIA). RIC 2022.

Very rare. An almost invisible mark on obverse, otherwise about extremely fine

15'000

Ex NAC sale 38, 2007, 297.

Marcian, 450 – 457



- 389 Solidus, Constantinopolis 450-457, AV 4.50 g. D N MARCIA – NVS P F AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust three-quarters facing, holding spear and shield with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGG Θ Victoria standing l., supporting long jewelled cross; in r. field, star. In exergue, CONOB. MIRB 5b. LRC 482 (different officina letter). Depeyrot 87/1. RIC 510.
Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 1'000

Leo I, 457 – 474



- 390 Solidus, Constantinopolis circa 462-466, AV 4.47 g. D N LEO PE – RPET AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust three-quarters facing, holding spear and shield with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVCCCB Victoria standing l., supporting long jewelled cross; in r. field, star and in exergue, CONOB. RIC 605. MIRB 3b. LRC 517. Depeyrot 93/1.
About extremely fine / extremely fine 750
- 391 Semissis, Constantinopolis circa 462-466, AV 2.21 g. D N LEO PE – RPET AVG Pearl-diademed and draped bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGG Victoria seated right on cuirass, inscribing XV/X/X/X on shield set on knee; in l. field star and in r., chistogram. In exergue, CONOB. RIC 608 (this obverse die). MIRB 5. LRC 535 (this obverse die). Depeyrot 95/1 var.
Rare. Insignificant mark on reverse, otherwise extremely fine 750
- 392 Tremissis, Constantinopolis 462-466, AV 1.43 g. D N LEO PE – RPET AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGVSTORV Victoria advancing to front, head l., holding wreath and *globus cruciger*; in r. field, star and in exergue, CONOB. MIRB 7 var. (AVGVSTORVI). LRC 543 var. (AVGVSTORVM). Depeyrot 97/1 var. (AVGVSTORVM) RIC 611. Extremely fine 400

Ex Sternberg sale XIII, 1983, 1079.



Aelia Verina, wife of Leo I



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- 393 Tremissis, Constantinopolis 457-474, AV 1.48 g. AEL VERI – NA A[VG] Pearl-diademed and draped bust r. Rev. Cross within wreath; in exergue, CONOB *. RIC Leo I 614. MIRB 10. LRC 595. Depeyrot 96/1.
Extremely rare. A small edge nick at two o'clock and a scuff on obverse field, otherwise very fine 2'500

Leo II and Zeno, 9th February – 17th November 474



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- 394 Solidus, Constantinopolis 9th February – 17th November 474, AV 4.48 g. D N LEO ET Z – ENO P P AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust facing three-quarters r., holding spear and shield with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. SALVS REI YPVBLICAE Two emperors, nimbate, enthroned facing, each holding *mappa* in r. hand; behind them, a cross. In exergue, CONOB. RIC 803 note. MIRB 1b. LRC 600. Depeyrot 99/1. Rare. Good extremely fine 5'000

Ex NAC sale 64, 2012, 2774.

Majoran, 457 – 461



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- 395 Solidus, Mediolanum 457-461, AV 4.42 g. D N IVLIVS MAIORIA – NVS PE AVG Helmeted, diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r., holding spear pointing forward and shield bearing Christogram. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGGG Emperor standing facing, holding long cross in r. hand and Victory on globe in l.; foot on man-headed serpent; in field, M – D. In exergue, COMOB. C 9. Lacam 15. Ulrich-Bansa 104 var. (legend parted differently). LRC -. Depeyrot 24/5 var. (P F AVG). RIC 2639.
Very rare and in exceptional condition for the issue. Unusually well struck and complete, almost Fdc 12'000

Ex NAC sale 1, 1989, 1025.

Libius Severus, 461-465



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- 396 Solidus, 462, AV 4.47 g. D N LIBIVS SEVE – RVS P F AVG Rosette-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGG Emperor standing facing, holding long cross and Victory on globe, foot on man-headed serpent; in field R – M and in exergue, COMOB*. C 8 var. (COMOB). Lacam 4. LRC 895 var. (COMOB). Depeyrot 54/1. RIC 2705.

Rare. An almost invisible nick on obverse, otherwise in exceptional condition for the issue. Extremely fine

7'000

Although reigned for a substantial four years, surprisingly little is known of Libius Severus, an emperor often called Severus III to distinguish him from predecessors who also bore the name. Apparently, he was a native of Lucania in southern Italy, he was proclaimed emperor by the generalissimo Ricimer at Ravenna on November 19, 461. Though we hear nothing of Severus' activities during his tenure, his master Ricimer was kept fully occupied campaigning against the Alans and the Vandal king Gaiseric. It would appear that Severus was nothing more than a puppet emperor who died on November 14, 465, presumably of natural causes, but the suspicion might be expected that he may have been murdered.

Anthemius, 467 – 472



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- 397 Solidus 468, AV 4.49 g. D N ANTHE – MIVS P F AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and draped bust three-Quarters facing, holding spear over r. shoulder. Rev. SALVS R – EI P – VBLICAE Two emperors, in military attire, standing facing, holding spears and supporting between them a globe surmounted by cross; in centre field, ROMA in monogram / •. In exergue, COMOB. C 6. Lacam 41. LRC 925. Depeyrot 65/2. RIC 2831. Rare. Minor edge marks and a nick on obverse, otherwise about extremely fine

4'500

Olybrius, March (?) – 23 October 472



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- 398 Tremissis, Mediolanum March (?)–23 October 472, AV 1.44 g. D N ANICIVS (S reverted) OLVBRIVS (S reverted) AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. Cross within wreath; in exergue, COMOB. C 5. Ulrich-Bansa pl. XIII, 147 (these dies). Lacam 37 (these dies). LRC–. Depeyrot 33/1. RIC 3004. Of the highest rarity, only the sixth specimen of this type and the thirteenth coin of Olybrius known. Almost invisible marks on neck, otherwise good very fine / extremely fine 150*000

Olybrius, who reigned as a puppet emperor for six or seven months in 472, was only too familiar with the troubled state of affairs in the Western Roman Empire, for he was a member of the senatorial nobility who had evacuated Rome just before it was sacked by the Vandals in 455.

Fortunately for Olybrius, he had sufficient wealth to relocate in Constantinopolis in high style. In addition to wealth, he had political influence, for in 462 he married Placidia the younger, the daughter of the former western emperor Valentinian III, and in 464 he held the consulship.

Whatever horrifying tales Olybrius could have told, they must have paled in comparison with those of his new teenage bride Placidia, for she had been carried off by the Vandals as booty in the sacking of Rome that Olybrius had escaped. The two were wed upon her return after the eastern emperor Leo I had negotiated her release from seven years as a hostage of king Gaiseric in Carthage.

In striking this marriage Olybrius became related to the House of Theodosius and to Gaiseric, whose son Huneric had married Placidia's sister, Eudocia the younger. These unusual qualifications made Olybrius an obvious choice for Leo I to send to Italy in 472 as an ambassador to resolve a conflict between the magister militum Ricimer and Leo's chosen candidate for the Western throne, Anthemius. Though the details have been garbled, the result of Olybrius' trip was that in April, 472 he accepted Ricimer's offer to make him emperor in place of Anthemius, who was the besieged in Rome and eventually beheaded.

However, Olybrius' unexpected windfall quickly turned sour, for Ricimer unexpectedly died a few weeks later. Ricimer was replaced as magister militum by his nephew Gundobad, and though his relationship with Olybrius may have been stable, it hardly mattered for the new emperor died of dropsy, perhaps on November 2, 472, after having reigned about half a year.

Olybrius seems to have coined only solidi and tremisses, and they are all extremely rare, in fact only four solidi and six tremisses are listed by Lacam to which this specimen and another specimen auctioned by Leu must be added. He certainly valued his noble ancestry, for he uncharacteristically includes his full family name, ANICIVS, on all of his coins. There is debate among authorities as to the mints used to strike his coins, as none of them bear mint signatures. Kent and Lacam attribute all solidi to Rome, and divide the tremisses between Rome and Milan; Grierson and Mays agree with them on the tremisses, but divide the solidi between Rome and Ravenna.

It is noteworthy that before this tremissis only five coins of Olybrius have been offered in auction: four tremisses (Naville XI, 1925, 1055; Hirsch XXIV, 1919, 2848; Leu 54, 1992, 341; NAC 34, 2006, 120; UBS 78, 2008, 2041 and one solidus (Naville VII, 1924, 1023). These coins seem to be the only ones of this ruler in private hands.

Julius Nepos, first reign 474 – 475



- 399 Tremissis, Mediolanum 474-475, AV 1.43 g. D N IVL NE – POS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. Cross within wreath; in exergue, COMOB. C 16. Lacam 78. Ulrich-Bansa 167. LRC 955. Depeyrot 43/1. RIC 3220. Very rare. Good very fine 3'000

Romulus Augustus, 31st October 475 – 4th September 476



- 400 Solidus, Mediolanum 475-476, AV 4.41 g. DN ROMVLVS A – GVSTVS P F AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust three-quarters r. facing, holding spear and shield with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGG: Victory standing l., supporting long jewelled cross; in r. field, star. In exergue, COMOB. C 5. Lacam 19. LRC 949 var. (AVG ligate). Depeyrot (Roma), 80/1. RIC 3414. Extremely rare. A minor edge mark at three o'clock on reverse and an area of weakness on obverse, otherwise about extremely fine 35'000

The last legitimate ruler of the Western Roman Empire was Julius Nepos, who remained the constitutional emperor in absentia from his base in Dalmatia. However, traditionally that honour has been incorrectly given to Romulus Augustus (sometimes surnamed Augustulus, "the little emperor"), who, after Nepos fled Italy, was hailed emperor as a figurehead of his father's army. His reign lasted just ten months before Germans under Odovacar withdrew their support and deposed both the young emperor and his father. The Germans allowed the former boy-emperor to live, and provided him with an ample pension so he could engage in an early retirement to an estate on the Gulf of Naples in Campania, where he is said to have lived for at least thirty more years.

Zeno, second reign 476 - 491



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- 401 Solidus, Constantinopolis 476-491, AV 4.45 g. D N ZENO – PERP AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust three-quarters facing, holding spear and shield with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGG S (vertical) Victory standing l., supporting long jewelled cross; in field r., star and in exergue, CONOB. RIC 910. MIRB 7. LRC 630 var. (different officina letter) Depeyrot 108/1.

Graffito on obverse, otherwise extremely fine 700

- 402 Solidus, Constantinopolis 476-491, AV 4.39 g. D N ZENO – PERP AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust three-quarters facing, holding spear and shield with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. VICTO[R]I – A AVGGGTE Victory standing l., supporting long jewelled cross; in r. field, star and in exergue, CONOB. RIC 927. MIRB 8. LRC 664 var. (as Thessalonica, different officina letter). Depeyrot 112/1. Good very fine 600

Ex Sotheby's sale 3-4 October 1991, 128.

Basiliscus sole reign, after 9 January 475 – late August 476



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- 403 Solidus, Constantinopolis after 9 January 475 – late August 476, AV 4.43 g. D N bASILIS – CΨS P P AΨG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust three-quarters facing, holding spear and shield with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVCCV Victory standing l., supporting long jewelled cross; in r. field, star and in exergue, CONOB. RIC 1001. MIRB 1a. LRC 607. Depeyrot 101/1.

Good very fine 1'000

Basiliscus and Marcus joint reign, Autumn 475 – late August 476



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- 404 Solidus, Constantinopolis 475-476, AV 4.41 g. D N bASILISCI – Et MARC P AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust three-quarters facing, holding spear and shield with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGGΓ Victory standing l., supporting long jewelled cross; in field r., star and in exergue, CONOB. RIC 1024. MIRB 8.1. LRC 620. Depeyrot 105/2.

Rare. Extremely fine. 2'000

Aelia Zenonis, wife of Basiliscus



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- 405 Æ4 Constantinopolis 475-476, 0.69 g. Pearl-diademed bust r. Rev. Monogram of Zenonis, within wreath. RIC 1018. MIRB 14. LRC 627. Extremely rare. Very fine 800

Migration of the German tribes

Uncertain tribe



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- 406 Solidus, uncertain mint in eastern Europe after 361 (?), AV 4.06 g. FL CL IVLIA – NVS P P AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. CLOPIA – REI – PVRLIENE Roma and Constantinopolis, enthroned facing, supporting between them a shield inscribed VOT / XXX / MVLT / XXXX; in exergue, SMANI. C –. Depeyrot Siscia 11/Imitation. RIC –.

Extremely rare, only four specimens recorded by Depeyrot. Weakly struck on reverse, otherwise good very fine / very fine 3'000

The Vandals



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- 407 **Pseudo-imperial coinage, circa 440-490. In the name of Honorius, 393-423.** Siliqua, Carthago 428-477, AR 1.52 g. [D] N HONORI – VS PF Λ[VG] Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VRBS – [ROIIA] Roma seated l. on cuirass, holding sceptre and Victory on globe; in exergue, RVPS. BMC Vandals 9. MEC 1, 2. RIC 3801.

In unusually fine condition for the issue. Old cabinet tone and about extremely fine 400

- 408 **Regal coinage, circa 490-533. Gunthamund, 484-496.** 50 denarii, Carthago 484-496, AR 1.09 g. DNRXG – VNTHA Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. DN within wreath. MIB 3. MEC 1, 8.

Rare. Lightly toned, reverse slightly off-centre, otherwise good very fine 500

Ex Leu-NAC sale May 1993, 338.

- 409 25 denarii, Carthago 484-496, AR 0.45 g. DN RX[] Diademed and draped bust r. Rev. DN / XXV within wreath. MIB 4. MEC 1, 11.

Rare. Toned and about very fine 350



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- 410 **Hilderic, 523-530.** 50 denarii, Carthago 523-530, AR 1.13 g. DN HILDI – RIX REX Diademed and draped bust r. Rev. FELIX – KARTG Carthago standing facing, holding barley ears with both hands. MIB 8. MEC 1, 21.

Rare. Struck on a very broad flan, obverse somewhat porous, otherwise extremely fine 750

- 411 **Semi-autonomous coinage of Carthago.** 4 nummi circa 480-533, Æ 0.97 g. Diademed and draped bust l., holding branch. Rev. N / IIII. MIB 20. MEC 1, 51.

Dark green patina, reverse slightly off-centre, otherwise about extremely fine 250

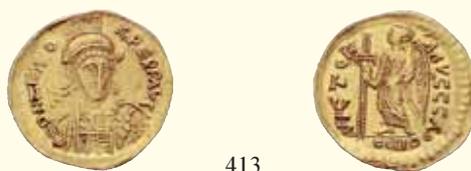
Some scholars assign this issue to the reign of Hilderic, but we have preferred to follow the attribution adopted by Grierson in MEC 1.

The Herulians



- 412 **Pseudo-Imperial Coinage. Odovacar, 476-493. In the name of Zeno, 474-491.** Solidus, uncertain mint in Italy 476-493, AV 4.18 g. D N ZENO – PERP AVG Pearl-diademed, helmeted and cuirassed bust facing three-quarters r., holding spear and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGGS Victory standing l., holding long jewelled cross; in r. field, star and in exergue, CONOB. RIC –. MEC 1 –. Lacam –. Extremely rare and in exceptional condition for the issue. Minor areas of weakness on reverse, otherwise extremely fine 6'000

Ex M&M 52, 1975, 818 (as Zeno, Rome); Dürr-Michel, 8 November 1999, Lacam, 237 and Gemini VIII, 2011, 508 sales (as Theodoric).



- 413 Solidus, uncertain mint in Italy 476-493, AV 4.47 g. D N ZENO – KPERP AVG Pearl-diademed, helmeted and cuirassed bust facing three-quarters r., holding spear and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTOR – A AVGGGA Victory standing l., holding long jewelled cross; in r. field, star and in exergue, COHIO B. RIC –. MEC 1 –. Lacam –. Very rare. Minor edge marks, obverse slightly double-struck and an insignificant scratch on reverse, otherwise very fine 1'000

The Ostrogoths



- 414 **Pseudo-Imperial Coinage. Theodoric, 493-526. In the name of Zeno, 474-491.** Solidus, uncertain mint in Italy 493-526, AV 4.37 g. D N ZENO – PERP AVG Pearl-diademed, helmeted and cuirassed bust facing three-quarters r., holding spear and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGGΘ Victory standing l., holding long jewelled cross; in r. field, star and in exergue, CONOR. MEC 1, –. Metlich –. Lacam pl. 54, cf. 2-3. Exceedingly rare. Traces of mounting, otherwise very fine 1'000

Ex Sotheby's sale 3-4 October 1991, 129.

According to Metlich, no solidi in the name of Zeno can be attributed to Theodoric's reign but he adds that, since semisses and tremisses of this ruler are known, the existence of solidi cannot be totally discounted. Lacam, thus, in his FIN assigns the issue with Θ to the Ostrogoth king even if, in our opinion, further evidence is required.



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- 415 **Theoderic, 493-526. In the name of Anastasius, 491-518.** Solidus, uncertain mint in Italy 493-526, AV 4.44 g. D N ANASTAS – IVS PERP AVG Pearl-diademed, helmeted and cuirassed bust facing three-quarters r., holding spear and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – Λ AVGGGI Victory standing l., holding long jewelled cross; in r. field, star and in exergue, COMOB. Metlich – Lacam Lacam pl. 58, cf. 82 (Bononia?). MEC 1, –.

Very rare. A graffito on reverse, otherwise good very fine

1'500

Ex Sotheby's sale 3-4 October 1991, 135.



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- 416 Tremissis, Mediolanum circa 491-501, AV 1.49 g. D N ANASTA * SIVS P P AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGVSTORVN Victory advancing r., looking backwards, holding wreath and globus *cruciger*; in r. field, star and in exergue, CONOB. Kent, Essays Baldwin, cf. 9. Metlich 24.5. Demo 62 (Ticinum). MEC 1, 116 var. (in l. field, star).

Rare. Minor marks, otherwise extremely fine

1'000



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- 417 Tremissis, Roma 491-518, AV 1.50 g. D N ANAST – ASIVS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGVSTORVM Victory advancing r., looking backwards, holding wreath and globus *cruciger*; on either side, star and in exergue, CONOB. MIB 11 var. (ANASTA). Metlich 13b var. (ANASTA). Demo 11 var. (ANASTA). MEC 1, 114 var. (ANASTA).

Very rare and in exceptional condition for the issue. Extremely fine / good extremely fine

1'500



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- 418 Decanummium, Roma circa 493-518, Æ 4.06 g. FELIX R – AVENNA Crowned and draped bust of Ravenna r. Rev. Eagle l., perched on palm branch; on either side, star and in exergue, X. MIB I, 76. Metlich 77. Demo 57 (Ravenna). MEC, 1 –.

Very rare and in unusual condition for the issue. Green-brown patina and about extremely fine

1'200



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419 Quarter siliqua, Roma 491-518, AR 0.88 g. D N ANASTASIVS P AG Pearl-diademed and draped bust r. Rev. INVIC ✽ TA ROMA Monogram of Theoderic; beneath, star. MIB 44b.2. Metlich 44a. Demo —. MEC, 1 —. Very fine 250

420 *In the name of Justin I, 518-527.* Quarter siliqua, Ravenna 518-526, AR 0.65 g. D N [IVSTI – NVS] P AVC Pearl-diademed and draped bust r. Rev. Monogram of Theoderic; above, cross. All within wreath. MIB I, 49 (Roma). Metlich 55. Demo 108. MEC 1, 121 (Roma). Toned and about extremely fine 500



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421 **Athalaric, 526-534. *In the name of Justinian I, 527-565.*** Tremissis, Roma 527-circa 530, AV 1.48 g. D N IVSTINI – ANVS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGVSTORVM Victory advancing r., looking backwards, holding wreath and globus *cruciger*; in exergue, COMOI. MIB I, 29a. Metlich 35. Demo 140. MEC 1, 123. Good very fine 400



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422 **Athalaric, Theodahad and Witigis, 526-540. *In the name of Justinian I, 527-565.*** Solidus, Ravenna circa 530-539, AV 4.36 g. D N IVSTINI – ANVS P Γ AV (ligate) G Pearl-diademed, helmeted and cuirassed bust facing three-quarters r., holding spear and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTOR – I – A AVCCCA Victory standing l., holding long jewelled cross; in l. field, star and in exergue, COMOB. MIB I, 28 (Roma). Metlich 36a.2. MEC 1, 122. (Roma). Rare. Almost invisible scuff on obverse, otherwise extremely fine 1'500



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423 **Witigis, 536-540. *In the name of Justinian I, 527-565.*** Quarter siliqua, Ravenna 536-538, AR 0.70 g. D N IVSTIN – IANVS AVC Pearl-diademed and draped bust r. Rev. Monogram of Theoderic within wreath. MIB I, 59. Metlich 64. Demo 218. MEC 1, —. Rare. Unusually complete, lovely old cabinet tone and good very fine 350

Ex Sotheby's sale 12 October 1992, 297.

The Gepids



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- 424 **Uncertain ruler. In the name of Anastasius, 491-518.** Quarter siliqua, Sirmium circa 518-540, AR 1.83 g. D N ANAST – ASIVS P P V Diademed and draped bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGGG around SRM in open frame; in exergue, CONOR. MIB I, -. Demo -. Cf. Vecchi sale 14, 1999, The William Subak collection, 63. Very rare. Good very fine / about extremely fine 700



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- 425 **Uncertain ruler. In the name of Anastasius, 491-518.** Quarter siliqua, Sirmium circa 518-540, AR 0.65 g. D И ANASTASIVS P P AV Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VINICTA – AROMAИИ Monogram of Theoderic; above, cross and beneath, star. Demo 71. Metlich p. 43, fig. 22. MIB I, 46. Rare and in exceptional condition for the issue. Good extremely fine 750

- 426 **Uncertain ruler. In the name of Anastasius, 491-518.** Quarter siliqua, Sirmium circa 518-540, AR 0.98 g. D N INASTASVS P P AV Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. MINVIT – AROMAD Monogram of Theoderic; above, cross and beneath, star. Demo 73 (Theoderic, these dies). Metlich p. 43, fig. 22. Rare. About extremely fine 350

- 427 **Uncertain ruler. In the name of Anastasius, 491-518.** Quarter siliqua, Sirmium circa 518-540, AR 0.98 g. D ИWVIISTASIWS P P A Diademed and draped bust r. Rev. DOVPA – TIVIAV Monogram of Theoderic; above, cross and beneath, star. Demo -, cf. 126. MIB I, -. Very rare. About extremely fine 750

- 428 **Uncertain ruler. In the name of Anastasius (?), 491-518.** Quarter siliqua, Sirmium circa 518-540, AR 0.48 g. VIIIИATIVЗИИИД Diademed and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VHIVCOVV – NIINV Monogram of Theoderic; above, cross and beneath, star. Demo -. MIB I, -. Extremely rare. Extremely fine 1'000



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- 429 **Uncertain ruler. In the name of Justin I, 518-526.** Quarter siliqua, Sirmium circa 520-540, AR 0.75 g. D II IVSTINVS P A Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VIIVICTA – AROMΛII Monogram of Theoderic; above, cross and beneath, star. Demo 122. MIB I, 50.
Very rare. Minor areas of weakness on reverse, otherwise extremely fine 1'000
- 430 **Uncertain ruler. In the name of Justin I, 518-526.** Quarter siliqua, Sirmium circa 520-540, AR 0.63 g. [D II] IISTIIIS P P AV Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VIVIA – [...]VVL Monogram of Theoderic; above, cross and beneath, star. Demo cf. 127.
Rare. Areas of weakness, otherwise very fine 500



- 431 **Cunimund, (?) -567. In the name of Justinian I (?), 527-565.** AR 0,72 g. Garbled legend. Diademed and cuirassed bust r.; behind, two pellets. Rev. Cross; on l., large C and on r., an annulet between two small crosses set vertically. Above and beneath the cross, a star. All within wreath. Demo –. Metlich p. 43, cf. fig 24.
Exceedingly rare. Toned and good very fine 1'750
- 432 **Uncertain ruler. The name of emperor obscure.** Half siliqua (?), Sirmium 518-567, AR 1.08 g. Garbled legend Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. Garbled legend around SIRM (?) in linear frame. Demo –. Cf. Vecchi sale 14, The William Subak collection, 1999, 63.
Rare. Minor areas of weakness, otherwise good very fine 750

The Visigoths



- 433 **Pseudo-Imperial series. In the name of Valentinian III, 425-455.** Solidus, uncertain mint in Gaul circa 439-455, AV 4.37 g. D N PLA VALENI – NIANVS PC AVG Rosette-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGG Emperor standing facing, holding long cross and Victory on globe, r. foot on man-headed serpent; in field, R – V. In exergue, COMOB. C 19. RIC 3713.
Very rare. Metal flaw on obverse, minor marks and traces of mounting on edge, otherwise very fine 5'000



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- 434 Solidus, uncertain mint in Gaul circa 470-475, AV 4.22 g. D N PIA VALENTINIANVS PF AVG Rosette-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGG Emperor standing facing, holding long cross and Victory on globe, r. foot on man-headed serpent; in field, R – V and in exergue, COMOB. C 19. RIC 3727. Depeyrot pl. 7, 7.

Rare. Metal flaw and a light scratch on obverse, otherwise very fine 1'200

- 435 *In the name of Majorian, 457-461.* Solidus, uncertain mint in Gaul 459-461, AV 4.34 g. D N IVLIVS MAIOR – IANVS P F AVG Helmeted, diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r., holding spear pointing forward and shield bearing Christogram. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGG,G,G, Emperor standing facing, holding long cross in r. hand and Victory on globe in l.; foot on man-headed serpent; in field, R – V and in exergue, COMOB. C 1. Lacam 12. RIC 3741 (obv.) and 3737 (rev.).

An apparently unrecorded variety of a very rare type. Light reddish tone, several edge marks, otherwise good very fine 4'500

This solidus is particularly interesting in that the obverse follows the issues of Arles and the reverse those of Ravenna.



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- 436 *In the name of Libius Severus, 461-465.* Solidus, uncertain mint in Gaul 461-circa 470, AV 4.35 g. D N IIBIVS SEVE – RVS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGG,G,G, Emperor standing facing, holding long cross in r. hand and Victory on globe in l.; r. foot on man-headed serpent; in field, R – A and in exergue, COMOB. MEC 1, 174. RIC 3754.

Very rare. Traces of mounting, otherwise very fine 2'000

- 437 *In the name of Justinian I, 527-565.* Tremissis, Barcinona after 540, AV 1.13 g. ΔΙΥΤΙ• – • ΙΤΙ • Ι C Diademed and draped bust r., with cross on chest. Rev. • – ΙΥΙ – • ΙΥΙΟΥ Stylized Victory advancing r., holding wreath and palm branch; in exergue, ΟΙΙΟΟ. Tomasini, ANSNM 152, group JAN 2a, 278 var. MEC 1, 196 var.

Rare. Slightly wavy flan, otherwise very fine 900

- 438 Tremissis, Sevilla late 540s, AV 1.45 g. ΔΙΥΙΥΣΤΙΗ – ΑΝΥΣ Ρ ΑΥC Diademed and draped bust r., with cross on chest. Rev. VICTOR – ΑΑΥΖΤ•Ι Stylized Victory advancing r., holding wreath and palm branch; in exergue, ΟΗΟ. Tomasini, ANSNM 152, group JAN 5, 342 (obv.) and 348 (rev).

Rare. Light scratches on reverse, otherwise extremely fine 1'200

- 439 *Liuvia I, 565-571 or 572. In the name of Justin II, 565-578.* Tremissis, Narbo 565 to 580s, AV 1.49 g. ΔΙΙΙΥΖΤΙ – ΙΙΙ ΑΥΑC Diademed, stylized bust r., with cross on chest. Rev. Υ – ΙΟΥΑ – ΤΟΥΥΑΟ Stylized Victory advancing r., holding wreath and palm branch; in exergue, ΟΗΟ. Tomasini, ANSNM 152, group JII 5, 515 (these dies). MEC 1, cf. 205.

Rare. Minor areas of weakness, otherwise about extremely fine 900



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- 440 **Regal series: Reccared I, 586-601.** Tremissis, Ispali 586-601, AV 1.50 g. *RECCAREDVS RE Facing bust. Rev. *ISPALI PIVS Facing bust. Miles 85 (d). LMV 105c. CNV 69.3.
About extremely fine / extremely fine 800
- 441 **Regal series: Reccared I, 586-601.** Tremissis, Toletto 586-601, AV 1.45 g. *RECCAREDVS RE* Facing bust. Rev. *TOLETO PIV~ Facing bust. Miles 81c. LMV 98b. CNV 73.2. MEC 1, 223.
Extremely fine 1'000
- 442 **Witteric, 603-609.** Tremissis, Emerita 603-609, AV 1.50 g. *VVITTERICVS REX Facing bust. Rev. *EMERE – T – A PIVS Facing bust. Miles 143(a). LMV 193. CNV 175. MEC 1, 227 var.
About extremely fine 800



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- 443 **Gundemar, 609-612.** Tremissis, Ispali 609-612, AV 1.54 g. *GVNDEMARVZ' R Facing bust. Rev. *ISPALI PIV~ Facing bust. Miles 169. LMV 2274 var. CNV 190.11 var.
Rare. Minor areas of weakness and light marks, otherwise extremely fine 1'750
- 444 **Swinthila, 621-631.** Tremissis, Emerita 621-631, AV 1.51 g. *SINDILA REX Facing bust. Rev. *EMERI – T – A PIVS Facing bust. Miles 235 (m). LMV 395.9 (these dies).
Extremely fine 500

The Suevi



445



- 445 **Pseudo-imperial coinage. In the name of Honorius, 393-423.** Solidus, uncertain mint in northern Spain mid 5th century, AV 4.31 g. D N HONORI – VS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGG Emperor standing facing, holding long cross and Victory on globe, foot on captive; in field, M – D and in exergue, COMOB. MEC 1, 285. Reinhart fig. 1.3.
Extremely rare. Minor edge marks, otherwise about extremely fine 5'000



- 446 Tremissis, uncertain mint in northern Spain mid 5th century, AV 1.36 g. D N HONORI – VS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. Cross within wreath; beneath, COH. RIC p. 230 and pl. 80, p.230. Extremely rare and in unusual condition for the issue. An almost invisible hairline scratch on obverse field, otherwise good extremely fine 5'500

The Lombards



- 447 **Pseudo-imperial coinage. In the name of Heraclius, 610-641.** Tremissis, uncertain mint in Tuscia circa 620-700, AV 1.49 g. D N HERACL – IVS P P AVG Diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGVSTORVM Cross potent; beneath, CONOB. MEC 1, 307. Oddy, NC 1972, pl. 18, 317-318. About extremely fine 500

- 448 **Romuald II duke of Beneventum, 706-731. In the name of Justinian II, 685-695.** Solidus, Beneventum 706-731, AV 3.64 g. D IIYTI – NIANV2 P P Facing bust wearing crown and *chlamys*, holding globus *cruciger*. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGTS● Cross potent set on globe and three steps; in l. field, R and in exergue, CONOB. Reddish tone. Two graffiti on obverse and traces of edge filing, otherwise good very fine 750

Purchased from St. Louis Stamp and Coin Co., 22 February 1922. Ex Leu-NFA 16 October 1984, Garrett part II, 566 and Sotheby's New York 2 November 1998, 338 sales.

The Burgundians or Franks



- 449 **Pseudo-imperial coinage. In the name of Anthemius, 467-472.** Solidus, uncertain mint in Gaul late 5th century, AV 4.44 g. D N PROC ANTH – IMIVS P F AVG Rosette diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r.; behind, pellet. Rev. VICTORI – Λ AVGGG Emperor standing facing, holding long cross and Victory on globe, foot on man-headed serpent; in field, R – V and in exergue, COMOB. RIC p. 238 and cf. 3778 (Valentinian III). Depyrot pl. 7, cf. 6 (Valentinian III).

Apparently unpublished, a coin of great importance and interest.
An insignificant mark on obverse and an edge nick on reverse at three o'clock, otherwise good very fine

2'500

The Byzantine Empire

The mint is Constantinopolis unless otherwise stated

Anastasius, 11 April 491 – 1 July 518



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- 450 Solidus, Thessalonica 491, AV 4.42 g. D N ANASTAS – IVS PERP AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust three-quarters facing, holding spear and shield with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGG Victory standing l., supporting long jewelled cross; in l. and r. field, star. In exergue, CONOB. DO 27 var. (ANASTA - SIVS P P AVG). MIBE 14. Sear 30.
Rare. Virtually as struck and Fdc 1'000



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- 451 Solidus 491-498, AV 4.46 g. D N ANASTA – SIVS P P AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust three-quarters facing, holding spear and shield with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGGI Victory standing l., supporting long jewelled cross; in r. field, star and in exergue, CONOB. DO 3i. MIBE 3a. Sear 3. Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 750
- 452 Solidus 491-498, AV 4.46 g. D N ANASTAS – IVS TERP AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust three-quarters facing, holding spear and shield with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGGB Victory standing l., supporting long jewelled cross; in r. field, star and in exergue, CONOB. DO –. MIBE 3a4 (this coin). Sear 3.
An extremely rare variety with TERP. A minor scratch on obverse, otherwise good very fine / about extremely fine 1'000
From the Jericho hoard of 1973.
- 453 Solidus 491-498, AV 4.18 g. D N ANASTA – SIVS P P AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust three-quarters facing, holding spear and shield with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGGII Victory standing l., supporting long jewelled cross; in r. field, star and in exergue, CONOB. DO 3 (this officina unlisted). MIBE 3a. Sear 3. Traces of mounting, otherwise very fine 300



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- 454 Solidus, 491-498, AV 4.42 g. D N ANASTA – SIVS P P AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust three-quarters facing, cross on helmet, holding spear and shield with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGGH Victory standing l., supporting long jewelled cross; in r. field, star and in exergue, CONOB. DO 4 (this officina unlisted). MIBE 4a. Sear 3.

Rare variety with cross on helmet. About extremely fine / extremely fine

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Ex Auctiones sale 13, 1983, 832.



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- 455 Solidus, Thessalonica 491-518, AV 4.41 g. D N ANASTA – SIVS PP AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust three-quarters facing, holding spear and shield with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGG Victory standing l., supporting long jewelled cross; in l. and r. field, star. In exergue, CONOB. DO 27. MIBE 15. Sear 30.

Slightly double-struck on obverse, otherwise almost Fdc

1'800

Ex Vecchi-Bonham 3, 1980, 9 and Leu-NAC 26 May 1993, 41 sales.



456



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- 456 Solidus 498, AV 4.47 g. D N ANASTA – SIVS PP AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust three-quarters facing, holding spear and shield with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGGI Victory standing l., supporting long staff surmounted by Christogram; in l. field, star and in exergue, CONOB. DO 6 (this officina unlisted). MIBE 6a. Sear 4.

A metal flaw and a graffito on obverse, otherwise very fine

350

- 457 Solidus 498-518, AV 4.30 g. D N ANASTA – SIVS PP AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust three-quarters facing, holding spear and shield with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGGA Victory standing l., supporting long staff surmounted by Christogram; in l. field, star and in exergue, CONOB. DO 7a. MIBE 7. Sear 5.

About extremely fine / extremely fine

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- 458 Solidus 498-518, AV 4.42 g. D N ANASTA – SIVS PP AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust three-quarters facing, holding spear and shield with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – AVGGGS Victory standing l., supporting long staff surmounted by Christogram; in l. field, star and in exergue, CONOB. DO 7f. MIBE 7. Sear 5. Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 800



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- 459 Solidus 498-518, AV 4.49 g. D N ANASTA – SIVS PP AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust three-quarters facing, holding spear and shield with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – AVGGGH Victory standing l., supporting long staff surmounted by Christogram; in l. field, star and in exergue, CONOB. DO 7h1. MIBE 7. Sear 5. Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 900



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- 460 Semissis 498-518, AV 2.18 g. D N ANASTA – SIVS PP AVG Pearl-diademed and draped bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGG Victory seated r. on cuirass, inscribing XXXX on shield set on knee; in l. field star, and to r., Christogram. In exergue, CONOB. DO 9. MIBE 10. Sear 7. Good extremely fine 700

Ex M&M 64, 1984, 321 and Leu-NAC 26 May 1993, 37 sales.



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- 461 Follis 498-518, Æ 18.70 g. D N ANASTA – SIVS PP AVG Pearl-diademed and draped bust r. Large M, above, cross and beneath B; on either side, star. In exergue, CON. DO 23b. MIBE 27. Sear 19. In unusually fine condition for the issue. Lovely green patina and extremely fine 300

Justin I, 10 July 518 – 1 August 527



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- 462 Solidus 518-519, AV 4.43 g. D N IVSTI – NVS PP AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust three-quarters facing, holding spear and shield with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGGZ (Z has two diagonal bars, like a vertical M) Victory standing l., supporting long staff surmounted by Christogram; in l. field, star and in exergue, CONOB. DO 1 (this officina unlisted). MIBE 2 var. Sear 55. Extremely fine 500



463



- 463 Solidus, Thessalonica 518-522, AV 4.33 g. D N IVSTI – NVS PP AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust three-quarters facing, holding spear and shield with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGG Victory standing l., supporting long jewelled cross; on either side star and in exergue, CONOB. DO –. MIBE 6. Sear 77a. Very rare. Minor traces of edge filing, otherwise extremely fine 1'500

Ex Joe Malter Galleries sale October 1994, 280.

The Emperor Justin I, who is said to have hailed from Illyrian peasant stock, gained prominence through a career in the military. He was uneducated and illiterate, but it was a competent leader and he was therefore put before the Senate as a candidate for the throne upon the death of the great Anastasius. During Justin's reign, the Blue and the Green political factions caused great unrest in Constantinople and other major cities, which were home to circus factions, but Justin forcefully quelled their revolts. His most enduring accomplishment was holding a synod that condemned the Monophysites, the peculiar Christian religious sect to which his predecessor belonged. This led to a reconciliation of the Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches, and paved the way for his nephew Justinian's eventual reoccupation of Italy.



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- 464 Semmissis 518-527, AV 2.24 g. D N IVSTI – NVS PP AVG Pearl-diademed and draped bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGGG Victory seated right on cuirass, inscribing X[XXX] on shield set on knee; in l. field star and to r., Christogram. In exergue, CONOB. DO 3. MIBE 4. Sear 57. Obverse struck from a rusty die, otherwise extremely fine 250
- 465 Tremissis 518-527, AV 1.50 g. D N IVSTI – NVS PP AVG Pearl-diademed and draped bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGVSTORVI (*sic!*) Victory advancing r. and looking l., holding wreath and *globus cruciger*; in r. field, star and in exergue, CONOB. DO 4. MIBE 5. Sear 58. Minor marks and a graffito on reverse, otherwise very fine 250
- The attribution of this tremissis to the mint of Constantinople is uncertain.
- 466 Tremissis 518-527, AV 1.45 g. D N IVSTI – NVS PP AVG Pearl-diademed and draped bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGVSTORVII Victory advancing r. and looking l., holding wreath and *globus cruciger*; in r. field, star and in exergue, CONOB. DO 4. MIBE 5. Sear 58. Graffiti on obverse and flan slightly wavy, otherwise good very fine 150



- 467 Pentanummium 581-527, Æ 1.89 g. [D N IVSTI –]NVS PP AVG Pearl-diademed and draped bust r. Rev. Large Christogram; at sides, B – E. DO 21b. MIBE 32. Sear 75.
Rare. Green patina and very fine 150
- 468 Solidus 519-527, AV 4.46 g. D N IVSTI – NVS PP AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust three-quarters facing, holding spear and shield with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGG H Angel standing facing, holding long cross and *globus cruciger*; in r. field, star and in exergue, CONOB. DO 2 (this officina unlisted). MIBE 3. Sear 56. Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 600
Ex Helios sale 7, 2011, 1015.
- 469 Solidus 519-527, AV 4.50 g. D N IVSTI – NVS PP AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust three-quarters facing, holding spear and shield with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGG I Angel standing facing, holding long cross and *globus cruciger*; in r. field, star and in exergue, CONOB. DO 2i. MIBE 3. Sear 56. Extremely fine 400

Justin I and Justinian I, 4 April – 1 August 527



- 470 Solidus 527, AV 4.49 g. D N IVSTIN ET IVSTINIAN P P AVG Emperors, nimbate, seated facing on backless throne, clasping their breasts with their r. hands and holding globes in their l.; between their heads above, cross and in exergue, CONOB. Rev. VICTORI - A AVGGG B Angel standing facing, holding long cross and *globus cruciger*; in r field., star and in exergue, CONOB. DO 5a. MIB 1d. Sear 117. Metcalf, Studies in Early Byzantine Coinage, ANSNS 17, Pl. 1, 8a (these dies).
Very rare. About extremely fine 3'000
Ex Glendining's sale June 1992, 194.



- 471 Solidus 527, AV 4.47 g. D N IVSTIN ET IVSTINIAN PP AVG Emperors, nimbate, seated facing on backless throne, clasping their breasts with their r. hands. In exergue, CONOB. Rev. VICTORI - A AVGGG H Angel standing facing, holding long cross and *globus cruciger*; in r. field, star and in exergue, CONOB. DO 1 (this officina unlisted). MIBE 1a. Sear 114. Metcalf, Studies in Early Byzantine Coinage, ANSNS 17, Pl. 1, 3.
Very rare. A slightly wavy flan, otherwise very fine 2'500

Justinian I, 1 August 527 – 14 November 565



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- 472 Solidus 527-538, AV 4.47 g. D N IVSTINI – ANVS PP AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust three-quarters facing, cross on helmet, holding spear and shield with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGG I Angel standing facing holding long cross and *globus cruciger*; in r. field, star and in exergue, CONOB. DO 3i. MIBE 5. Sear 137. Very fine / good very fine 250

Ex Künker sale 111, 2006, 7184.

- 473 Siliqua 527-538, AR 2.18 g. D N IVSTINI – ANVS PP AVG Pearl-diademed and draped bust r. Rev. GLORIA RO – MANORVM Justinian, nimbate and in military attire, standing facing, head r., and holding sceptre and *globus cruciger*; in r. field, star and in exergue, CON. DO 22 (misdescribed). MIBE 50. Sear 155. Very rare. Old cabinet tone and about very fine 250

Ex Sotheby's sale 20 May 1986, 237.

- 474 Semmissis 527-565, AV 2.08 g. D N IVSTINI – ANVS PP AVG Pearl-diademed and draped bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGGG Victory seated right on cuirass, inscribing XXXX on shield set on knee; in l. field, and to r., Christogram. In exergue, CONOB. DO 17. MIBE 17. Sear 143. An almost invisible mark on cheek, otherwise extremely fine 400

Ex Lanz sale 36, 1986, 928.



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- 475 Tremissis 527-565, AV 1.32 g. D N IVSTINI – ANVS PP AVG Pearl-diademed and draped bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGVSTORVM Victory advancing r. and looking l., holding wreath and *globus cruciger*; in r. field, star and in exergue, CONOB. DO 19. MIBE 19. Sear 145. Good extremely fine 300

Ex Helios sale 7, 2011, 168.

- 476* Tremissis 527-565, AV 1.36 g. [D N IVSTINI] – ANVS PP AVG Pearl-diademed and draped bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGVSTORVM Victory advancing r. and looking l., holding wreath and *globus cruciger*; in r. field, star and in exergue, CONOB. DO 19. MIBE 19. Sear 145. About very fine 100



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- 477 Follis, Antiochia 529-533, Æ 17.91 g. D N IVSTINI – ANVS PP AV— Justinian seated on throne facing, holding long sceptre and *globus cruciger*. Rev. Large M; above, cross, to l. star and to r., crescent. Beneath, B and in exergue, + THECP. DO 206b. MIBE 30. Sear 214.

In unusually fine condition for the issue. Dark green patina and about extremely fine

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- 478 Solidus, Carthago 534-545, AV 4.48 g. D N IVSTINI – ANVS PP AYI Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust facing, holding *globus cruciger* and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGG I Angel standing facing holding long cross and *globus cruciger*; in r. field, star and in exergue, CONOB. DO 277e. MIBE 25.6. Sear 250. About extremely fine 800

Ex NFA XVIII, 1987, Lacam, 668 and Sotheby's Zürich, 27-28 October 1993, 1842 sales.

- 479 Siliqua, Carthago 534-565, AR 1.22 g. [D N IVSTINI]ANVS PP AC Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VOT / MVLT / HTI within wreath; below, [CONOS]. DO 280. MIBE 51. Sear 253. Very fine 150

Ex Glendining's sale October 1993, 195 (part).



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- 480 Solidus, Roma 537-542, AV 4.42 g. D N IVSTINI – ANVS PP AVG (AV ligate) Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust facing, holding *globus cruciger* and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGG Angel standing facing holding long cross and *globus cruciger*; in r. field, six-rayed star and in exergue, CONOB. DO 318. MIBE 31. Sear 288.

Very rare. Minor scratches, otherwise good very fine 1'000



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- 481 Solidus, Roma 537-542, AV 4.34 g. D N IVSTINI – ANVS PP AVG (AV ligate) Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust facing, holding *globus cruciger* and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGG Angel standing facing holding long cross and *globus cruciger*; in r. field, six-rayed star and in exergue, CONOR. DO 318 var. MIBE 32.2 var. Sear 288.

An apparently unrecorded variety of a very rare type. Traces of edge filing, otherwise good very fine 600



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- 482 Follis, Roma 538-544, Æ 10.04 g. D II IVSTI – NIANVS P Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. Large M surmounted by cross; to l., star and to r., cross and in exergue, R[O]MA. DO 322. MIBE 214.1. Sear 292. In very good condition for the issue, dark green patina and good very fine 250



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- 483 Solidus, Thessalonica (?) 538-545, AV 4.30 g. D N IVSTINI – ANVS PP AVI Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust facing, holding *globus cruciger* and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGG Angel standing facing holding long cross and globe without cross; in r. field, star and in exergue, CONOB. DO 7 (Constantinopolis). MIBE 22. Sear 138.

Very rare. Minor traces of edge filing, otherwise about extremely fine

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- 484 Solidus, uncertain Italian mint 538-545, AV 4.45 g. D N IVSTINI – ANVS PP AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust facing, holding *globus cruciger* and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGGH Angel standing facing holding long cross and *globus cruciger*; in r. field, star and in exergue, CONOB. DO 318b. MIBE cf. 37. Sear 289 var.

Extremely rare. Graffiti on obverse, otherwise about extremely fine

1'000

Ex Sotheby's New York sale 2 November 1998, 92.



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- 485 Solidus, Roma 538-546, AV 4.39 g. D N IVSTINI – ANVS PP AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust facing, holding *globus cruciger* and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGGA Angel standing facing holding long cross and *globus cruciger*; in r. field, six-rayed star and in exergue, CONOB. DO 318b. MIBE 29. Sear 289.

Rare. Good very fine / about extremely fine

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Ex Sotheby's New York sale 2 November 1998, 84.



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- 486 Follis year XII (538-539), Æ 22.18 g. D N IVSTINI – ANVS PP AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust facing, holding *globus cruciger* and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif; in r. field, cross. Rev. ANNO – XII large M; above, cross and below, Δ. In exergue, CON. DO 37d. MIBE 95a.1. Sear 163. Area of weakness on obverse, otherwise about extremely fine / extremely fine

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- 487 Half follis, Nicomedia year XII (538-539), Æ 11.43 g. D N IVSTINI – ANVS PP AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust facing, holding *globus cruciger* and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif; in r. field, cross. Rev. ANNO – XII Large K; above, cross and below, NI. DO 140. MIBE 116a.1. Sear 203. Green patina and good very fine 200
- 488 Follis, Cyzicus year XIII (539-540), Æ 23.25 g. D N IVSTINI – ANVS PP AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust facing, holding *globus cruciger* and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif; in r. field, cross. Rev. ANNO – X / II / I large M; above, cross and below, A. In exergue, KYZ. DO 165a. MIBE 120a. Sear 207. Dark green patina and about extremely fine 300
- 489 Follis, Nicomedia year XVI (541-542), Æ 23.99 g. D N IVSTINI – ANVS PP AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust facing, holding *globus cruciger* and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif; in r. field, cross. Rev. ANNO – XϞ large M; above, cross and below, A. In exergue, NIKO. DO 120a.1. MIBE 113a. Sear 201. Dark green patina and about extremely fine 300



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- 490 Follis year XVII (542-543), Æ 22.04 g. D N IVSTINI – ANVS PP AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust facing, holding *globus cruciger* and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif; in r. field, cross. Rev. ANNO – XYI large M; above, cross and below, B. In exergue, CON. DO 42b. MIBE 95a. Sear 163. Brown tone and extremely fine 400
- 491 Solidus 545-565, AV 4.41 g. D N IVSTINI – ANVS PP AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust facing, holding *globus cruciger* and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGGB Angel standing facing holding long cross surmounted by Christogram and *globus cruciger*; in r. field, star and in exergue, CONOB. DO 9b. MIBE 7. Sear 140. Graffito on obverse, otherwise about extremely fine 400



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- 492 Solidus 545-565, AV 4.48 g. D N IVSTINI – ANVS PP AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust facing, holding *globus cruciger* and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGGZ Angel standing facing holding long cross surmounted by Christogram and *globus cruciger*; in r. field, star and in exergue, CONOB. DO 9g. MIBE 7. Sear 140.

Graffito on reverse, otherwise good very fine

300



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- 493 Light weight solidus of 21 siliquae 545-565, AV 3.68 g. D N IVSTINI – ANVS PP AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust facing, holding *globus cruciger* and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGGI Angel standing facing holding long cross and *globus cruciger*; in r. field, star and in exergue, OB and cross over star. DO 14. MIBE 12 (20 siliquae). Sear 141 (20 siliquae). Adelson, ANSNM 138, 28.

Extremely rare, only a few specimens known of this type. Several marks on edge and on reverse field, otherwise good very fine

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Ex Sotheby's sale 7 December 1982, 138.

Diego Ricotti Prina, in his 'La monetazione aurea delle zecche minori bizantine' (1972) attributed this issue to the mint of Alexandria and knew only one specimen of this coin.



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- 494 Solidus, Roma 547-549, AV 4.33 g. D N IVSTINI – ANVS PP C Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust facing, holding *globus cruciger* and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGGΔ Angel standing facing holding long cross surmounted by Christogram and *globus cruciger*; in r. field, six-rayed star and in exergue, CONOI. DO – cf. 320c. MIBE – cf. 34.6. Sear – cf. 291. NAC 21, 2001, 611 (this obverse die).

An extremely rare variety. Minor traces of edge filing, otherwise very fine / good very fine

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- 495 Solidus, Ravenna 552-565, AV 4.42 g. D N IVSTINI – ANVS PP AVC Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust facing, holding *globus cruciger* and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGGS Angel standing facing holding long cross surmounted by Christogram and *globus cruciger*; in r. field, six-rayed star and in exergue, CONOH(?). DO 333a. MIBE 37. Sear 312.
An edge nick at one o'clock on obverse, otherwise about extremely fine / extremely fine 1'000

Ex NFA sale XVIII, 1987, Lacam, 674.



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- 496 Decanummium year 30 (556-567), Æ 3.25 g. D N IVSTINI – ANVS PP AVG Diademed and draped bust r. Rev. ANNO – XXX Large I surmounted by cross; in exergue, CON. DO 89. MIBE 99. Sear 167.
Rare. Very fine 100
- 497 Follis, Nicomedia year 32 (558-559), Æ 16.24 g. D N IVSTINI – ANVS PP AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust facing, holding *globus cruciger* and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif; in r. field, cross. Rev. ANNO – XXXII large M; above, cross and below, B over A?. In exergue, NIKO. DO 138b. MIBE 113a2. Sear 201.
Green patina and extremely fine 300
- 498 Decanummium, Ravenna year 35 (561-562), Æ 3.23 g. D N IVSTINI – [ANVS PP AVG] Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust facing, holding *globus cruciger* and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif; in r. field, cross. Rev. ANNO – XXXV Large I; all within wreath. DO 352. MIBE 229a (Roma). Sear 326. Rare and in exceptional condition for the issue. Green patina and extremely fine 250

Ex M&M sale 35, 2011, 234.

Justin II, 15 November 565 – 5 October 578



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- 499 Solidus 565-578, AV 4.49 g. D N I – VSTI – NVS PP AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust facing, holding globus surmounted by Victory and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGGΔ Constantinopolis seated facing, head r., holding long sceptre and *globus cruciger*; in exergue, CONOB. DO 4c. MIBE 5. Sear 345.
About extremely fine 350
- 500 Solidus 565-578, AV 4.12 g. D N I – VSTI – NVS PP AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust facing, holding globus surmounted by Victory and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGGΓ: Constantinopolis seated facing, head r., holding long sceptre and *globus cruciger*; in exergue, CONOB. DO –, cf. 7b. MIBE –, cf. 3b. Sear –, cf. 348.
Very rare. Clipped and a few marks on obverse, otherwise very fine 350

The attribution of this coin to the mint of Constantinopolis requires further evidence.



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- 501 Light weight solidus of 22 siliquae, 565-578, AV 3.98 g. D N I – VSTI – NVS PP AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust facing, holding globus surmounted by Victory and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGGΘS Constantinopolis seated facing, head r., holding long sceptre and globus; in exergue, OB*+*. DO 138. MIBE 8. (Constantinopolis). Sear 376.
Rare. Good very fine 500

Ex NFA XVIII, 1987, Lacam, 685 and Sotheby's 4 April 1993, 1849 sales.

- 502 Light weight solidus of 22 siliquae, 565-578, AV 4.04 g. D N I – VSTI – NVS PP AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust facing, holding globus surmounted by Victory and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – [A AVG]GGΘS Constantinopolis seated facing, head r., holding long sceptre and globus; in exergue, OB*+*. DO 138 var. MIBE 8 var. (Constantinopolis). Sear 376 var.
An apparently unrecorded variety of a rare type. Minor areas of weakness and a graffito on obverse, otherwise very fine 250

Ex Münz Zentrum sale 11, 1984, 2796.



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- 503 Solidus, Ravenna 565-578, AV 4.45 g. D N I – VSTI – NVS PP AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust facing, holding globus surmounted by Victory and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGGZ (Z retrograde) Constantinopolis seated facing, head r., holding long sceptre and *globus cruciger*; in exergue, CONOΘ (?). DO 210a. MIBE 20c. Sear 407.
Rare. Good very fine / about extremely fine 750

Ex NFA XVIII, 1987, Lacam, 684 and Sotheby's Zürich 27-28 October 1993, 1849 sales.



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- 504 Solidus, Ravenna 565-578, AV 4.43 g. D N I – VSTI – NVS PP AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust facing, holding globus surmounted by Victory and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGGZ (Z retrograde) Constantinopolis seated facing, head r., holding long sceptre and *globus cruciger*; in exergue, CON∇x or similar. DO 210a var. MIBE 20c var. Sear 407.
Rare. Good very fine 600

Ex Peus sale 328, 1990, 756.

- 505 Tremissis 565-578, AV 1.48 g. D N IVSTI – NVS PP AVG Pearl-diademed and draped bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGVSTORVH Victory advancing r., holding wreath and *globus cruciger*; in r. field, traces of star and in exergue, CONOB. DO 13. MIBE 11a. Sear 353.
Extremely fine 200

- 506 Tremissis, Ravenna 565-578, AV 1.44 g. D N IVSTI – NVS PP AVG Pearl-diademed and draped bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGVSTORVM Victory standing facing, head l., holding wreath and *globus cruciger*; in r. field, star. In exergue, CONOA. DO 212 var. MIBE 26 var. Sear 410.
Scarce. Extremely fine 300

Ex NFA XVIII, 1987, Lacam, 688 and Sotheby's Zürich 27-28 October 1993, 1851 sales.



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- 507 Solidus 567-578, AV 4.47 g. D N I – VSTI – NVS PP AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust facing, holding globus surmounted by Victory and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGGΓ Constantinopolis seated facing, head r., holding long sceptre and *globus cruciger*; in l. field, I and in exergue, CONOB. DO –. MIBE 2. Sear 349. Rare. Good very fine 500

Ex Auctiones sale 13, 1983, 841.

- 508 Solidus, Alexandria 567-578, AV 4.55 g. D N I – VSTI – NVS PP AVI Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust facing, holding globus surmounted by Victory and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGGI Constantinopolis seated facing, head r., holding long sceptre and *globus cruciger*; in l. field, Christogram and in exergue, CONOB. DO –. MIBE 14. Sear 347a.

Rare. Obverse weakly struck and two scuffs on reverse, otherwise extremely fine

750

Ex NFA sale XVIII, 1987, Lacam, 682

- 509 Solidus, Carthago 575-576, AV 4.44 g. D N I – VSTI – NVS PP AVI Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust facing, holding globus surmounted by Victory and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGGIA Constantinopolis seated facing, head r., holding long sceptre and *globus cruciger*; in exergue, CONOB. DO –. MIBE 18.a3 (this coin). Sear 391.

Scarce. Good very fine

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Ex Sotheby's New York sale 2 November 1998, 110.



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- 510 Follis, Cyzicus 572-573, Æ 12.34 g. D N IVSTI – NV2 PP AV • Justin and his wife Sophia, both nimbate, seated facing on throne: the Emperor holds *globus cruciger*, Sophia a cruciform sceptre; between their heads, Christogram. Rev. Large M between ANNO – GII; above, cross and beneath, B. In exergue, KYZ. DO 123c. MIBE 50c. Sear 372. Dark green patina and extremely fine 150

- 511 Half follis, Thessalonica year 10? (574-575), Æ 4.07 g. IVSTI... Justin and Sophia, both nimbate, seated facing on throne and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev ANNO – X Large K; below, TES. DO 79. MIBE 70d. Sear 366.

Overstruck on 8 nummi of Justinian I for Thessalonica, with his profile and traces of legend still visible. Green patina gently smoothed on reverse, otherwise about extremely fine

200



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Tiberius II Constantine, 26 September 578 – 14 August 582



- 512 Solidus, Ravenna 578-582, AV 4.52 g. D m Tib CONS – TANT PP AVG Cuirassed bust facing, wearing crown with cross on circlet and pendilia, holding *globus cruciger* and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGH Cross potent on four steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO 62a.3 var. MIBE 15. Sear 468. Rare. An almost invisible mark on obverse otherwise virtually as struck and almost Fdc 1'500

Ex NAC Autumn sale 1995, 796.



- 513 Tremissis 578-582, AV 1.48 g. D m COSTANTINVS PP AVG Diademed and draped bust r. Rev. VICTOR TIBERIAYS Cross potent; below, CONOB. DO 7.1. MIBE 9b. Sear 425. Extremely fine 250

Ex NAC sale 56, 2010, 593.

- 514 Tremissis 578-582, AV 1.47 g. D m COSTANTINVS PP AVG Diademed and draped bust r. Rev. VICTOR TIBERIAYS Cross potent; below, CONOB. DO 7.1. MIBE 9b. Sear 425. Two metal flaws, possibly traces of overstriking, otherwise extremely fine 150



- 515 Tremissis, Ravenna 578-582, AV 1.50 g. D m COSTAN – TINVS PP AI Diademed and draped bust r. Rev. VICTOR TIBERIAVS Cross potent; below, CONOB. DO 64.1. MIBE 17. Sear 470. Very rare. Extremely fine 700

Ex Glendining's sale 14 December 1961, 72.



- 516 Tremissis, Ravenna 578-582, AV 1.45 g. D m COSTAN – TINVS PP A Diademed and draped bust r. Rev. VICTOR TIBERIAVS Cross potent; below, CONOB. DO 64 var. MIBE 17. Sear 470. Rare. About extremely fine 600



- 517 Solidus 579, AV 4.49 g. CONSTANTIA – Y SYII FELIX Facing bust in consular robes, wearing diademed crown with cross on circlet and *pendilia*, holding *mapa* and eagle-tipped sceptre surmounted by cross. Rev. VICTORI – bERIAYS Cross potent on four steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO 2. MIBE 2. Sear 420.
Rare. Weakly struck on reverse, otherwise extremely fine 2'000



- 518 Solidus 579-582, AV 4.47 g. D m Tib CONS – TANT PP AVG Cuirassed bust facing, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *pendilia*, holding *globus cruciger* and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGI Cross potent on four steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO 4j. MIBE 4. Sear 422.
Extremely fine 350
- 519 Light weight solidus of 22 siliquae, Antiochia 579-582, AV 3.98 g. D m Tib CONS – TANT PP AVG Cuirassed bust facing, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *pendilia*, holding *globus cruciger* and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGOS Cross potent on four steps; in exergue, OB +*. DO 38. MIBE 5 (Constantinopolis). Sear 446. Rare. Extremely fine 400
- 520 Follis, Nicomedia year 6 (579-580), Æ 16.33 g. [D m Tib] CONS – TANT PP AVG Facing bust in consular robes, wearing diademed crown with cross on circlet and *pendilia*, holding *mapa* and eagle-tipped sceptre surmounted by cross. Rev. ANNO – Y Large M surmounted by cross; in exergue, NIKOB. DO 29b. MIBE 35. Sear 441. Green patina, minor areas of weakness, otherwise extremely fine 250

Maurice Tiberius, 15 August 582 – 25 November 602



- 521 Solidus 582, AV 4.47 g. ONN bTibE – RI PP AVG Cuirassed bust facing, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *pendilia*, holding *globus cruciger* and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGI Angel standing facing holding long cross surmounted by Christogram and *globus cruciger*; in exergue, CONOB. DO -. MIBE 3. Sear 475. Very rare. Good extremely fine 800



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- 522 Solidus 582-583, AV 4.47 g. O N TIBERM PP AV Cuirassed bust facing, wearing crown with cross on circlet and pendilia, holding *globus cruciger* and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGH Angel standing facing holding long cross surmounted by Christogram and *globus cruciger*; in exergue, CONOB. DO 3b (these dies). MIBE 4a. Sear 476. Extremely fine 400

Ex Sotheby's New York sale 2 November 1998, 137

- 523 Solidus 582-602, AV 4.51 g. D N MAVRC – Tib PP AVII Cuirassed and draped bust facing, wearing crowned and diademed plumed helmet with cross on circlet, holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGG Angel standing facing holding long cross surmounted by Christogram and *globus cruciger*; in exergue, CONOB. DO 149d (Antiochia). MIBE 6; cf. V26 (Thessalonica). Sear 524 (Antiochia).
Traces of overstriking on reverse, otherwise extremely fine 500

- 524 Solidus 582-602, AV 4.32 g. D N MAVRC – Tib PP AVG Cuirassed bust facing, wearing crowned and diademed plumed helmet with cross on circlet, holding *globus cruciger* and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGG Angel standing facing holding long cross surmounted by Christogram and *globus cruciger*; in exergue, CONOB. DO 149d (Antiochia). MIBE 6. Sear 478.
Of superb style and good extremely fine 600

Ex Baldwin's sale 5, 1995, P.J. Donald, 57.

- 525 Solidus 582-602, AV 4.44 g. D N MAVRC – Tib PP AVG Cuirassed and draped bust facing, wearing crowned and diademed plumed helmet with cross on circlet and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGG Angel standing facing holding long cross surmounted by Christogram and *globus cruciger*; in exergue, CONOB. DO 149d (Antiochia). MIBE 6. Sear 478. Extremely fine 400



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- 526 Light weight solidus of 23 siliquae, 582-602, AV 4.23 g. D N MAVRC – [Tib PP AVG] Cuirassed and draped bust facing, wearing crowned and diademed plumed helmet with cross on circlet and holding *globus cruciger*; in r. field, star. Rev. VICTORI – A [AVGGZ] Angel standing facing holding long cross surmounted by Christogram and *globus cruciger*; in r. field, star and in exergue, CONOB. DO 150 (Antiochia). MIBE 11/1. Sear 528 (Antiochia).
Minor areas of weakness, otherwise extremely fine 500

Ex Leu-NAC sale 26 May 1993, 91.

- 527 Light weight solidus of 22 siliquae, 582-602, AV 4.13 g. O N MAVRC – Tib PP AVI Cuirassed and draped bust facing, wearing crowned and diademed plumed helmet, holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGΘ Angel standing facing holding long cross surmounted by Christogram and *globus cruciger*; in r. field, star and in exergue, OB +*. DO 151 (Antiochia). MIBE 13a. Sear 529 (Antiochia).
Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 800

Ex Helios sale 7, 2011, 178.



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- 528 Solidus 583, AV 4.39 g. DN MAVRIC – TIBER PP AVG Cuirassed bust facing, wearing crown with cross on circlet and pendilia, holding *globus cruciger* and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGG B Angel standing facing holding long cross surmounted by Christogram and *globus cruciger*; in exergue, CONOB. DO 4 (this officina unlisted). MIBE 5. Sear 477.

Good extremely fine

800

Ex NAC sale 56, 2010, 597.



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- 529 Solidus 583-601, AV 4.48 g. O N MAVRC – TIB PP AVI Cuirassed and draped bust facing, wearing crowned and diademed plumed helmet and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGG Δ Angel standing facing holding long cross surmounted by Christogram and *globus cruciger*; in exergue, COHOB. DO 5d. MIBE 6. Sear 478.

Graffiti, otherwise about extremely fine

400

- 530 Light weight solidus of 23 siliquae, 583-601, AV 4.28 g. O N MAVRC – TIB PP AVC Cuirassed and draped bust facing, wearing crowned and diademed plumed helmet and holding *globus cruciger*; in r. field, star. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGZ Angel standing facing holding long cross surmounted by Christogram and *globus cruciger*; in r. field, star and in exergue, CONOB. DO 7f. MIBE 11. Sear 481.

Scarce. Area of weakness on reverse, otherwise about extremely fine

400



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- 531 Solidus, Ravenna 583-602, AV 4.48 g. D N MAVRC – TIB PP AVG Cuirassed and draped bust facing, wearing crowned and diademed plumed helmet and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGG B Angel standing facing holding long cross surmounted by Christogram and *globus cruciger*; in exergue, CONOB. DO 285a. MIBE 38. Sear 589.

Rare. Good extremely fine

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- 532 Semissis 583-602, AV 2.26 g. D N MAVRI – RI PP AVC Pear-diademed and draped bust r. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGG Victory standing facing, head l., holding wreath and *globus cruciger*; in exergue, CONOB. DO 12 var. MIBE 17a. Sear 485 var.

Good extremely fine

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Ex Sotheby's New York sale 2 November 1998, 150.



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- 533 Tremissis 583-602, AV 1.49 g. O N TIBE – RI PP AVG Pearl-diademed and draped bust r. Rev. VICTORI MAVRI AVG Cross potent; below, CONOB. DO 14. MIBE 20. Sear 488. Extremely fine 200
- 534 Tremissis 583-602, AV 1.48 g. D N TIBE – RI PP AVG Pearl-diademed and draped bust r. Rev. VICTOR MAVRI AVG Cross potent; below, CONOB. DO 14. MIBE 20. Sear 488. About extremely fine 150
- 535 Tremissis, Ravenna 583-602, AV 1.49 g. D N MAVRI – TIB PP AVG Diademed and draped bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGVSTORVM Victory standing facing, head l., holding wreath and *globus cruciger*; in exergue, CONOB. DO 287. MIBE 50. Sear 592. Rare. Good extremely fine 500
- Ex NFA sale XVIII, 1987, Lacam, 719.
- 536 Pentanummium, Carthago 584-585 Æ 1.35 g. D N TIBM – AVRIC[IP] Cuirassed bust facing wearing crown with cross on circlet. Rev. N – M flanking large E surmounted by cross; in exergue, INDIII. DO 251. MIBE 128. Sear 568. Rare. Brown tone and good very fine 150



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- 537 Solidus, Carthago 588-589, AV 4.41 g. D N MAVRI – Tb PP AV AN Z Cuirassed and draped bust facing, wearing crowned and diademed plumed helmet and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGZ Angel standing facing holding long cross surmounted by Christogram and *globus cruciger*; in exergue, CONOB. DO 221. MIBE 25a. Sear 548. About extremely fine 800
- 538 Solidus, Carthago 589-590, AV 4.44 g. D N MAVRI – Tb PP AV AN H Cuirassed and draped bust facing, wearing crowned and diademed plumed helmet and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGNH Angel standing facing holding long cross surmounted by Christogram and *globus cruciger*; in exergue, CONOB. DO 222. MIBE 25a. Sear 548. Minor area of weakness on obverse, otherwise good extremely fine 1'000



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- 539 Solidus, Carthago 596-597, AV 4.44 g. D N MAVRI – Tb PP AV AN IE Cuirassed and draped bust facing, wearing crowned and diademed plumed helmet and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGIE Angel standing facing holding long cross surmounted by Christogram and *globus cruciger*; in exergue, CONOB. DO 229. MIBE 25b. Sear 549.

An almost invisible nick at four o'clock on obverse, otherwise good extremely fine

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- 540 Solidus, Carthago 601-602, AV 4.46 g. D N MAVRI – Tb PP AV AN E Cuirassed and draped bust facing, wearing crowned and diademed plumed helmet, holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORI – A AYGGE Angel standing facing holding long cross surmounted by Christogram and *globus cruciger*; in exergue, CONOB. DO 229. DO 233. MIBE 25b. Sear 549.

Minor area of weakness on obverse, otherwise about extremely fine

800

Phocas, 23 November 602 – 5 October 610



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- 541 Solidus, 602-603, AV 4.50 g. D N FOCAS – PERP AVG Draped and cuirassed bust facing, wearing crown, surmounted by cross on circlet, *pendilia* and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORI – A AVCCE Angel standing facing, holding *globus cruciger* and long staff surmounted by Christogram; in exergue, CONOB. DO 1 (this officina unlisted). MIBE 5. Sear 616. Good extremely fine 600

Ex Sotheby's sale Zürich 27-28 October 1993, 1861.

- 542 Solidus 602-603, AV 4.41 g. ON FOCAS – PERP AVG Draped and cuirassed bust facing, wearing crown, surmounted by cross on circlet, *pendilia* and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORI – A AVCCF Angel standing facing, holding *globus cruciger* and long staff surmounted by Christogram; in r. field, star and in exergue, CONOB. DO 1 var. MIBE 13b (this coin). Sear – cf. 624 (light weight solidus).

A very rare variety. Minor scratches in reverse field, otherwise good very fine / very fine

600

Ex Münz Zentrum sale 47, 1982, 626.

- 543 Solidus, Carthago 602-603, AV 4.40 g. D N FOCA – PERP ANS Draped and cuirassed bust facing, wearing crown, surmounted by cross on circlet, *pendilia* and holding *mappa* and cross. Rev. VICTORI – A AVCCS Angel standing facing, holding *globus cruciger* and long staff surmounted by Christogram; in exergue, CONOB. DO 107 (this officina unlisted). MIBE 31.1. Sear 680.

Very rare. Reddish tone and extremely fine / about extremely fine

1'000



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- 544 Solidus, Carthago 602-603, AV 4.48 g. D N FOCA – PERP ANS Draped and cuirassed bust facing, wearing crown, surmounted by cross on cirlet, *pendilia* and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORI – A AVCCS Angel standing facing, holding *globus cruciger* and long staff surmounted by Christogram; in exergue, CONOB. DO 108 var. MIBE 32.1. Sear 681. Rare. About extremely fine 1'000
Ex NFA XVIII, 1987, Lacam, 735 and Sotheby's Zürich 27-28 October 1993, 1864 sales.



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- 545 Follis, Cyzicus year 1 (602-603) Æ 13.67 g. ON FOCA – INPEP AЧ Phocas and Leontia standing facing, the Emperor holding *globus cruciger*, the Empress holding long sceptre surmounted by cross; above, cross. Rev. ANNO – I Large M surmounted by cross; in exergue KYZA. DO 69a. MIBE 75. Sear 664. In exceptional condition for the issue. Light green patina and good extremely fine 200



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- 546 Solidus 603, AV 4.48 g. ON FOCAS – PERP AVG Bust facing, wearing consular robes and crown, surmounted by cross on cirlet and holding *mappa* and cross. Rev. VICTORI – A AVCCF Angel standing facing, holding *globus cruciger* and long linear staff surmounted by Christogram; in exergue, CONOB. DO 4 (this officina unlisted). MIBE 2. Sear 623. Rare. Minor traces of double-striking, otherwise about extremely fine 900



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- 547 Solidus 603, AV 4.41 g. ON FOCAS – PERP AVG Bust facing, wearing consular robes and crown, surmounted by cross on cirlet and holding *mappa* and cross. Rev. VICTORI – A AVCCE Angel standing facing, holding *globus cruciger* and long linear staff surmounted by Christogram; in exergue, CONOB. DO 4 (this officina unlisted). MIBE 2. Sear 623. Rare. Minor areas of weakness and a graffito on reverse, otherwise good very fine 800



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- 548 Solidus 603-607, AV 4.45 g. ON FOCAS – PERP AVG Draped and cuirassed bust facing, wearing crown surmounted by cross on cirlet and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORI – A AVCCB Angel standing facing holding *globus cruciger* and long staff surmounted by Christogram; in exergue, CONOB. DO 5b. MIBE 7. Sear 618. Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 500

Ex Vecchi-Bonham 3, 1980, 93 and Leu-NAC 23 May 1993, 99 sales.



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- 549 Solidus, uncertain Italian mint 603-607, AV 4.43 g. ON FOCAS – PERP AVG Draped and cuirassed bust facing, wearing crown, surmounted by cross on cirlet and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORI – A AVCCB Angel standing facing, holding *globus cruciger* and long staff surmounted by Christogram; in exergue, CONOB. DO 5b.2 (this obverse die, Constantinopolis). MIBE –. Sear –. Extremely rare. Extremely fine 2'000

Ex Leu 2, 1972, 476 and NFA XVIII, 1987, Lacam, 738 sales.

We are inclined to attribute this solidus to a western mint and possibly Sicily in consideration of the elongated A of VICTORIA on the reverse, a typical shape, which becomes standard on later issues from this mint.



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- 550 Solidus, Carthago 604-605, AV 4.46 g. D N FOCAC – PERP ANH Draped and cuirassed bust facing, wearing crown surmounted by cross on cirlet, pendilia and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORI – A AVCCB Angel standing facing, holding *globus cruciger* and long staff surmounted by Christogram; in exergue, CONOB. DO 108.3. MIBE 32 var. (FOCA). Sear 681. Very fine 600



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- 551 Solidus, Ravenna 605-606, AV 4.49 g. + D N FOCAS – PERP AVG Draped and cuirassed bust facing, wearing crown surmounted by cross on cirlet and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORI – A AVCCB Angel standing facing, holding *globus cruciger* and long staff surmounted by Christogram; in exergue, CONOB. DO 126b (this obverse die). MIBE 45b. Sear 698. Very rare. Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 2'500

Ex NFA XVIII, 1987, Lacam, 737 and Sotheby's Zurich 10 October 1993, 1865 sales.



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- 552 Follis, Antiochia year 4 (605-606) Æ 9.89 g. ON FOCA – NEP EAV Phocas and Leontia standing facing, the Emperor holding *globus cruciger*, the Empress a long sceptre surmounted by cross; above, cross. Rev. ANNO – II / II Large M surmounted by cross; in exergue tHEUP'. DO 86. MIBE 83a. Sear 671.
In exceptional condition for the issue. Brown tone and good extremely fine 100



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- 553 Solidus 607-610, AV 4.46 g. d N FOCAS – PERP AVC Draped and cuirassed bust facing, wearing crown surmounted by cross on cirlet and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGYI Angel standing facing, holding *globus cruciger* and long staff surmounted by Christogram; in exergue, CONOB. DO 10j. MIBE 9. Sear 620. Almost invisible marks on obverse, otherwise good extremely fine 500
- 554 Solidus 607-610, AV 4.40 g. d NN FOCAS – PERP AVC Draped and cuirassed bust facing, wearing crown, surmounted by cross on cirlet and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGYI Angel standing facing, holding *globus cruciger* and long linear staff surmounted by Christogram; in r. field N and in exergue, CONOB. DO 11c. MIBE 12a. Sear 621. Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 600
- Ex Sotheby's New York sale 2 November, 1998, 176.
- 555 Light weight solidus of 22 siliquae 607-610, AV 3.94 g. d N FOCAS – PERP AVC Draped and cuirassed bust facing, wearing crown, surmounted by cross on cirlet and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGYE Angel standing facing, holding *globus cruciger* and long linear staff surmounted by Christogram; in exergue, [O]B+*. DO 13a. MIBE 19. Sear 627. Very rare. Several edge marks, possibly traces of mounting, otherwise good very fine 600
- Ex NFA XVIII, 1987, Lacam, 741.
- 556 Semissis 607-610, AV 2.18 g. d N FOCAS – PER AVG Pearl-diademed and draped bust r. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGY Victory advancing r., head l. holding wreath and *globus cruciger*; in exergue, CONOB. DO 16. MIBE 25. Sear 631. Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 500



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Revolt of the Heraclii, Summer 608 – 5 October 610



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- 557 Tremissis, Eastern military mint 609-610, AV 1.30 g. DN Tib – RI PP AY Diademed, draped and cuirassed bust of Maurice Tiberius r. Rev. VICTORI TIBERI AV Cross potent; below, CONOB. DO –. MIBE 9 (this obverse die) 8 (this reverse die). Sear 721 note (Alexandria).

Exceedingly rare. Minor area of weakness on obverse, otherwise good extremely fine

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- 558 Follis, Alexandria 610, Æ 12.06 g. dmN ERACLIO C... I Facing busts of Heraclius on l. and his father (the Exarch Heraclius) on r., each wearing consular robes and crowns with *pendilia*; between them, cross Rev. A/N/N/O – X / IIII Large M; above, cross and beneath A. In exergue, ALEX... DO 17 (Alexandretta). MIBE 16b. Sear 723 (Alexandretta).

Rare. Green patina and good very fine

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Heraclius, 5 October 610 – 11 January 641, with colleagues from January 613



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- 559 Solidus 610–613, AV 4.44 g. d NN herAC – LI PER AV Draped and cuirassed bust facing wearing plumed helmet with cross on circlet and holding cross. Rev. VICTORIA AVSYI Cross potent on two steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO 1b. MIB 1a.1. Sear 729. Virtually as struck and almost Fdc

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Ex Sotheby's New York sale 2 November 1998, 194.

- 560 Solidus 610–613, AV 4.50 g. d N herACLI – VS PP AVG Draped and cuirassed bust facing wearing plumed helmet with cross on circlet and holding cross. Rev. VICTORIA AVSYE Cross potent on three steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO 3b. MIB 5. Sear 731.

Traces of double-striking on reverse, otherwise good extremely fine

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Ex Sotheby's sale 22-23 March 1990, 116 (part).

- 561 Solidus 610–613, AV 4.52 g. d N herACLI – YS PP AVI Draped and cuirassed bust facing wearing plumed helmet with cross on circlet and holding cross. Rev. VICTORIA AVSYE Cross potent on four steps; in r. field, N and in exergue, CONOB. DO 4. MIB 6a. Sear 732.

Light reddish tone and good extremely fine

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- 562 Semissis 610-613 (?), AV 2.24 g. d N herACLI – YS PP AVS Diademed and draped bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGYE Cross potent on globe. DO 51b. MIB 51a. Sear 784.
Struck on a very broad flan and about extremely fine 250
- 563 Tremissis 610-613 (?), AV 1.46 g. d N herACLI – YS PP AVI Diademed and draped bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGYE Cross potent; in exergue, COMOB. DO 53b.1 (officina S). MIB 73. Sear 786.
Very fine 150



- 564 Solidus 613-circa 616, AV 4.45 g. dd NN herACLIYS Et heRAC CONST PP AVG Facing busts of Heraclius on l. and Heraclius Constantine on r., each wearing *chlamys* and crowned with cross; in field above, cross. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGYB Cross potent on four steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO 8b. MIB 8a. Sear 734.
Minor traces of double-striking and an insignificant graffito on reverse field, otherwise good extremely fine 500
Ex Baldwin's sale 5, 1995, P. J. Donald, 85.
- 565 Solidus, uncertain Eastern mint, Jerusalem (?) 613-618, AV 4.35 g. dd NN heRACLIYS E[t] herA CONST Facing busts of Heraclius on l. and Heraclius Constantine on r., each wearing *chlamys* and crowned with cross; in field above, cross. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGYI Cross potent on four steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO 187a. MIB 77 (Cyprus?). Sear 851. Bendall, "The Byzantine coinage of the mint of Jerusalem" in RN 159, 2003, p. 307.
Rare. Good extremely fine 1'200
Ex Sotheby's London sale 22-23 March 1990, 131.
The attribution of this coin and of the following one awaits further evidence.
- 566 Solidus, uncertain Eastern mint, Jerusalem (?) 613-618, AV 4.28 g. dd NN heRACLIYS Et heRA CONIT... Facing busts of Heraclius on l. and Heraclius Constantine on r., each wearing *chlamys* and crowned with cross; in field above, cross. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGYI Cross potent on four steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO 187a. MIB 77 (Cyprus?). Sear 851. Bendall, "The Byzantine coinage of the mint of Jerusalem" in RN 159, 2003, p. 307.
Rare. Insignificant marks on reverse, otherwise extremely fine 1'000
- 567 Solidus, Ravenna 613-618, AV 4.44 g. DD NN HERACLIYS ET HERA CONST PP AV Facing busts of Heraclius on l. and Heraclius Constantine on r., each wearing *chlamys* and crowned with cross; in field above, cross. Rev. VICTORI – AAVGGGB Cross potent on four steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO 271a. MIB 110.d9. Sear 896.
Rare. Good extremely fine 1'500





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- 568 Semmissis, uncertain mint, possibly Jerusalem 613(?)–641, AV 2.16 g. d N EPACII – YS t PP AV Pearl-dia-
demed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGYS Cross potent on globe. DO –. MIB –. Sear –.
Sotheby's 22 April 1970, 322. Very rare. Slightly wavy flan, otherwise good very fine 400
Ex Sotheby's 22 April 1970 and Baldwin's 5, 1995, P. J. Donald, 101 sales.

- 569 Tremissis, uncertain Eastern (?) mint, 641–668, AV 1.44 g. d N herAC – IYS PP AV Diademed, draped
and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGYS Cross potent. DO 54. MIB 74. Sear 787.
Unusual style and very fine 250



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- 570 Hexagram 615–638, AR 6.23 g dd NN herACLIYS Et herA CONST Heraclius and Heraclius Constantine
seated facing on throne, each holding *globus cruciger*; above, cross. Rev. dEYS AdIYTA ROMANIS Cross
potent over globe set on three steps. DOC 61. MIB 134. Sear 795. About very fine 200
- 571 Hexagram 615–638, AR 5.90 g dd NN herACLIYS Et herA CONST Heraclius and Heraclius Constantine
seated facing on throne, each holding *globus cruciger*; cross above. Rev. dEYS AdIYTA ROMANIS Cross
potent with forked end over globe set on three steps; in r. field, monogram of Heraclius. DOC 65. MIB 143.
Sear 799. A very rare vartiey. Old cabinet tone and very fine 250

Ex Glendining's sale October 1993, 195.



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- 572 Solidus circa 616–625, AV 4.47 g. dd NN herACLIYS ET HERA CONST PP AV Facing busts of
Heraclius on l. and Heraclius Constantine on r., each wearing *chlamys* and crowned with cross on circlet; in
field above, cross. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGYT Cross potent on four steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO 13c.
MIB 11. Sear 738. Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 500
- 573 Solidus, Carthago 619–620, AV 4.47 g. ...ERACLIO...ERA CONTA... Facing busts of Heraclius on l. and
Heraclius Constantine on r., each wearing *chlamys* and crowned with cross; in field above, cross. Rev.
VICTORIA – AVGGH Cross potent on two steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO 210. MIB 84a.8. Sear 867.
Extremely fine 500
- 574 Solidus circa 626–629, AV 4.41 g. dd NN herACLIYS ET HERA CONST PP AV Facing busts of
Heraclius on l. and Heraclius Constantine on r., each wearing *chlamys* and crowned with cross on circlet; in
field above, cross. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGYIΘ Cross potent on four steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO 22c.
MIB 26. Sear 746. Good extremely fine 500
Ex Auctiones 12, 1981, 671 and NAC-Leu sale 26 May 1993, 125 sales.
- 575 Solidus, Carthago 627–628, AV 4.60 g. ...ERACLIO CONTA PP A Facing busts of Heraclius on l. and
Heraclius Constantine on r., each wearing *chlamys* and crowned with cross; in field above, cross. Rev.
VICTORIA – AGGA Cross potent on two steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO 218.1. MIB 84a-b. Sear 867.
About extremely fine 400
Ex Baldwin's sale 5, 1995, P. J. Donald, 95.



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- 576 Solidus, Ravenna 629-631, AV 4.47 g. DD NN HERACLIYS ET ERA CONS PP Facing, cuirassed busts of Heraclius on l. and Heraclius Constantine on r., each wearing crown with cross and loros; in field above, cross. Rev. VICTORIA –AVGGP Cross potent on base and three steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO 272b var. MIB 113a.4. Sear 897. Rare. Good extremely fine 1'500

Ex Leu 65,1996, 596 and Leu 83, 2002, 880 sales.



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- 577 Solidus 632–635 (?), AV 4.46 g. Heraclius, with long beard, standing between his two sons, the figure of Heraclonas on the l. much smaller and uncrowned; all wear *chlamys* and hold *globus cruciger* in r. hand. Heraclius and his elder son wear crowns; in field, above Heraclonas' head, cross. Rev. VICTORIA – AYG Y B Cross potent on base and three steps. In r. field, Heraclian monogram and in exergue, CONOB. DO 33. MIB 39b. Sear 758. Virtually as stuck and almost Fdc 500



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- 578 Solidus 632–635 (?), AV 4.38 g. Heraclius, with long beard, standing between his two sons, the figure of Heraclonas on the l. much smaller and uncrowned; all wear *chlamys* and hold *globus cruciger* in r. hand. Heraclius and his elder son wear crowns; in field, above Heraclonas' head, cross. Rev. VICTORIA – AYG Y Δ Cross potent on base and three steps. In r. field, Heraclian monogram and in exergue, CONOB. DO 33 (this officina unlisted). MIB 39. Sear 758. Traces of edge filing, otherwise extremely fine 300

- 579 Solidus 637–638, AV 4.42 g. Heraclius, with long beard, standing between his two sons, all crowned and wearing *chlamys* and hold *globus cruciger* in r. hand. Rev. VICTORIA – AYG Y B Cross potent on base and three steps. In l. field, Heraclian monogram and in r. field, IA ligate. In exergue, CONOB A. DO 40 (this officina unlisted). MIB 47. Sear 766. About extremely fine / extremely fine 350

- 580 Solidus 637–638, AV 4.39 g. Heraclius, with long beard, standing between his two sons, all crowned and wearing *chlamys* and hold *globus cruciger* in r. hand. Rev. VICTORIA – AYG Y E Cross potent on base and three steps. In l. field, Heraclian monogram and in r. field, E; in exergue, CONOB. DO 44 (this officina unlisted). MIB 53. Sear 770. About extremely fine 300

Constans II, September 641 – 15 July 678, with colleagues from 654



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- 581 Solidus, Carthago 641-647, AV 4.49 g. D N CONS TANTINO P Bust facing, beardless, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORIA – AYG Y ΔΛ Cross potent on base on three steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO 107.1. MIB 56.2. Sear 1029.

Extremely fine 700

Ex Auctiones sale 15, 1985, 857.



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- 582 Hexagram 641-647, AR 6.75 g. d N CONSTAN – TINYS P P AVC Bust facing, beardless, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. dEYS AdIYtA ROMANIS Cross potent with forked end over globe set on three steps. DO 48.2. MIB 142. Sear 989.

Beautiful cabinet tone and good very fine 500

- 583 Semmissis 641-668, AV 2.24 g. d N CONTAN[TIN]YS PP AV Diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGYS Cross potent on globe. DO 44. MIB 50. Sear 983.

About extremely fine 300

Ex Leu-NAC sale 26 May 1993, 163.

- 584 Tremissis 641-668, AV 1.45 g. [d N] CONTAN TINYS PP AV Diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGYS Cross potent; in exergue, CONOB. DO 45. MIB 51. Sear 984.

Extremely fine 250

- 585 Solidus 643-644, AV 4.51 g. d N CONSTAN – TINYS P P AVC Bust facing, beardless, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORIA – AYG Y B Cross potent on base on three steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO 1 (Heraclonas). MIB 3a. Sear 936.

Two edge nicks, otherwise good very fine 300

Ex Baldwin's sale 5, 1995, P. J. Donald, 110.



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- 586 Solidus, Roma 644-645, AV 4.40 g. d N CONSTAN – TINYS P P AVC Bust facing, beardless, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VSCTO[RI]A – AVSY C Cross potent on base on three steps; in r. field, K and in exergue, CONOB. DO 10a.2 (Heraclonas). MIB 112.1 (this dies). Sear 1117.

Extremely rare. Traces of overstriking, otherwise extremely fine 1'500

Ex NFA XVIII, 1987, Lacam, 808 and Sotheby's 27 and 28 October 1993, 1873 sales.



587 Solidus 644-646, AV 4.43 g. d N CONStAN – TINYS P P AVC Bust facing, beardless, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORIA – AYG B Cross potent on base on three steps; below, CONOB. DO 1b. MIB 3b. Sear 938. Extremely fine 400

588 Solidus 644-646, AV 4.46 g. d N CONStAN – TINYS P P AV Bust facing, beardless, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORIA – AYG Δ Cross potent on base on three steps; in r. field, C and below, CONOB. DO –. MIB 5. Sear 939a (this officina unlisted). Very rare. Good extremely fine. 750



589 Solidus 644-646, AV 4.37 g. d N CONStAN – tINYS P P AV Bust facing, beardless, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORIA – AYG Γ Cross potent on base on three steps; in exergue, CONOBC. DO 2b. MIB 6. Sear 939. Minor edge marks, otherwise good extremely fine 400

Ex Leu-NAC sale 26 May 1993, 148.

590 Solidus 644-646, AV 4.43 g. d N CONStAN – tINYS P P AV Bust facing, beardless, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORIA – AYG B Cross potent on base on three steps; in exergue, CONOBS. DO 3 (this officina unlisted). MIB 7a. Sear 940. Good extremely fine. 750

Ex Triton VII, 2004, 1102 and NAC 56, 2010, 617 sales.



591 Tremissis, Syracuse circa 646-648, AV 1.46 g. d N CONtAN – tINYS PP AV Diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGYΘ Cross potent; in r. field I and in exergue, CONOB / pellet. DO 168a. MIB 105. Spahr 84. Sear 1096. Very rare. Minor marks on obverse, otherwise good extremely fine 500

Very rare. Minor marks on obverse, otherwise good extremely fine 500



592 Solidus 647, AV 4.40 g. d N CONStAN – tINYS P P AV Bearded bust facing wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORIA – AYG I Cross potent on base on three steps; in r. field, C and in exergue, CONOB. DO 5e. MIB 9. Sear 942. A graffito on obverse field, otherwise good very fine / about extremely fine 350

A graffito on obverse field, otherwise good very fine / about extremely fine 350

Ex Baldwin's sale 5, 1995, P.J. Donald, 111.



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- 593 Tremissis, Syracuse circa 649-655, AV 1.43 g. d N CONSTAN – TINYS PP A Diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGYΘI Cross potent; in r. field C and in exergue, CONOB. DO 171c. MIB 107. Spahr 89. Sear 1099. Very rare. Good extremely fine 600



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- 594 Solidus 647-648, AV 4.47 g. d N CONSTAN – TINYS P P AV Bearded bust facing wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORIA – AYG Y A Cross potent on base on three steps; in r. field S and in exergue, CONOB. DO 7a. MIB 11. Sear 944. About extremely fine 400
Ex Sotheby's sale 3 May 1984, 392.

- 595 Hexagram 647-651, AR 5.49 g. d N CONSTAN – TINYS P P AV Bearded bust facing, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. dEYS AdIYTA ROMANIS Cross potent over globe set on three steps. DO 50. MIB 144. Sear 991. Minor areas of weakness, otherwise extremely fine 400



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- 596 Solidus, Syracuse 647-650, AV 4.45 g. d N CONSTAN – TINYS P P AV Bearded bust facing wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORIA – AYG Y ΘS Cross potent on base on three steps; in r. field, C and in exergue, CONOB. DO 154a. MIB 85. Spahr 64. Sear 1073. Rare and in exceptional condition for the issue. Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 2'000



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- 597 Solidus, 651-654, AV 4.44 g. dN CONSTAN – TINYS PP AY Bust facing with long beard, wearing crown and *chlamys* and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGY Γ Cross potent on three steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO 19c. MIB 23. Sear 956. Good extremely fine 500
Ex Leu sale 83, 2002, 885.



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- 598 Solidus, 651-654, AV 4.37 g. dN CONSTAN – TINYS PP AY Bust facing with long beard, wearing crown and *chlamys* and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGY A Cross potent on three steps; in exergue, CONOB+. DO 21 (this officina unlisted). MIB 24. Sear 958.
Edge marks and a graffito on reverse, otherwise good very fine 250
- 599 Light weight solidus of 23 siliquae 651-654, AV 4.25 g. dN CON[STAN – TNY]S PP AY Bust facing with long beard, wearing crown and *chlamys* and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGY Θ Cross potent on three steps; in r. field * and in exergue, CONOB. DO 22e. MIB 46. Sear 977.
Area of weakness, otherwise good very fine 200
- 600 Pattern of a solidus 651-654, AR 6.64 g. [dN] CONSTAN – TINYS PP [AY] Bust facing with long beard, wearing crown and *chlamys* and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTOR – [IAAV]GY I Cross potent on three steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO –. MIB –. Sear –.
Apparently unrecorded. Slightly off-centre, otherwise about extremely fine 750
This interesting coin was struck using a die of the solidus DO 19j; it's most probably a pattern for the gold issue or a mistake of the mint, which fell into circulation.
- 601 Solidus, Carthago 652-653, AV 4.37 g. DN CON – CTANTI Bust facing with long beard, wearing crown and *chlamys* and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTO – RIA IA Cross potent on three steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO 115. MIB 64. Sear 1037.
About extremely fine 350
Ex NFA XVIII, 1987, Lacam, 807.



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- 602 Solidus 654-659, AV 4.45 g. dN CONSTAN – TINYS CCONSTANT Facing busts of Constans on l. and Constantine IV on r., each wearing crown surmounted by cross and *chlamys*; between them, cross. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGY E Cross potent on three steps; in exergue, CONOBI. DO 26d. MIB 28. Sear 960.
Die slip on reverse, extremely fine 400
- 603 Solidus 654-659, AV 4.39 g. dN CONSTANTINVS CCONCTANT Facing busts of Constans on l. and Constantine IV on r., each wearing crown surmounted by cross and *chlamys*; between them, cross. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGY E Cross potent on three steps; in exergue, CONOB+. DO 27d. MIB 27. Sear 961.
Good extremely fine 500
Ex Leu sale 91, 2004, 838.
- 604 Solidus, Syracuse 654-659, AV 4.32 g. dN CONSTANTINYS CONSTANTINY Facing busts of Constans on l. and Constantine IV on r., each wearing crown surmounted by cross and *chlamys*; between them, cross. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGY ΘI ∴ Cross potent on pellet on four steps; in r. field, C and in exergue, CONOB. DO 156c. MIB 89.1. Spahr 127 (this coin). Sear 1076.
Rare. Several marks on edge and on field, otherwise very fine 1'200
Ex Leu-M&M sale 11 March 1987, Spahr, 10.



- 605 Hexagram 654-659, AR 5.89 g. dN CONSTATINYS CCONSTAN' Facing busts of Constans on l. and Constantine IV on r., each wearing crown surmounted by cross and *chlamys*; between them, cross. Rev. dEYS ADIYtA ROMANIS Cross potent over globe set on three steps; in r. field, B. DO 55. MIB 150. Sear 996. Toned and good very fine 300
- 606 * Hexagram 654-659, AR 5.63 g. [dN CONSTATINYS CCONSTAN' CONCTANTINY] Facing busts of Constans on l. and Constantine IV on r., each wearing crown surmounted by cross and *chlamys*; between them, cross. Rev. dEYS ADIYtA ROMANIS Cross potent over globe set on three steps; in r. field, B. DO 55. MIB 150. Sear 996. Toned and fine 150
- 607 Tremissis, Syracuse circa 657-662, AV 1.45 g. dN CONTAN – TINYS P P AV Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGYC· Cross potent; in r. field Γ / ·and in exergue, CONOB. DO 174d. MIB 102. Spahr 77. Sear 1091. Minor marks, otherwise extremely fine 350
- 608 Solidus, Carthago 659-660, AV 4.37 g. Fragmentary inscription. Facing bust of Constans II with long beard on l. and Constantine IV, beardless on r. Rev. VICTIA – AYG Γ Cross potent on three steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO 118. MIB 66. Sear 1039. About extremely fine 400
Ex Baldwin's sale 5, 1995, P.J. Donald, 126.
- 609 Solidus circa 659-661, AV 4.46 g. dN CON[S]JTANST Facing busts of Constans II on l., wearing plumeted helmet decorated with cross and *chlamys* and Constantine IV on r., wearing *chlamys* and crown surmounted by cross; between them, cross. Rev. VICTORI – A – A – VGYS Long cross on globe flanked by standing figures of Heraclius, on l. and Tiberius on r., each wearing crown and *chlamys* and holding *globus cruciger*; in exergue, CONOB. DO 28d. MIB 29. Sear 962. Minor areas of weakness, otherwise about extremely fine / good very fine 300
Ex Baldwin's sale 5, 1995, P.J. Donald, 123.
- 610 Solidus, Carthago 659-668, AV 4.40 g. ...NT... Facing bust of Constans II, with long beard on l. and Constantine IV, beardless on r. Rev. Facing busts of Heraclius and Tiberius each wearing crown and *chlamys*; between them, cross potent on two steps. DO 127. MIB 73b. Sear 1044. Rare. About extremely fine / extremely fine 400
Ex Baldwin's sale 5, 1995, P.J. Donald, 128.



- 611 Hexagram 659-668, AR 4.15 g. [Fragmentary inscription] Facing busts of Constans II on l., wearing plumeted helmet decorated with cross and *chlamys* and Constantine IV on r., wearing *chlamys* and crown surmounted by cross; between them, cross. Rev. Cross potent over globe set on three steps between two palms. DO 47. MIB 141. Sear 987. Extremely rare. Toned and very fine / good very fine 1'200
Ex Gemini 3, 2007, 513 and Baldwin's 65, 2010, 1226 sales.
Possibly a ceremonial issue struck for the coronation of Constantine IV.



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612 Solidus circa 661–663, AV 4.39 g. d N CONST – ANYSSS Facing bust of Constans II, with long beard, on l., wearing plumed helmet and *chlamys*, and Constantine IV on r., wearing crown and *chlamys*; between them, cross. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGYB Heraclius on l., and Tiberius on r., standing facing and both holding a long cross; between them, cross potent on base and three steps. In exergue, CONOB. DO 30b. MIB 31. Sear 964. Good extremely fine 500

613 Solidus circa 661–663, AV 4.35 g. d N CONST – ANT Facing bust of Constans II, with long beard, on l., wearing plumed helmet and *chlamys*, and Constantine IV, on r., wearing crown and *chlamys*; between them, cross. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGYA Heraclius, on l., and Tiberius, on r., standing facing and both holding *globus cruciger*; between them, cross potent on base and three steps. In exergue, CONOB. DO 30a. MIB 31. Sear 964. Extremely fine 400

Ex Baldwin's sale 5, 1995, P. J. Donald, 122.

614 Solidus circa 661–663, AV 4.35 g. d N C – AN Facing bust of Constans II, with long beard, on l., wearing plumed helmet and *chlamys*, and Constantine IV, on r., wearing crown and *chlamys*; between them, cross. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGYΘ Heraclius, on l., and Tiberius, on r., standing facing and both holding a long cross; between them, cross potent on base and three steps. In exergue, CONOB. DO 30h. MIB 31. Sear 964. Extremely fine 400

615 Solidus circa 661–663, AV 4.41 g. d N [C] – AN Facing bust of Constans II, with long beard, on l., wearing plumed helmet and *chlamys*, and Constantine IV, on r., wearing crown and *chlamys*; between them, cross. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGYAΘ Heraclius, on l., and Tiberius, on r., standing facing and both holding a long cross; between them, cross potent on base and three steps. In exergue, CONOB. DO 33 (this officina unlisted). MIB 38. Sear 967.

Minor areas of weakness and an edge nick at twelve o'clock on reverse, otherwise about extremely fine

400



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616 Solidus, Syracuse circa 661–668, AV 4.36 g. dN CONSTA – NtI Facing bust of Constans II, with long beard, on l., wearing plumed helmet and *chlamys*, and Constantine IV, on r., wearing crown and *chlamys*; in field above, between them, cross. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGCIKY Heraclius, on l., and Tiberius, on r., standing facing and both holding *globus cruciger*; between them, cross potent on base and three steps. In exergue, CONOB. DO 162c var. (CIKY•). MIB 95.5. Spahr 156. Sear 1086a.

Very rare. Insignificant area of weakness on reverse, otherwise good extremely fine

2'500



617

- 617 Solidus, Syracuse circa 661–668, AV 4.35 g. dN CONS – CON – T – Y Facing bust of Constans II, with long beard, on l., wearing plumed helmet and *chlamys*, and Constantine IV, on r., wearing crown and *chlamys*; between them, cross. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGYKY• Heraclius, on l., and Tiberius, on r., standing facing and both holding *globus cruciger*; between them, cross potent on base and three steps. In exergue, CONOB. DO 162c. MIB 95.4. Spahr 156. Sear 1086a.

Very rare. An edge scuff at seven o'clock on obverse, otherwise good extremely fine 2'000



618

- 618 Solidus, Syracuse circa 661–668, AV 4.40 g. [dN CONSTA] – Ntl Facing bust of Constans II, with long beard, on l., wearing plumed helmet and *chlamys*, and Constantine IV, on r., wearing crown and *chlamys*; in field above, between them, cross. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGYKY• Heraclius, on l., and Tiberius, on r., standing facing and both holding *globus cruciger*; between them, cross potent on base and three steps. In exergue, CONOB:• DO 162d. MIB 96.2. Spahr 157. Sear 1087a.

Very rare. Minor areas of weakness, otherwise about extremely fine 1'250

Ex Baldwin's sale 5, 1995, P.J. Donald, 129.

Constantine IV, Pogonatus 13 April 654 – 10 July 685



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- 619 Solidus, Syracuse 668-673, AV 4.36 g. d N COST – AtNYS C C O I Draped and cuirassed bust facing, wearing crown surmounted by cross and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORIA – AVG YKC• Facing figures of Heraclius on l., and Tiberius on r., both beardless, each wearing crown and *chlamys* and holding *globus cruciger*; between them, cross potent on base and three steps In exergue, CONOB:• DO 55a. MIB 30. Spahr 162. Sear 1201.

Very rare. Minor edge nicks otherwise extremely fine 3'000

Ex NAC sale 51, 2009, 467.



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- 620 Solidus 668–673, AV 4.40 g. dN CONS – A– NYS P Beardless bust, three-quarters facing, wearing helmet and cuirass and holding spear. Rev. VICTORIA – A VGYZ (vertical) Facing figures of Heraclius on l., and Tiberius on r., both beardless, each wearing crown and *chlamys* and holding *globus cruciger*; between them, cross potent on base and three steps. In exergue, CONOB. DO 6f var. MIB 4 var. Sear 1153. Scarce. Good very fine 600
- Ex Baldwin's sale 75, 2012, 2374.

- 621 Semmissis 668–685, AV 2.18 g. d N CONC – ANYS PP A Pearl-diademed and draped bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGYZ Cross potent on globe. DO 16. MIB 15b. Sear 1161. Graffiti on reverse, otherwise good very fine 150
- Ex Baldwin's sale 5, 1995, P.J. Donald, 139.



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- 622 Solidus, uncertain Italian mint 668–685, AV 4.26 g. d N CO – S – N – ANY PP Helmeted and cuirassed bust facing three-quarters r., holding spear and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGVST<D Facing figures of Heraclius, on l., and Tiberius on r., both beardless, each wearing crown and *chlamys* and holding *globus cruciger*; between them, cross potent on base and three steps. In exergue, CONOB. DO –. MIB –. Sear –. Very rare. Very fine 700
- Ex Baldwin's sale 5, 1995, P.J. Donald, 147.



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624



- 623 Solidus, 674–681, AV 4.42 g. d N CO• – ANY PP Helmeted and cuirassed bust facing three-quarters r., holding spear and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTORIA – A – VGYH Facing figures of Heraclius on l., and Tiberius on r., both beardless, each wearing crown and *chlamys* and holding long cross; between them, cross potent on base and three steps. In exergue, CONOB. DO 10g . MIB 8a. Sear 1156. Extremely fine 700
- Ex Leu sale 61, 1995, 324.

- 624 Solidus, Syracuse 674–681, AV 4.16 g. d N COSt – ANtSSY PP Helmeted and cuirassed bust facing three-quarters r., holding spear and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTORIA – A – VGY vertical I between two dots Facing figures of Heraclius on l., and Tiberius on r., both beardless, each wearing crown and *chlamys* and holding *globus cruciger*; between them, cross potent on base and three steps. In exergue, CONOB••. DO 57b. MIB 33.4. Sear 1203. Very rare. Extremely fine / about extremely fine 2'000
- Ex NAC sale 10, 1997, 753.



625

- 625 Follis, Syracuse 668-674, Æ 1.85 g. Helmeted and cuirassed bust facing three-quarters r., holding spear and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. Large M between the standing figures of Heraclius on l., and Tiberius on r.; above, monogram of Constantine IV and in exergue, [SCL]. DO 61. MIB 106. Spahr 173 var. Sear 1208. Green patina. Traces of overstriking, otherwise very fine 100

Ex NAC sale 56, 2010, 645.



626



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- 626 Solidus, Carthago 679-680 (?), AV 4.24 g. ... Helmeted, cuirassed and bearded bust facing, spear held behind head, shield off flan. Rev. Facing figures of Heraclius on l., and Tiberius on r., both beardless, each wearing crown and *chlamys* and holding *globus cruciger*; between them, cross potent on base and three steps. In centre field, H – S (retrograde) and in exergue, CONOB. DO –. MIB 25 (Sardinia?). Sear 1189A.

Very rare. Reverse slightly off-flan, otherwise extremely fine

1'200



627

- 627 Solidus 681–685, AV 4.52 g. P CONS – tA –NYS P P A Bearded bust, three-quarters facing, wearing diademed helmet and cuirass, holding spear and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTORA – AVGYT (vertical) Cross potent on base and three steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO 14 (this officina unlisted). MIB 10. Sear 1157. Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 1'200

Ex Baldwin's sale 2, 1994, W. J. Conte, 68.



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- 628 Solidus 681–685, AV 4.23 g. P CONS – tAN –Y2 P P A Bearded bust, three-quarters facing, wearing diademed helmet and cuirass, holding spear and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. VICTORA [– AV]GYH Cross potent on base and three steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO 12d. MIB 10. Sear 1157. Edge nick at twelve o'clock on obverse and traces of filing, otherwise about extremely fine 500

Ex Baldwin's sale 5, 1995, P.J. Donald, 138.

Justinian II, first reign 685 - 695



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- 629 Solidus, uncertain mint, probably Constantinopolis 685-686, AV 4.47 g. IYSTINIA – NYS PE AV Beardless bust facing, wearing crown with cross and *chlamys* decorated with pelleted cross and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORIA – [A]VGYS Cross potent on base and three steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO 1a var. MIB 1 var. Sear 1245 var.

Extremely rare variety. Almost invisible marks on obverse and minor areas of weakness, otherwise extremely fine

800

Ex Baldwin's sale 5, 1995, P.J. Donald 148.

The attribution of this coin to the mint of Constantinople, due to the style, needs further evidence.



630



- 630 Solidus, uncertain Italian mint (Naples or Rome?) 685-686, AV 4.18 g. P – NIYSTINIA – NYS PE AVG Bearded bust facing, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys* and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGYN Cross potent on base and three steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO 80 note (Naples). MIB 29 (Rome, 2nd reign). Sear 1319. Extremely rare. Extremely fine 3'000



631



632



- 631 Tremissis, Syracuse 685-695, AV 1.46 g. d IYSTI – NIANYS PP Diademed bust r., wearing *chlamys*. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGY Cross potent on base; in r. field, K and in exergue, CONOB. DO 52 note. MIB 21a (2nd reign). Spahr 208. Sear 1293. Minor areas of weakness, otherwise good very fine 300

- 632 Tremissis, uncertain Italian mint (Ravenna or Rome?) 685-695, AV 1.51 g. P N IYSt – ...ANYS PP Bearded bust facing, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys* and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGY S M (Vertical) Cross potent on base; in exergue, CONOB. DO 75c. MIB 31 (Rome, 2nd reign). Ricotti Prina 104-105.

Extremely rare. Struck on a narrow flan, minor marks, otherwise extremely fine

1'500



- 633 Solidus 686-687, AV 4.49 g. [IYStINI]A – NYS PE AV Beardless bust facing, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys* and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGYH Cross potent on base and three steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO 2 (this officina unlisted). MIB 2. Sear 1243.
 Minor areas of weakness on obverse and a graffito on reverse, otherwise extremely fine 1'200
 Ex Sotheby's sale 30 October 1991, 148.

- 634 Solidus 686-687, AV 4.42 g. IYStINIA – NYS PE AV Bearded bust facing, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys* and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGYT Cross potent on base and three steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO 4 (this officina unlisted). MIB 4. Sear 1245.
 Minor areas of weakness, otherwise good very fine / about extremely fine 1'000
 Ex Sotheby's sale 30 October 1991, 148.



- 635 Light weight solidus of 23 siliquae 686-687, AV 4.16 g. IYStINIA – NYS PE AV Bearded bust facing, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys* and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGYΘ Cross potent on base and three steps; in r. field, * and in exergue, CONOB. DO –, cf 2b (beardless). MIB 10. Sear 1250.
 Very rare. Minor areas of weakness, insignificant marks on reverse, otherwise about extremely fine 1'000



- 636 Follis year 2 (686-687), Æ 7.89 g. IYStIN – [ANY]S Bearded bust facing, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys* and holding *globus cruciger*; in r. field, cross. Rev. ANNO – cross / II Large M surmounted by cross; beneath, E and in exergue CON. DO 18b. MIB44. Sear 1260.
 Green patina and good very fine 200
 Ex Sotheby's sale 20 November 1983, 349.

- 637 Semissis 687-692, AV 2.06 g. O IYStINIA – NYS PE AV Bearded bust facing, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys* and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGYS Cross potent on globe. DO 9. MIB 11. Sear 1251. Rare. Traces of edge filing, otherwise about extremely fine 600
 Ex Leu 13, 1979, 620; Sotheby's NY 5 December 1990, Hunt 449; Sotheby's New York 2 November 1998, 364 and CNG 90, 2012, 1911 sales.



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638 Solidus 692-695, AV 4.44 g. IHS CRISTOS REX – REGNANT[YM] Bust of Christ facing, cross behind head, r. hand raised in benediction and l. holding book of Gospels. Rev. [D IVSTINIAN]YS SERY CHRIS[TI] Justinian standing facing, wearing *loros* and crown, holding cross potent on two steps and *anagallis*; beneath, B Γ (retrograde). DO 7b var. MIB 8a var. Sear 1248 var.

Rare. Struck on a narrow flan, otherwise good extremely fine 4'500



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639 Solidus 692-695, AV 4.48 g. IHS CRISTOS REX – REGNANT[YM] Bust of Christ facing, cross behind head, r. hand raised in benediction and l. holding Book of Gospels. Rev. [D IVSTINIAN]YS SERY CHRIS[TI] Justinian standing facing, wearing *loros* and crown, holding cross potent set on globe. DO 10. MIB 12. Sear 1252.

Rare. Good very fine / very fine 2'500

Ex Lanz 28 sale, 1984, 899.

640 Semissis 692-695, AV 2.15 g. IHS CRISTOS REX – REGNANT[YM] Bust of Christ facing with r. hand raised in benediction and Book of Gospels in l. hand. Rev. D O IYSTIN[IAN] – YS SERYCHRIS[TI] Justinian II, wearing crown and *loros*, standing facing, holding cross potent set on globe. DO 10. MIB 12. Sear 1252.

Rare. Areas of weakness, otherwise very fine 600

641 Hexagram 692-695, AR 6.24 g. IHS CRISTOS REX – REGNANT[YM] Bust of Christ facing raising r. hand raised in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l. Rev. D O IYSTINI – [ANYS SERYCHRIS[TI] Justinian II, wearing crown and *loros*, standing facing, holding cross potent set on globe. DO 17. MIB 40. Sear 1259.

Very rare. Traces of double-striking, otherwise very fine 2'000

Ex Gorny & Mosch sale 207, 2012, 816.



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642 Solidus, Carthago 695-696, AV 4.29 g. IYSTONA – NOS PE AN I Beardless bust facing wearing *chlamys* and cross on circlet and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. CICTORI – AVVGY Θ Cross potent on base and three steps. DO –. MIB 18b. Sear 1265b.

Extremely rare. Minor marks on reverse, otherwise good very fine 3'000

Leontius 695 – 698



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- 643 Solidus 695-698, AV 4.32 g. D LEO – N PE AV Bearded bust facing, wearing *loros* and crown and holding *anexikakia* and *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORIA – AVSYA Cross potent on base and three steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO 1d. MIB 1. Sear 1330. Extremely fine 2'500



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- 644 Solidus 695-698, AV 4.45 g. D LEO – N PE AV Bearded bust facing, wearing *loros* and crown and holding *anexikakia* and *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORIA AVSYZ Cross potent on base and three steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO 1g.2. MIB 1. Sear 1330. Extremely fine 2'500

Ex Sotheby's sale 30 November 1991, 150.



645



- 645 Solidus, Syracuse 695-698, AV 4.16 g. d LEN – A I 99 Bearded bust facing, wearing crown and *loros*, and holding *anexikakia* and *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORI[A] – AVSYΘ Cross potent on four steps; in field, ✧ – I and in exergue, CONOB. DO 13.1. MIB 9. Spahr 233. Sear 1340.

Very rare and in superb condition for the issue. Unusually well struck and extremely fine 4'500

Ex NAC sale 56, 2010, 660.



646



- 646 Tremissis, Syracuse 695-698, AV 1.26 g. d LEN – AV YY Diademed bust r., wearing *chlamys*. VICTORIA – AVGYΘ Cross potent on base; in field, ✧ – I and, in exergue, CONOB. DO –. MIB 16. Spahr 236. Ricotti Prina 11 (as unique). Sear 1342D.

Of the highest rarity, very few specimens known. Graffiti in fields, otherwise very fine 800

Tiberius III, Apsimar 698 - 705



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- 647 Solidus 698-705, AV 4.46 g. d tIBERI – YS PE – AV Bearded and cuirassed bust facing, wearing crown with cross on circlet and holding spear before body and shield with horseman motif. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGYB Cross potent on base and three steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO 1b. MIB 1. Sear 1360.
Minor areas of weakness, otherwise about extremely fine / extremely fine 700



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- 648 Solidus 698-705, AV 4.36 g. d tIBERI – YS PE – AV Bearded and cuirassed bust facing, wearing crown with cross on circlet and holding spear before body and shield with horseman motif. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGYT Cross potent on base and three steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO 1 (this officina unlisted). MIB 1. Sear 1360.
Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 1'250



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- 649 Solidus 698-705, AV 4.41 g. D tIBERI – YS PE – AV Bearded and cuirassed bust facing, wearing crown with cross on circlet and holding spear before body and shield with horseman motif. Rev. VICTORIA – AVSYTC Cross potent on base and three steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO –, note 2c. MIB 3. Sear 1361A.
Rare. Extremely fine 1'500
Ex Leu-NAC sale 27 May 1993, 188.



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- 650 Solidus, Syracuse 698-705, AV 4.10 g. P tIBE[RI...] – AV. Bearded and cuirassed bust facing, wearing crown with cross on circlet and holding spear before body and shield with horseman motif. Rev. VICTORIA – AYG Cross potent on base and three steps; in field, + – + and in exergue, CONOB. DO 22.1 MIB 34. Spahr –, cf. 256 note. Sear 1381.
Extremely rare. Lovely reddish tone and about extremely fine / extremely fine 4'500

Ex NAC sale 56, 2010, 664.



651

- 651 Semissis 698-705, AV 2.17 g. D tIbERI –YS PE – AV Bust facing with short beard, wearing cuirass and crown with cross on circlet, holding transverse spear and shield decorated with horseman-enemy motif. Rev. VICTORIA – AVSYS Cross potent on globe. DO 3. MIB 7. Sear 1362. Very fine 350



652

- 652 Tremissis 698-705, AV 1.39 g. [D tIbERI] – YS PE – AV Bust facing with short beard, wearing cuirass and crown with cross on circlet, holding transverse spear and shield decorated with horseman-enemy motif. Rev. VICTORIA – AVSYS Cross potent; in exergue, CONOB. DO 4. MIB 8. Sear 1363. Minor areas of weakness, otherwise extremely fine 400



653

- 653 Tremissis, uncertain Italian mint (Beneventum or Rome?) 698-705, AV 1.28 g. D tIbER (R upside down) – C∇– V Bust facing with short beard, wearing cuirass and crown with cross, holding transverse spear and shield decorated with horseman-enemy motif. Rev. VICTOR – VNVY Cross potent on base; in l. field, star and in exergue, COHOB. DO 41 (Rome). MIB pl 45, x6 (Beneventum?, this obverse die). Ricotti Prina pl. 20, 3a (Tuscia Longobarda, these dies). Extremely rare. Very fine / good very fine 1'500

Justinian II 2nd reign with colleague, Summer 705 – 4 November 711



654

- 654 Solidus 705-711, AV 4.33 g. d N Ihs ChS REX – REGNA[TY]M Facing bust of Christ, with short beard and curly hair, wearing *pallium* over *colobium*, holding Book of Gospels and raising r. hand in benediction; cross behind head. Rev. dN IYS – TINIA – NYS MYLTYS AN Bust facing, slightly bearded, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *loros*, holding cross potent on three steps and patriarchal cross on globe inscribed PAX. DO 1.4. MIB 1. Sear 1413. Rare. Minor traces of edge filing otherwise extremely fine 2'000



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- 655 Solidus 705-711, AV 4.39 g. d N hIS ChS REX – REGNANTIYM Facing bust of Christ, with short beard and curly hair, wearing *pallium* over *colobium*, holding Book of Gospels and raising r. hand in benediction; cross behind head. Rev. d N IYSTINIAN – YS ET TIBERIYS P P A- Half-length figures of Justinian II, on l., and Tiberius, on r., facing, each wearing crown, *divitision* and *chlamys* and holding between them cross potent on two steps. DO 2a. MIB 2a. Sear 1414.

Rare. Graffito on reverse, otherwise virtually as struck and almost Fdc

3'000

Ex Sotheby's Zürich 27-28 October 1993, 1881.



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- 656 Solidus 705-711, AV 4.31 g. d N hIS ChS REX – REGNANTIYM Facing bust of Christ, with short beard and curly hair, wearing *pallium* over *colobium*, holding Book of Gospels and raising r. hand in benediction; cross behind head. Rev. d N IYSTINIAN – YS [ET TIBERIYS P P A-] Half-length figures of Justinian II on l., and Tiberius on r., facing, each wearing crown, *divitision* and *chlamys* and holding between them cross potent on two steps. DO 2b. MIB 2b. Sear 1415.

A rare variety. Light reddish tone, minor traces of edge filing, otherwise extremely fine

2'000

Ex SBV sale 17, 1987, 184.



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- 657 Semissis 705-711, AV 2.07 g. d N IhS ChS [REX – REGN]ANTYM Facing bust of Christ, with short beard and curly hair, wearing *pallium* over *colobium*, holding Book of Gospels and raising r. hand in benediction; cross behind head. Rev. dN I[YS – TI]NIA – NYS MYLTYS AN Bust facing, slightly bearded, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *loros*, holding cross potent on globe and patriarchal cross on globe inscribed [PA]X. DO 3.1. MIB 3. Sear 1416.

Very rare. Area of weakness on obverse, otherwise good very fine

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Ex Baldwin's sale 5, 1995, P.J. Donald, 163.

- 658 Tremissis 705-711, AV 1.40 g. d N IhS ChS REX – REGN[TYM] Facing bust of Christ, with short beard and curly hair, wearing *pallium* over *colobium*, holding Book of Gospels and raising r. hand in benediction; cross behind head. Rev. dN I[YS – TI]NIA – NYS MYLTYS AN Bust facing, slightly bearded, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *loros*, holding cross potent on base and *globus cruciger* inscribed PAX. DO 5. MIB 5. Sear 1419. Very rare. Areas of weakness, otherwise good very fine

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Ex Lanz sale 28, 1984, 903.

- 659 Tremissis 705-711, AV 1.31 g. [d N hIS ChS]REX – REGNANTIYM Facing bust of Christ, with short beard and curly hair, wearing *pallium* over *colobium*, holding Book of Gospels and raising r. hand in benediction; cross behind head. Rev. [d N IYSTINIAN – YS ET TIB]RIYS P P A. Half-length figures of Justinian II on l., and Tiberius on r., facing, each wearing crown, *divitision* and *chlamys* and holding between them cross potent. DO 6b. MIB 6b. Sear 1421. Rare. Very fine

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Ex Baldwin's sale 5, 1995, P.J. Donald, 164.



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- 660 Follis, Syracuse 708-709, AE 1.45 g. Facing half-length figures of Justinian II on l., and Tiberius on r., each wearing crown and *chlamys* and holding between them cross potent on base. Rev. Large M; at sides, + – + and above, monogram. In exergue, SCL. DO 20 bis. MIB 51. Sear 1437.
Rare. Struck on a short flan, otherwise good very fine 200

Philippicus Bardanes, 4 November 711 – 3 June 713



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- 661 Solidus 711-713, AV 4.30 g. DN PHILEPICYS – MYL – TYS AN Facing bust with short beard, wearing *loros* and crown with cross on circlet, holding *globus cruciger* in r. hand and eagle-tipped sceptre with cross above in l. Rev. VICTORIA AVGYΔ Cross potent on base and three steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO 1d. MIB 1. Sear 1447. Rare. An unobtrusive scratch on obverse, otherwise extremely fine 1'750
- 662 Tremissis 711-713, AV 1.38 g. DN PHILEPICYS – MYL – [TYS AN] Facing bust with short beard, wearing *loros* and crown with cross on circlet, holding *globus cruciger* in r. hand and eagle-tipped sceptre with cross above in l. Rev. VI[CTORI]A AVGYΣ Cross potent on base; in exergue, CONOB. DO 6. MIB 6. Sear 1452. Rare. Minor marks and a graffito on reverse, otherwise very fine 400
Ex Leu sale 91, 2004, 866.

Anastasius II Artemius, 3 June 713 – 715



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- 663 Solidus 713–715, AV 4.32 g. DN APTEMIYS A – NASTASIYS MYL Facing bust, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, holding *anexikakia* and *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGYA Cross potent on base and three steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO 2. MIB 2. Sear 1463.
Rare. Minor marks on reverse and traces of edge filing, otherwise extremely fine 1'500



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- 664 Solidus 713–715, AV 4.34 g. DN APTEM[IYS A – NAS]TASIYS MYL Facing bust, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, holding *anexikakia* and *globus cruciger*. Rev. VICTORIA – AVSYZΘ Cross potent on base and three steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO 3b. MIB 3. Sear 1464.
Very rare. Traces of edge filing, otherwise about extremely fine 1'000
Ex Künker sale 124, 2007, 7733.

Theodosius III, 715 - 717



665

- 665 Solidus 715-717, AV 4.42 g. d N ThEOdO – SIYS MYL A Facing bust, wearing *loros* and crown, holding patriarchal cross with an X at the intersection surmounted on globe and *anexikakia*. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGYΔ Cross potent on base and three steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO 1 (this officina unlisted). MIB 1. Sear 1487. Very rare. Minor area of weakness on obverse, otherwise about extremely fine / extremely fine 5'000
Ex Gorny & Mosch sale 199, 2011, 838.

A minor treasury official, and thus an unlikely candidate for the throne, Theodosius was elevated against his will by soldiers stationed at Rhodes, who were revolting against the burdensome rule of Anastasius II. After a six-month siege of Constantinople, Theodosius took the city in November, 715. His reign lasted just less than two years, and he abdicated in favour of Leo III, who had captured his son in Nicomedia. Both Theodosius and his son were permitted to retire to a monastery, and the former emperor subsequently became the bishop of Ephesus.



666

- 666 Follis, Syracuse 716-717, Æ 2.73 g. Facing bust, wearing *loros* and crown, holding spear over shoulder and *globus cruciger*. Rev. Large M; above, monogram, below, Θ and on either side, palm branch. In exergue, SCL. DO 8. Spahr 293. MIB 16. Sear 1496. Very rare. Green patina and extremely fine 350

Leo III the Isaurian, 25 March 717 – 18 June 741 and colleague, from 25 March 720



667

- 667 Solidus 717–720, AV 4.41 g. d N D LEO – N PA MYL A Facing bust, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger* and *anexikakia*. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGYH Cross potent on base and three steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO 1e. MIB 1. Sear 1502. Minor scratches on obverse and a few edge nicks, otherwise good very fine / about extremely fine 800



668

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- 668 Solidus, Syracuse 717-720, AV 4.42 g. [d N D] LEO M – YLT AN Facing bust, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, holding globus with patriarchal cross and *anexikakia*. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGY Cross potent on base and three steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO -. MIB 7 (this coin). Spahr 296 (this coin). Sear 1523 var. (*globus cruciger*). Very rare. Very fine 1'000
Ex M&M-Leu 11 March 1987, Spahr, 35 and Glendining's October 1995, 193 sales.



- 669 Solidus, uncertain Italian mint 717-720, AV 4.02 g. d N D UO... – NIAS P N Facing bust, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger* and *anexikakia*. Rev. VICTORA – AVSYG (vertical) Cross potent on base and three steps; in exergue, CONOB. DO –. MIB –. Sear –.
Apparently unrecorded. Metal flaw on obverse and on edge, otherwise extremely fine 2'500



- 670 Semissis 717-720, AV 2.11 g. d N D LEO – ... Facing bust, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger* cross and *anexikakia*. Rev. VICTORIA AVSYS Cross potent on globe. DO 8. MIB 3. Sear 1505. Very rare. Graffiti on reverse, otherwise very fine 500
- 671 Tremissis, Syracuse 720-circa 735, AV 1.27 g. ... – N PAM Facing bust of Leo III, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger* and *anexikakia*. Rev. d N – CON – [...] NT Facing bust of Constantine V, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, holding cross potent on base. DO 48. Spahr 304 var. Sear –. Very rare. Clipped, otherwise very fine 200



- 672 Half follis, Syracuse circa 721-730, Æ 2.74 g. ... LE – O ... Facing bust of Leo III, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger* and *anexikakia*. Rev. Facing bust of Constantine V above horizontal bar, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger*; below, M between SC – L. DO 54b. Sear 1530. Rare. Dark green patina and very fine 200
Ex Auctiones sale 6, 1983, 865.
- 673 Solidus circa 725-732, AV 4.48 g. d N D LEO – N PA MYL' Facing bust of Leo III, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger* and *anexikakia*. Rev. D N CONST – ANtINYS M' Facing bust of youthful Constantine V wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger* and *anexikakia*. DO 5.3. Sear 1504.
A minor nick and a graffito on reverse, otherwise extremely fine 1'000
Ex Sotheby's sale 3 October 1991, 156.
- 674 Solidus circa 725-732, AV 4.47 g. d N D LEO – N PA MYL' Facing bust of Leo III, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys* and holding *globus cruciger* and *anexikakia*. Rev. d N CONST – ANtINYS M' Facing bust of youthful Constantine V wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger* and *anexikakia*. DO 5.3. Sear 1504. Several scratches, otherwise extremely fine 700
Ex Sotheby's London sale, 4 October 1991, 156 (part).



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- 675 Tremissis 732-circa 737, AV 1.41 g. d N D LEO – [N PA MYL'] Facing bust of Leo III, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys* and holding *globus cruciger* and *anexikakia*. Rev. [d N] CON – St ANtIN' Facing bust of youthful Constantine V wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, holding cross potent and *anexikakia*. DO 18a. Sear 1508.

Almost invisible marks on reverse, otherwise extremely fine

500



676



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- 676 Solidus, Syracuse circa 735-741, AV 4.00 g. C NO LE – ON PAMY Facing bust of Leo III, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger* and *anexikakia*. Rev. C – N CONS – [ANtIN'] Facing bust of youthful Constantine V wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger* and *anexikakia*. DO 45.2. Spahr 310. Sear 1524.

Rare. Virtually as struck and almost Fdc

1'500

Ex Gorny & Mosch sale 180, 2009, 493.



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- 677 Solidus, Syracuse circa 735-741, AV 3.86 g. [C NO] LE – ON PAM[Y] Facing bust of Leo III, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys* and holding *globus cruciger* and *anexikakia*. Rev. Broken legend Facing bust of youthful Constantine V wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger* and *anexikakia*. DO 45.2. Spahr 310. Sear 1524.

Clipped, otherwise about extremely fine

700



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- 678 Semissis, Syracuse circa 735-741, AV 1.87 g. ...PAMY... Facing bust of Leo III, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys* and holding *globus cruciger* and *anexikakia*. Rev. ...NATYN... Facing bust of youthful Constantine V, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys* and holding cross potent surmounted on globe. DO 47 var. Spahr 313. Sear 1526.

Very rare. Nick at five o'clock on reverse, otherwise very fine

600

- 679 Tremissis, Syracuse circa 735-741, AV 1.25g. ... N LEO – N PAMY' Facing bust of Leo III, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys* and holding *globus cruciger* and *anexikakia*. Rev. C – CO – NSTANTI Facing bust of youthful Constantine V, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, holding cross potent on base. DO 51. Spahr 316. Sear 1528a.

Very rare. About very fine

400

Ex Baldwin's sale 65, 2010, 1228.

**Constantine V Copronymus, 17 June 741 – 14 September 775,
with Leo IV as associate ruler, from 751**



680



681



- 680 Solidus circa 741-751, AV 4.44 g. 6 – LE – ON PA MYLI Facing bust of Leo III, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, holding *anexikakia* Rev. d N CO – NS – tANTINYS Facing bust of Constantine, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, holding cross potent and *anexikakia*. DO 1d. Sear 1550. A minor metal flaw on obverse, otherwise good very fine 800

- 681 Solidus circa 751-757, AV 3.83 g. COnStAntInOSS LEOnO nEOS Facing busts of bearded Constantine V on l. and Leo IV, beardless, on r. each wearing crown and *chlamys*; between them, pellet and in field above, cross. Rev. 6 – LE – ON PAMYLI Facing bust of Leo III, wearing crown and *loros* and holding cross potent. DO 2g. Sear 1551. Clipped, otherwise about very fine 350

Ex Münz Zentrum Köln sale 1983, 1689.



682



- 682 Solidus, Syracuse 751-775, AV 3.91 g. COTA – N – LEO Facing busts of bearded Constantine V on l., and Leo IV, beardless, on r., each wearing crown and *chlamys*; in field above, cross. Rev. G N – O L – EON PAMY Facing bust of Leo III, wearing crown and *loros*, holding cross potent. DO 15c. Spahr 323. Sear 1565. Rare. An almost invisible scuff on reverse, otherwise good extremely fine 1'500



683



- 683 Solidus, Syracuse 751-775, AV 3.90 g. COTA – N – ... Facing busts of bearded Constantine V on l., and Leo IV, beardless, on r., each wearing crown and *chlamys*; between them, pellet and in field above, cross. Rev. I N – O L – CON PAM Facing bust of Leo III, wearing crown and *loros* and holding cross potent; in r. field ⦿. DO 15d. Spahr 326. Sear 1565. Very rare. Slightly double-struck on obverse, otherwise good extremely fine 1'500



- 684 Solidus, Syracuse 751-775, AV 3.91 g. COT –LEOY Facing busts of bearded Constantine V on l., and Leo IV, beardless, on r., each wearing crown and *chlamys*; between them, pellet and in field above, cross. Rev. [G N – O L – EON PAM] Facing bust of Leo III, wearing crown and *loros* and holding cross potent; in r. field, standard ornamented with four pellets. DO 15f. Spahr 327. Sear 1565.
Very rare. An insignificant nick on reverse, otherwise good extremely fine 1'200



- 685 Semissis, Syracuse 751-775, AV 1.88 g. I – ON – CONPA Bearded facing bust of Constantine V, wearing crown and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger* and *anexikakia* Rev. I – NE – CONPAM Beardless facing bust of Leo III, wearing *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger* and *anexikakia* DO 16. Spahr 329. Sear 1566.
Rare. Extremely fine 600



- 686 Tremissis, Syracuse 751-755, AV 1.24 g. O L – CON... Bearded facing bust of Constantine V, wearing crown and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger* and *anexikakia*. Rev. Fragmentary legend...TA Facing bust of Leo III, wearing crown and *chlamys*, holding cross potent; in outer l. field near the hand, C. DO 17a. Spahr 330. Sear 1567.
Rare. Extremely fine 500



- 687 Tremissis, Syracuse 751-755, AV 1.23 g. Fragmentary legend ...VPA... Bearded facing bust of Constantine V, wearing crown and *chlamys* and holding *globus cruciger* and *anexikakia*. Rev. Fragmentary legend...StA legend Facing bust of Leo III, wearing crown and *chlamys*, holding cross potent on base; in outer l. field near the hand, [C]. DO 17a. Spahr 330. Sear 1567.
Rare. Extremely fine 500



- 688 Solidus, uncertain Italian mint 751-755, AV 3.92 g. COVST – ...IA – IOLEO P Facing busts of Constantine V bearded, on l. and Leo IV, beardless, on r., both wearing *chlamys* and crown with cross on circlet; in field above, cross. Rev. C – O L – EON PAMY Facing bust of Leo III, bearded, wearing *loros* and crown with cross on circlet, holding out cross potent on base. DO cf. 21a (Naples?). Ricotti Prina cf. 57 (Naples). Sear cf. 1581.
Extremely rare. Minor areas of weakness, otherwise virtually as struck and almost Fdc 1'500



689

- 689 Half follis, (?) - 755, Æ 1.31 g. Illegible legend Facing bust of Constantine V, bearded and wearing *chlamys* and crown, holding out cross potent on base and *anexikakia*. Rev. XXX – NNN Large K; above, cross and beneath, A. DO 9. Sear 1559. Rare. Very fine 200

Leo IV the Khazar, 14 September 775 – 8 September 780 and Constantine VI from 776



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691

- 690 Solidus 776-778, AV 4.44 g. LEOhV[S SE]GGOh COhStAh[tIhOS O] hEOS Θ Facing busts of Leo IV, on l., and Constantine VI, on r., each wearing crown and *chlamys*; in field above, cross. Rev. LEOh PAP' COhStAhtIhOS PAthR Facing busts of Leo III, on l., and Constantine V, on r., both with short beards, each wearing crown and *loros*, in field above, cross. DO 1b. Sear 1583. Rare variety with no pellets. Good very fine 1'000
- 691 Miliaresion 776-780, AR 2.11 g. LEOh / SCOhSt / AhtIhEE / CŒEYbA / SILIS within a triple border of dots, the outermost not visible. Rev. Ihs YS XRIS – tYS hICA Cross potent on base and three steps within a triple border of dots, the outermost not visible. DO 3. Sear 1585. Lightly toned and good very fine 200

Constantine VI, 8 September 780 – 19 August 797



692

- 692 Solidus 792-797, AV 4.37 g. IRihH – [AF]OVStI Facing bust of Irene, wearing *loros* and crown with cross, four pinnacles and *pendilia*, holding *globus cruciger* and cross-tipped sceptre. Rev. COhSTAn - tInOS bASIO Facing bust of Constantine VI, wearing crown with cross and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger* and *anexikakia*. DO 3a. Sear 1594. Rare. Traces of edge filing and areas of weakness, otherwise good very fine 2'750

Ex Giessener Münzhandlung sale 3, 1983, 371.



693

- 693 Follis 792-797, Æ 1.92 g. Facing bust of Irene, wearing *loros* and crown with cross, four pinnacles and *pendilia*, holding *globus cruciger* and cross-tipped sceptre. Rev. Half bust of Constantine VI over horizontal bar, wearing crown with cross and *chlamys*, and holding *globus cruciger* and *anexikakia*; below bar, large M between X – [N] and beneath, A. DO 7. Sear 1598. Rare. Green patina and very fine 250

Irene, 19 August 797 – 31 October 802



694

- 694 Solidus, Syracuse 797-802 AV 3.94 g. IRE – N – I – AΓOVS Enthroned bust facing, wearing crown and *clamys* and holding *akakia* in l. hand. Rev AVGVST bust facing, wearing crown and *loros* and holding cross potent on base. Spahr 339. DO 3. Sear 1601. Extremely rare. Good extremely fine 8'000



695

- 695 Solidus, Syracuse 797-802, AV 3.80 g. IRIN – BAS... Crowned bust of Irene facing, wearing *loros*, holding *globus cruciger* and cruciform sceptre; il l. field •. Rev. EIRIN – BASILIS Crowned bust of Irene facing, wearing *loros*, holding *globus cruciger* and cruciform sceptre; at her sides C – I. DO - cf. 1 (Constantinopolis). Anastasi 455. Sear - cf. 1 (Constantinopolis). Extremely rare. A die break on obverse and an insignificant area of weakness on reverse, otherwise good extremely fine 8'000

Nicephorus I, 1 November 802 – 26 July 811, with Stauracius from December 803



696

- 696 Solidus, Syracuse circa 803, AV 3.88 g. nI – FOROS bAS Facing bust of Nicephorus, wearing crown with cross on cirlet and *chlamys*, holding cross potent and *anexikakia* Rev. IhSyS XRIS – tyS nICA X Cross potent on three steps; at sides C – I. DO – cf 1 (Constantinopolis). Spahr -. Ricotti-Prina 22. Sear – cf. 1603 (Constantinopolis). Extremely rare. Die break on obverse, otherwise good extremely fine 8'000



697

- 697 Solidus, Uncertain Italian mint 803-811, AV 3.86 g. n – ICFORo Facing bust of Nicephorus, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *loros*, holding cross potent. Rev. ST - AVRAC Facing bust of Stauracius, wearing crown and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger* and *anexikakia*. DO –. Spahr –. Sear –.
An apparently unrecorded variety and a very intriguing issue. Extremely fine 2'000

The total absence of any title in both obverse and reverse legend is unseen on solidi of this emperor. We have seen few rare fractions with this characteristic.



698

- 698 Solidus 803-811, AV 4.42 g. hICI – FOROS bASILES Facing bust of Nicephorus, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, holding cross potent and *anexikakia*; in l. field, pellet. Rev. StAVRA – CIS dESPOSE Facing bust of Stauracius, wearing crown and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger* and *anexikakia*. DO 2a.1. Sear 1604.
Struck on a very broad flan and about extremely fine 1'200



699

699

- 699 Semissis, Syracuse 803-811, AV 1.79 g. Fragmentary legend Facing bust of Nicephorus, wearing crown and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger* and *anexikakia*. Rev. ST – A Facing bust of Stauracius, wearing crown and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger* and *anexikakia*. DO 7. Spahr 346. Sear 1609.
Rare. Very fine 500



700

- 700 Solidus, Syracuse 810-811, AV 3.85 g. ... OROS bA Facing bust of Nicephorus, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, holding cross potent and *anexikakia*. Rev. ... IS bA Facing bust of Stauracius, wearing crown and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger* and *anexikakia*. DO 6 var. (Nicephorus wearing *loros*). Spahr –. Sear 1608 var. (Nicephorus wearing *loros*).
Rare. Good extremely fine 1'200

Michael I Rangabè 2 October 811 – 11 July 813, with Theophylact from December 811



- 701 Solidus 811-813, AV 4.15 g. MIXA – HL BASILE] Facing bust of Michael, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, holding cross potent and *anexikakia*; in l. field, pellet. Rev. ΘΕΦΥΛΑ – CtOS dESP]X Facing bust of Theophilactus, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *loros*, holding *globus cruciger* and sceptre *cruciger*. DO 1a. Sear 1615. Very rare. Insignificant mark on obverse, otherwise good very fine 10*000

Late in the reign of the unfortunate and unpopular emperor Nicephorus I a contest was growing between the Romans and the Bulgars, then under the Khan Krum. Nicephorus had little option but to lead an army against them, scoring an impressive victory at Pliska. But he unwisely pursued the enemy into the wilds, where the Byzantine army was ambushed and much of it destroyed. Nicephorus was killed – the first emperor to suffer that fate in more than four centuries.

To make matters worse, the emperor's son and heir, Stauracius, had his spine severed in the battle, but he was carried to Adrianople, where he was hailed emperor in place of his father. He then returned to Constantinople where for months he suffered increasingly from his wound, until he realized he would soon pass. We are told that Stauracius resented the popularity of his brother-in-law, the master of the palace Michael I, who all presumed to be his successor. Apparently he tried to have Michael murdered on the pretence that he intended to introduce democracy to the Byzantine state.

The plot failed and Stauracius resigned himself to his fate. He named his brother-in-law his successor and entered a monastery where he later died of his paralyzing wound. Soon after being crowned, Michael named his son Theophylactus co-emperor, for whom he tried to arrange a marriage to a daughter of the Frankish King Charlemagne. Their joint reign was brief and unsuccessful, for it seems that Michael was too great a humanitarian to succeed in that office, and he was not an experienced general.

The Bulgars intended to build upon their recent triumph, which caused Michael to meet Krum with a superior army, which he failed to use to his advantage: it is impossible to know if it was poor judgment or a lack of courage. After having lost the spirit of the moment, Michael reluctantly led his legions into battle at Versinikia, where he was abandoned by his Asian troops, who were loyal to their commander, the future emperor Leo V the Armenian.

Michael had suffered enough, and returned to Constantinople. During his absence the inevitable discussions took place among generals and common soldiers wintering at their encampment in Thrace. The army proclaimed Leo V, commander of the imperial army in Armenia, their candidate and marched on the capital. Michael offered no opposition despite it being the will of the people that he remained at the helm.

No harm came to Michael, who was deposed and sent into exile, where he survived for more than three decades. Michael's family was not so fortunate. His son Theophylactus was blinded before being exiled and his wife Procopia, whose forceful and insolent personality offended the soldiers, was separated from him. Under the skilled generalship of Leo V, the next Bulgar assault on Constantinople failed, not long after which a longstanding peace was made.



- 702 Miliaresion 811-813, AR 2.02 g. + MIXA / HLS ΘOFV / LACTEECΘ / BASILIS RO / MAIOH within a triple border of dots. Rev. IHS YS XRIS – tYS hICA Cross potent on base and three steps within a triple border of dots. DO 3. Sear 1616. Minor marks on reverse, otherwise good very fine 300

Ex UBS Bern sale 21, 1989, 320.

- 703 Follis 811-813, Æ 5.42 g. MIXA – HL BASILE] Facing bust of Michael, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *loros*, holding *globus cruciger* and cross-tipped sceptre. Rev. XXX – ANNO Large M; above, cross and beneath, A. DO 7 (Michael II). Sear 1617. Green patina and good very fine 200

Leo V the Armenian, 11 July 813 – 25 December 820, with Constantine from December 813

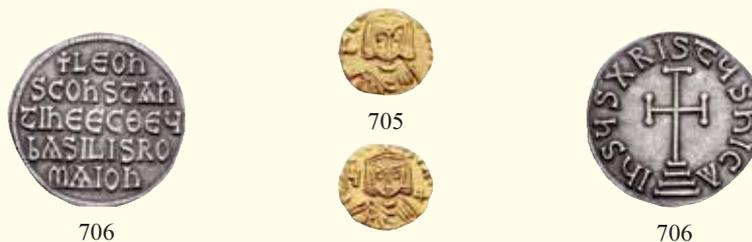


- 704 Solidus 813, AV 4.47 g. LE – On bASILEY' Facing bust, with short beard, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, holding cross potent on base; in l. field, pellet. Rev. LEOh dE – SPOTIS*X Facing bust, with short beard, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *loros*, holding *globus cruciger*; in l. field, pellet. DO 1. Sear 1626. Füg 1a.

Of the highest rarity, only eight specimens known, of which only six are in private hands.

Struck on broad flan and well centred, extremely fine 15'000

Ex Triton XII, 2009, 836 and NAC 56, 2010, 704 sales.



- 705 Tremissis, Syracuse 813-820, AV 1.22 g. LE[Oh - bASILE] Bearded bust of Leon facing, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. CO – hSTAh Facing bust of Constantine, wearing crown with cross on circlet and *chlamys*, holding cross potent; in r. field, cross. DO 13. Spahr 370. Sear 1634. About extremely fine 400

- 706 Miliarion 813-820, AR 2.02 g. + LEOh / SCOhStAh / tHEECØEY / bASILIS RO / MAIOh within single border of dots. Rev. IhSYSXRISStYS hICA Cross potent on base and three steps. DO 4. Sear 1628. Toned and about extremely fine 250

Michael II the Armorian, 25 December 820 – 2 October 829, with Theophilus from May 821



- 707 Tremissis, Syracuse 821, AV 1.29 g. [MI]X– AHL bAI... Facing bust of Michael, bearded, wearing crown on circlet and *chlamys* and holding cross potent; in r. field, cross. Rev. MIX – AHL bA Facing bust of Michael, bearded, wearing crown on circlet and *chlamys* and holding *globus cruciger*. DO –. Spahr –. Sear. –. D. Mauceri “Un semisse ed un tremisse mai visti prima” in *Cronaca Numismatica* 194, March 2007, p. 42 (this coin). Apparently unique. Extremely fine 1'000

Grierson, in his comment to the Sicilian issues of Michael II alone, affirms that only one solidus is known but adds that ‘...other denominations may come to light’. Our specimen confirms the hypothesis of this great scholar.



708

- 708 Solidus 821-829, AV 4.45 g. * MIXAHL – bASILEYS Facing bust of Michael, bearded, wearing crown and *chlamys* and holding cross potent and *anexikakia*. Rev. ΘΕΟΦΙ – LO dESP?+X Facing bust of Theophilus, wearing crown and *loros*, holding *globus cruciger* and cross-tipped sceptre. DO 3b. Sear 1640.
Rare. Insignificant die break on reverse, otherwise good very fine 1'500
Ex Sotheby's New York sale 5-6 December 1990, Hunt, 641.



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- 709 Solidus, Syracuse 821-829, AV 3.96 g. MI – XAHL ... Facing bust of Michael, bearded, wearing crown and *loros* and holding cross potent. Rev. ΘΕΟ – FILOSE Facing bust of Theophilus, wearing crown and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger*. DO 14a. Spahr 385. Sear 1645. Good extremely fine 600
- 710 Solidus, Syracuse 821-829, AV 3.86 g. MI – XAHL b... Facing bust of Michael, bearded, wearing crown and *loros* and holding cross potent. Rev. ΘΕΟ – FILOSES Facing bust of Theophilus, wearing crown and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger*. DO 14a. Spahr 385. Sear 1645. About extremely fine 500



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- 711 Tremissis, Syracuse 821-829, AV 1.23 g. MI – XAHL ... Facing bust of Michael, bearded, wearing crown and *chlamys* and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. ΘΕ – OFILOS... Facing bust of Theophilus, wearing crown and *chlamys*, holding cross potent. DO 19 var. Spahr 392. Sear 1649. Good extremely fine 500
- 712 Tremissis, Syracuse 821-829, AV 1.49 g. MI – XA... Facing bust of Michael, bearded, wearing crown and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. ΘΕ... Facing bust of Theophilus, wearing crown and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger*. DO – cf. 19. Spahr (thophilus) 409. Sear –.
Very Rare. Good extremely fine 500



713

714

- 713 Miliaresion 821-829, AR 2.27 g. +MIXA / HL SΘEOFI / LEECΘEY / bASILIS RO / MAIOh within a triple border of dots. Rev. hYS XRIS – tYS hICA Cross potent on base and three steps. DO 6. Sear 1641.
Very fine 300
- 714 Miliaresion 821-829, AR 1.96 g. +MIXA / HL SΘEOFI / LEECΘEY / bASILIS RO / MAIOh within a triple border of dots. Rev. IhYS XRIS – tYS hICA Cross potent on base and three steps. DO 6. Sear 1641.
Minor marks on reverse, otherwise very fine 100

Theophilus, 2 October 829 – 29 January 842, with colleagues from 830 or 831



- 715 Solidus, Syracuse 829-circa 830, AV 3.81 g. *ΘEOFΙ – LOS bASIL Bearded bust of Theophilus facing, wearing crown and *chlamys*, holding cross potent. Rev. ΘEOFΙ – LOS bASIL Bearded bust of Theophilus facing, wearing crown and *loros*, holding *globus cruciger*. DO 18.1. Spahr 415. Sear 1671.
Rare. Good extremely fine 1'000



- 716 Semissis, Syracuse 829-circa 830, AV 1.87 g. *ΘEO – FI LOS bA Bearded bust of Theophilus facing, wearing crown and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. ΘEO – FI LOS bA Bearded bust of Theophilus facing, wearing crown and *loros*, holding *globus cruciger*. DO 19. Spahr 418. Sear 1676.
Good very fine / about extremely fine 400
- 717 Tremissis, Syracuse 829-circa 830, AV 1.19 g. 7ΘEO – FI LOS bA Bearded bust of Theophilus facing, wearing crown and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. ΘEO – FI LOS bA Bearded bust of Theophilus facing, wearing crown and *loros*, holding *globus cruciger*. DO 20. Spahr 419. Sear 1679.
Good extremely fine 400
- 718 Tremissis, Syracuse 829-circa 830, AV 1.29 g. *ΘEO – FI LOS bA Bearded bust of Theophilus facing, wearing crown and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. ΘEO – FI LOS bA Bearded bust of Theophilus facing, wearing crown and *loros*, holding *globus cruciger*. DO 20. Spahr 419. Sear 1679.
Good very fine 300



- 719 Solidus circa 830/1-840, AV 4.36 g. *ΘEOFΙ – LOS bASILEΘ Bearded bust of Theophilus facing, wearing *chlamys* and crown, holding patriarchal cross and *anexikakia*. Rev. +MIXAH –LS ConStAntIn Facing busts of Michael II, with short beard, on l., and Constantine, beardless, on r., each wearing crown and *chlamys*; between their heads, cross. DO 3d. Sear 1653.
Good very fine 700
Ex Auctiones 13, 1983, 872.
- 720 Solidus, Syracuse 829-circa 830, AV 3.86 g. ΘEO – FILOS Bearded bust of Theophilus facing, wearing crown and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. ΘE – OFILOS Bearded bust of Theophilus facing, wearing crown and *loros*, holding *globus cruciger*. DO 24.1 Spahr 422. Sear 1670.
Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 750



- 721 Solidus, Syracuse 829-circa 830, AV 3.88 g. ΘEO – FILOS Bearded bust of Theophilus facing, wearing crown and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. ΘE – OFILOS Bearded bust of Theofilus facing, wearing crown and *loros*, holding *globus cruciger*. DO 24.2 Spahr 442. Sear 1671. Extremely fine 750
- 722 Tremissis, Syracuse 829-circa 830, AV 1.84 g. ΘEO – FILOS Bearded bust of Theophilus facing, wearing crown and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. ΘEO – FILOS Bearded bust of Theofilus facing, wearing crown and *loros*, holding *globus cruciger*. DO 26a.2 Spahr 425. Sear 1673. Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 400

Michael III the Drunkard, 20 January 842 – 23 September 867 with Basil I from May 866



- 723 Solidus 842-843 (?), AV 4.37 g. +ΘEOdO – RA dESPVh[A Facing bust of Theodora, wearing *loros*, crown with cross, *pendilia* and two pinnacles, holding *globus* surmounted by patriarchal cross and *sceptre cuciger*. Rev. •MIXAHL S – ΘECLA Facing busts of Michael, on l., wearing crown with cross and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger* and Thecla, on r., wearing *loros*, crown with cross and three pinnacles, *pendilia* and holding long patriarchal cross. DO 1a. Sear 1686. Very rare. Several edge marks, otherwise good very fine 5'000
Ex Spink sale October 1994, 245.



- 724 Solidus 842-843 (?), AV 4.16 g. +ΘEOdO – RA dESPVh[A Facing bust of Theodora, wearing *loros*, crown with cross, *pendilia* and two pinnacles and holding *globus* surmounted by patriarchal cross and cross-tipped sceptre. Rev. MIXAHL S – ΘECLA Facing busts of Michael, on l., wearing crown with cross and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger* and Thecla, on r., wearing *loros*, crown with three dotted pinnacles and cross, *pendilia* and holding long patriarchal cross. DO 1d. Sear 1686 var. An extremely rare variety of a very rare type. Pierced and expertly plugged, traces of double-striking, otherwise about very fine 4'000
Ex Sotheby's sale 17 November 1983, 351.



725



726



725 Semissis, Syracuse 842-866, AV 1.75 g. MI – XAHL Θ Facing bust of Michael, bearded, wearing crown and *loros*, holding *globus* surmounted by patriarchal cross. Rev. MI – XAHL Θ Facing bust of Michael, bearded, wearing crown and *chlamys*, holding *globus* surmounted by patriarchal cross. DO 9.1. Spahr 436. Sear 1694. Extremely fine 300

726 Semissis, Syracuse 842-866, EL 1.64 g. MI – XAHA Facing bust of Michael, bearded, wearing crown and *loros*, holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. MI – XAHA Facing bust of Michael, bearded, wearing crown and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger*. DO 10. Spahr 437. Sear 1695. About extremely fine 300



727



727 Solidus 856-867, AV 4.25 g. IhSYSX – RISTOS* Bust of Christ facing, bearded, with cross behind head, wearing tunic and *himation*, raising r. in benediction and holding the book of Gospels in l. Rev. MI – XAHL BASILEJ Facing bust of Michael III, with short beard, wearing crown and *loros* and holding *labarum* and *anexikakia*; in l. field, cross. DO 3. Sear 1688.

Very rare and among the best specimens known. Good extremely fine 15'000

Ex Sotheby's 5-6 December 1990, Hunt, 674.



728



728 Semissis, Syracuse 866-867, EL 1.50 g. MI – XAHA Facing bust of Michael, bearded, wearing crown and *loros*, holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. bA – SILEIOS Bearded bust of Basil facing, wearing crown and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger*. DO 11. Spahr 440. Sear 1696.

Rare. About extremely fine 500



729



729 Miliaresion 866-867 (?), AR 2.13 g. +MIXA / HL PISTOS / MEGAS bA / SILEYS RO / MAION within triple border of dots. IhSYS XRIS – tYS hICA Cross potent on base and three steps; beneath, pellet. DO 7. Sear 1692. Very rare in this condition. Lightly toned and extremely fine 450

Basil the Macedonian, 27 September 867 – 29 August 886 with colleagues from 870



- 730 Solidus 868-879, AV 4.41 g. +IhS XPS REX – REGNANTIYM* Christ, nimbate, seated facing on lyre-backed throne, wearing tunic and *himation*, r. hand raised in benediction, the Book of Gospels resting on l. knee. Rev. bASILIOS ET COStAntAYGGb' Facing busts of Basil on l., bearded, wearing *corona* and *loros* and Constantine on r., beardless, wearing *chlamys* and *corona*; both hold patriarchal cross between them. DO 2a. Sear 1704. Edge marks, otherwise very fine 400
- Ex Auctiones sale 13, 1983, 875.
- 731 Semissis, Syracuse 868-879, EL 1.24 g. bAS – ILEOC Bearded bust of Basil facing, wearing *corona* with cross and *loros*, holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. CON – STANT' Bearded bust of Constantine facing, wearing *corona* with cross and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger*. DO 14a. Spahr 441. Sear 1714. Extremely fine 400
- 732 Semissis, Syracuse 868-879, EL 1.38 g. bAS – ILEOC• Bearded bust of Basil facing, wearing *corona* with cross and *loros*, holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. CON – STANT' Bearded bust of Constantine facing, wearing *corona* with cross and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger*. DO 14a var. Spahr 441 var. Sear 1714. About extremely fine 350
- 733 Miliarion 868-879, AR 2.95 g. +bASI / LIOS CE / COhSTAh / tIN PIStV / bASILIS / ROMEO' within a triple border of dots, the outermost not visible. Rev. IhSYS XRI – StYS hICA Cross potent on base and three steps; beneath globe. DO 7. Sear 1708. Lightly toned and good extremely fine 350

Leo VI the Wise, 29 August 886 – 11 May 912 with colleagues from 879.



- 734 Solidus 886-908, AV 4.33 g. +MARIA+ Facing bust of the Virgin, *orans*, wearing tunic and *maphorium*; in field, MHR ligate – OY. Rev. LEOhEhX•ω – bASILEYS ROMΩh Facing bust of Leo, with long beard, wearing *corona* and jewelled *chlamys*, holding patriarchal cross on *globus*. DO 1a. Sear 1723. Extremely rare and a very intriguing issue. A graffito on obverse and minor marks, otherwise very fine / good very fine 20'000

Ex Leu 10, 1974, 481 and Sotheby's New York 5-6 December 1990, Hunt, 688 sales.

This extremely rare piece represents the first instance in which the Virgin is depicted on a Byzantine coin. It was struck at a time when almost no gold coinage was issued and was apparently ceremonial in nature (the vast majority of Leo's gold has in addition to his own name, that of his son, and thus it must have been struck between 908 and 912). Since gold was plentiful during the first twenty-two years of Leo's reign, it is curious that it was not coined. The most likely explanation is a law (Novel 52) passed during Leo's reign. He greatly disagreed with a previous edict, perhaps issued by Basil I, that demonetised a previous ruler's coinage. Leo felt that as long as a coin was of the proper weight and fineness then it should pass current at the same rate, and therefore he probably did not issue gold coinage for several years. From a modern perspective it seems that this was somewhat irrelevant, as hoard evidence proves that attempts at demonetisation were generally ineffective, or only rarely were practiced, as the gold hoards tend to be of a mixed nature.



735



- 735 Follis 886-912, Æ 6.10 g. +LEOh – SALEΞAh6ROS Leon, on l., and Alexander, on r., seated facing on throne, both wearing crown with cross and *loros*; both hold a *labarum* between them and Alexander also holds *anexikakia*. Rev. +LEON / SALEΞAh / GROS BASIL' / ROMEON. DO 6. Sear 1730.
Green patina. Minor areas of weakness, otherwise good very fine 100



736

- 736 Miliaresion 908-912, AR 2.76 g. +LEON CE / CONSTANTI / nEnX•ωEV / SEBISBASI / LI'ROM' within a triple border of dots, the centermost ornamented with pellets. Rev. IhSYSXRI –StYS hICA Cross potent on base and three steps; beneath, globe. DO 4. Sear 1727.
Very rare and in unusually good condition. Lightly toned and extremely fine 500

Constantine VII Porphyrogenitus, 6 June 913 – 9 November 959, with colleagues from 914



737



738



- 737 Solidus 920-931, AV 4.46 g. +IhS XPS REX – REGNANTIYM* Christ nimbate enthroned facing, raising r. hand in benediction and holding book of Gospels in l. Rev. COhStAht' CE ROMAn' AYGG'b Facing busts of Constantine VII, on l., and Romanus I, on r., both crowned, wearing *loros* and holding long patriarchal cross between them. DO 3. Sear 1741.
Very rare. Extremely fine 2'000

- 738 Solidus 921-931, AV 4.48 g. +IhS XPS REX – REGNANTIYM Christ nimbate enthroned facing, raising r. hand in benediction and holding book of Gospels in l. Rev. ROMAh ET XRISTOFORY AYGG b' Facing busts of Romanus on l., and Christopher on r., both crowned and wearing *loros* and *chlamys* respectively and holding long patriarchal cross between them. DO 7. Sear 1745.
Good very fine 500



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739

- 739 Miliariesion 921-931, AR 3.00 g. +ROMAnO, / CONStAnt' / CE XPISToF / EnX'ω EVSE / b'BASIL'R.
 Rev. hIS XRI – StYS hICA Cross potent on base and three steps; beneath globe. DO 17. Sear 1753.
 Extremely fine 300



740

- 740 Solidus 931-944, AV 4.39 g. +IhS XPS REX – REGnAnTIYM Christ nimbate enthroned facing, wearing *pallium* and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding the Book of Gospels in l. Rev. + CONStAntInOS CE R – OMAAn'EnX'ω b' R' Constantine VII, on r., wearing crown and *loros*, and Romanus II, on l., wearing crown and *chlamys*, standing facing; both holding long patriarchal cross between them and a *globus cruciger* in their outer hand. DO 10.3. Sear 1749.
 Rare. Almost invisible traces of overstriking on reverse, otherwise extremely fine / good very fine 3'000



741

- 741 Solidus 945, AV 4.45 g. +IhS XPS REX – REGnAnTIYM Christ nimbate enthroned facing, raising r. hand in benediction and holding book of Gospels in l. Rev. COhStAht ' CE ROMAh' AYGG'b Facing busts of Constantine VII, slightly bearded, on l., and Romanus I, on r., both crowned, wearing *loros* and *chlamys* respectively and holding long patriarchal cross between them. DO 3 (obverse) and 14 (reverse). Sear 1741 (obverse) and 1750 (reverse). An apparently unrecorded hybrid. Extremely fine 3'000



742

- 742 Solidus circa 949–959, AV 4.45 g. +IhS XPS ReX ReGNANTIVM Facing bust of Christ, nimbus with three pellets in each limb, wearing *pallium* and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding the Book of Gospels in l. Rev. CONStAnt Ce ROMAn AVSS IA Facing busts of Constantine, with short beard, on l., wearing crown and the *loros*, and Romanus II, beardless, on r., wearing crown and *chlamys*, holding long patriarchal cross between them. DO 15. Sear 1751, Extremely fine 800

Ex M&M sale 68, 1986, 459.



743

- 743 Miliariesion 945-959, AR 2.68 g. + CONSt•t /• ΠΙΟΡFVROS / Ce ROmANO / En Xω EYSEb' / b' / RωMEOn. Rev. IhSYS XRI – StYS nICA Cross crosslet on base and three steps, ornamented with X at intersection; below, small globe DO 21. Sear 1757.
Surface somewhat porous, otherwise good very fine 350

Nicephorus II Phocas, 15 August 963 – 10 December 969, with Basil II and Constantine VIII



744

- 744 Histamenon 963-969, AV 4.42 g. + IhS XΓS ReX ReGNANTIYM Bust of Christ facing, with decorated nimbus, wearing *pallium* and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l. Rev. NICHFOR'CE bASIL' AYGG b R Busts facing of Nicephorus II, with short beard, on l., wearing crown and *loros*, and Basil II, beardless on r., wearing crown and *chlamys*, holding long patriarchal cross between them. DO 1.1. Sear 1776.

Rare. A light mark on obverse, otherwise good extremely fine 2'000

Ex Monetarium list 48, 1987, 208; CNG 28, 1993, 523; Triton VIII, 2005, 1430 and NAC 56, 2010, 722 sales. From the Malcom W. Heckman collection.



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- 745 Histamenon 963-969, AV 4.39 g. + IhS XPS ReX ReGNANTIYM Bust of Christ facing, with decorated nimbus, wearing *pallium* and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l. Rev. NICHFOR'CE bASIL' AYGG b R Busts facing of Nicephorus II, with short beard, on l., wearing crown and *loros*, and Basil II, beardless on r., wearing crown and *chlamys*, holding long patriarchal cross with globus on shaft between them. DO 2. Sear 1777. Rare. About extremely fine 1'500

- 746 Histamenon 963-969, AV 4.40 g. +IhS XPS ReX ReGNANTIYM Bust of Christ facing, nimbus with three pellets in each limb, wearing *pallium* and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l. Rev. ΝΙΚΗΦΟΡ'ΚΑΙΡΑCΙΑ' ΑΥΓ, R,P' Busts facing of Nicephorus II, with short beard, on l., wearing crown and *loros*, and Basil II, beardless on r., wearing crown and *chlamys*, holding long patriarchal cross between them. DO 2. Sear 1777.

Rare. Insignificant marks on obverse, otherwise about extremely fine 1'000

- 747 Histamenon 963-969, AV 4.41 g. +IHS XPS REX REGNATIYM Facing bust of Christ with decorated nimbus, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l. Rev. +ΘΕΟΤΟC' b' hΘ' nICHF,dES' Facing bust of the Virgin, veiled and nimbate and Nicephorus, wearing crown and *loros*, holding between them patriarchal cross; at sides of Virgin, M – Θ. DO 4. Sear 1778.

About extremely fine 1'000



748



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- 748 Histamenon 963-969, AV 4.32 g. +IHS XPS REX REGNATIYM Facing bust of Christ with nimbus, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l. hand. Rev. +ΘEOTOC' b' hΘ' nICHF,dES' Facing bust of the Virgin, veiled and nimbate and Nicephorus, wearing crown and *loros*, holding between them patriarchal cross; at sides of Virgin, M – Θ. DO 4. Sear 1778.

An insignificant nick on reverse and minor edge marks,
otherwise good very fine

800

- 749 Tetarteron circa 963-969, AV 4.15 g. +IHS XPS REX REGNATIYM Facing bust of Christ with nimbus, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l. hand. Rev. +ΘEOTOC' b' hΘ' nICHF,dES' Facing bust of the Virgin, veiled and nimbate and Nicephorus, wearing crown and *loros*, holding between them patriarchal cross; at sides of Virgin, M – Θ. DO 5. Sear 1780.

Minor marks, otherwise about extremely fine

800

- 750 Miliaresion 963-969, AR 2.93 g. <+> / + nICHF' / en Xω AVto / CRAT EVSeb' / bASILeVS / RωmAlω' / <+>. Rev. +IhSYS XRI – STuS nICA* Medallion of four lobes with facing bust of Nicephorus, wearing crown and *loros*, at sides, [n / I – C / F] on cross potent set on globe and two steps. Do 6. Sear 1781.

Surface somewhat porous, otherwise very fine

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John I Tzimisces, 11 December 969 – 11 January 976



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- 751 Histamenon 969-976, AV 4.42 g. +IhSXISReX ReGNANTIhM Facing bust of Christ, with decorated nimbus, wearing *pallium* and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l. hand. Rev. + ΘeOTOC' bOHΘ'IōdeSp Facing busts of Virgin, nimbate, wearing tunic and *maphorium*, MΘ above her head, crowning John, with short beard, on l., wearing *loros*, and holding long plain cross; above, John's head, *Manus Dei*. DO 2. Sear 1786.

Rare. Extremely fine

1750

Ex Hirsch sale April 1983, 328.



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- 752 Histamenon 969–976, AV 4.35 g. +IhSXISReX ReGNANTiHm Facing bust of Christ, nimbus with pellets in each limb, wearing *pallium* and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l. Rev. +ΘeOTOC – bOHΘ'IodeSp Facing busts of Virgin, nimbate, wearing tunic and *maphorium*, MΘ above her head, crowning John, with short beard, on l., wearing *loros*, and holding globe surmounted by trefoil; between them, cross and above John's head, *Manus Dei*. DO 1b. Sear 1788.

Extremely rare. Very fine 1'500

Ex Leu sale 91, 2004, 903.



753



- 753 Tetareron 969–976, AV 4.17 g. +IhSXISReX ReGNANTiHm Facing bust of Christ, nimbus with pellets in each limb, wearing *pallium* and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l. Rev. +ΘEOTOC – bOHΘ'IodeSp Facing busts of Virgin, nimbate, wearing tunic and *maphorium*, MΘ above her head, crowning John, with short beard, on l., wearing *loros*, and holding long patriarchal cross. Above, *Manus Dei*. DO 6a. Sear 1789.

Good extremely fine 1'000

Basil II Bulgaroctonos, 11 January 976 – 15 December 1025, with Constantine VIII, co-emperor throughout the reign



754



- 754 Histamenon beginning of 977, AV 4.40 g. +IHS XIS REX REGNANTiHm Facing bust of Christ with decorated nimbus, wearing *pallium* and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l. Rev. +bASIL C COhSTAhTI b' R' Facing crowned bust of Basil, with short beard, on l., wearing *loros* of square pattern, and Constantine, beardless, on r., wearing plain *chlamys* holding long patriarchal cross between them. DO 1. Sear 1795.

Very rare. About extremely fine 3'000

Ex Leu sale 61, 1995, 332.



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- 755 Histamenon beginning of 977, AV 4.40 g. +IHS XIS REX REGNANTIHM Facing bust of Christ, nimbus with one pellet in each limb, wearing *pallium* and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l. Rev. +BASIL C COhSTAhTI b R Facing crowned busts of Basil, on l. and Constantine, on r., wearing *loros* and *chlamys* respectively and both holding long, globe tipped, patriarchal cross between them. DO 2 var. Sear 1796 var.

An apparently unrecorded variety. A die break on obverse, otherwise good extremely fine 1'000

Ex Sotheby's sale 3-4 October, 1991, 168.

Unlike the others of this series, this coin has a globe surmounting the patriarchal cross.



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- 756 Miliaresion 977-989, AR 2.52 g. En TOVTΩ NIKAT' bASILEI CCōhSTI Facing busts of Basil, on l., with short beard, wearing crown and *loros*, and Constantine, on r., beardless, wearing crown and *chlamys*; between them, elaborate patriarchal cross with crosslet. Rev. + bASIL, / CCōnSTAn / ΠOPFVPOΓ / ΠIStVbAS' / RōMAIō. DO 18d. Sear 1812. Good very fine 300

- 757 Histamenon 989-1001, AV 4.44 g. +IhSXISReX ReGNANTIHM Facing bust of Christ, nimbate, wearing *pallium* and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l. Rev. +bASIL' C CONSTAhTI b R Facing crowned bust of Basil, with short beard, on l., wearing *loros*, and Constantine, beardless, on r., wearing plain jewelled *chlamys*; both hold long patriarchal cross, with globule on shaft, between them. DO 3h. Sear 1797. Good very fine 600

- 758 Histamenon 989-1001, AV 4.38 g. +IhSXISReX ReGNANTIHM Facing bust of Christ, nimbus with no ornaments, wearing *pallium* and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l. Rev. +bA[SIL'] C CONSTAhTI b R Facing crowned bust of Basil, with short beard, on l., wearing *loros*, and Constantine, beardless, on r., wearing plain jewelled *chlamys* holding long patriarchal cross between them. DO 3h var. Sear 1797.

An almost invisible scuff on reverse, otherwise about extremely fine 600



759

- 759 Histamenon 1005-1025, AV 4.40 g. +IHS XIS REX REGNANTIhM Facing bust of Christ with nimbus ornate with two crescents, raising r. hand in benediction and holding book of Gospels in l.; all within triple border of dots. Rev. +bASILE COhSTAHTIBR Facing crowned busts of Basil, on l. and Constantine, on r., wearing *loros* and *chlamys* respectively and holding plain cross with globule on shaft between them; in upper l. field, a crown suspended over Basil's head. All within triple border. DO 6a. Sear 1800.

Virtually as struck and almost Fdc

1'750



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- 760 Histamenon 1005-1025, AV 4.43 g. +IHS XIS REX REGNANTIhM Facing bust of Christ with nimbus ornate with two crescents, raising r. hand in benediction and holding book of Gospels in l.; all within triple border of dots. Rev. +bASILE COhSTAHTIBR Facing crowned busts of Basil, on l. and Constantine, on r., wearing *loros* and *chlamys* respectively and holding between them plain cross with globule on shaft; in upper l. field, a crown suspended over Basil's head. All within triple border. DO 6a. Sear 1800.

Good extremely fine

1'500



761

- 761 Tetrarteron 1005-1025, AV 4.20 g. +IhSXISReX ReGNANTIhm Facing bust of Christ, with decorated nimbus, wearing *pallium* and *colobium*, holding Book of Gospels with both hands. Rev. +bASIL' C CONStAhTI bR Facing crowned bust of Basil, with short beard, on l., wearing *loros* of square pattern, and Constantine, beardless, on r., wearing ornamented robe, holding between them long patriarchal cross with X on shaft. DO 15b. Sear 1806.

Minor edge marks and an insignificant scuff on reverse, otherwise very fine

600

Constantine VIII, 15 December 1025 – 12 November 1028



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- 762 Histamenon 1025-1028, AV 4.40 g. +IHS XIS REX REGNANTIHM Facing bust of Christ with nimbus ornate with two crescents, raising r. hand in benediction and holding book of Gospels in l.; all within triple border. Rev. +CΩNSTANTIN BASILEIS ROM Crowned bust facing, wearing *loros*, holding *labarum* with pellet on shaft and *anexikakia*; all within triple border. DO 1.1. Sear 1815. Extremely fine 1'000

Romanus III Argyrus, 12 November 1028 – 11 April 1034



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- 763 Histamenon 1028-1034, AV 4.42 g. +IhS XIS REX REGNANTIHM Christ, nimbate, enthroned facing raising r. hand in benediction and holding book of Gospels in l.; all within double border of dots. Rev. ΘCE bOHΘ' – RΩMANΩ Romanus on l., crowned and wearing *loros*, standing facing and holding *globus cruciger*; on r., Virgin, veiled, standing facing and crowning the Emperor with her r. hand. Between their heads, MΘ. DO 1a. Sear 1820 Minor edge marks, otherwise good very fine 400
- 764 Histamenon 1028-1034, AV 4.38 g. +IHS XIS REX REGNANTIYM Christ, nimbate, enthroned facing raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; all within double border of dots. Rev. ΘCE bOH – MΘ – RΩMAHΩ Romanus on l., crowned and wearing *loros*, standing facing and holding *globus cruciger*; on r., Virgin, veiled and nimbate, standing facing and crowning the Emperor with her r. hand. Between their heads, MΘ. DO 1d.8. Sear 1819. Several edge marks, otherwise extremely fine 600
- 765 Histamenon 1028-1034, AV 4.38 g. +IhS XIS REX REGNANTIHM Christ enthroned facing with nimbus, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; all within double border of dots. Rev. ΘCE bOH – RΩMAHΩ Romanus on l., crowned and wearing *loros*, standing facing and holding *globus cruciger*; on r., Virgin, veiled and nimbate, standing facing and crowning the Emperor with her r. hand. Between their heads, MΘ. DO 1d.8. Sear 1819. Good very fine 400

Michael IV, the Paphlagonian 11 April 1034 – 10 December 1041



- 766 Histamenon 1034-1041, AV 4.41 g. +IHS XIS REX REGNANTIH M Facing bust of Christ with decorated nimbus, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l. Rev. +MIX – AH – L BASILEH S PM^r Bust facing, with short beard, wearing crown and *loros*, holding *labarum* and *globus cruciger*; above to l., *Manus Dei*. All within triple border of dots. DO 1a. Sear 1824.

Several edge marks, otherwise extremely fine 1'000

Ex NAC Autumn Sale 1995, 921 and Leu sale 83, 2002, 917.

- 767 Histamenon 1034-1041, AV 4.40 g. +IHS XIS REX REGNANTIH M Facing bust of Christ with ornate nimbus, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.. Rev. +MIX – AH – L BASILEYS Rm^r Bust facing, with short beard, wearing crown and *loros*, holding *labarum* and *globus cruciger*; above to l., *Manus Dei*. All within triple border of dots. DO 1b. Sear 1824. About extremely fine 800

Constantine IX Monomachus, 11 June 1042 – 11 January 1055



- 768 Histamenon 1042-1055, AV 4.40 g. +IHS XIS REX – REGNANTIH M Christ, nimbate, enthroned facing raising r. hand in benediction and holding book of Gospels in l.; all within triple border of dots. Rev. + CòhSTA – hTh – bASILEhS Rm Bust facing, wearing crown with cross and *pendilia* and *loros*, holding beaded sceptre surmounted by leaved cross and globus surmounted by patriarchal cross; all within triple border of dots. DO 1a. Sear 1828. Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 800



- 769 Histamenon 1042-1055, AV 4.41 g. +IHS XIS REX – REGNANTIH M Christ, nimbate, enthroned facing raising r. hand in benediction and holding book of Gospels in l.; all within triple border of dots. Rev. + CòhST – A hTh – bASILEhS Rm Bust facing, wearing crown with cross and *pendilia* and *loros*, holding *labarum* and *globus cruciger*; all within triple border of dots. DO 2a. Sear 1829.

About extremely fine 500

- 770 Histamenon 1042-1055, AV 4.40 g. +IHS XIS REX – REGNANTIH M Facing bust of Christ, nimbus ornate with two crescents raising r. hand in benediction and holding book of Gospels in l.; all within triple border of dots. Rev. + CòhSTA – hTh – bASILEhS Rm Bust facing, wearing crown with cross and *pendilia* and *loros*, holding long cross with pelleted ends and *globus cruciger*; all within triple border of dots. DO 3. Sear 1830. An almost invisible graffito on reverse, otherwise good extremely fine 400



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- 771 Histamenon 1042-1055, AV 4.43 g. +IHS XIS REX – REGNANTIHM Facing bust of Christ, nimbate, raising r. hand in benediction and holding book of Gospels in l. Rev. + CøhStAnt – nOS bASILEhS Rm Bust facing, wearing crown and *chlamys*, holding sword and *globus cruciger*; in upper l. and r. upper fields, star. DO 4a. Sear 1831. Rare. About extremely fine 1'250



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- 772 Tetarteron 1042-1055, AV 2.99 g. +IhS XIS RE RESNATIhm' Facing bust of Christ, nimbate, raising r. hand in benediction and holding the Book of Gospels in l. Rev. +CønNSt – Ant – BASILEVS Rm Crowned bust facing, holding trefoil-tipped sceptre and globe surmounted by pelleted cross. DO 5b. Sear 1832. Clipped, otherwise good very fine 600
- 773 Tetarteron 1042-1055, AV 4.03 g. +IhS XIS REX RESNATIhm' Facing bust of Christ, with decorated nimbus ornate with pellets, raising r. hand in benediction and holding the Book of Gospels in l. Rev. +CøONSt – Ath BASILEYS Rm Crowned bust facing, holding trefoil-tipped sceptre and *globus cruciger*. DO 5b.1. Sear 1832 var. A rare variety. Extremely fine 1'250

Ex Bonham / Vecchi sale III, 1980, 330.

- 774 Tetarteron 1042-1055, AV 3.99 g. + his XIS REX REGNATIhm' Facing bust of Christ, nimbate, raising r. hand in benediction and holding the Book of Gospels from beneath. Rev. + Cøn – Ant bASILEm Crowned bust facing, holding *labarum* and globe surmounted by pelleted cross. DO 6. Sear 1833. Good very fine 800



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- 775 Miliarion 1042-1055, AR 2.87 g. +ΔΕCΠΟΙ – NA CUZOIC The Virgin *orans* and nimbate, standing facing on footstool, wearing *pallium* and *maphorium*; at sides, MHP – ΘV. Rev. EVCEBH – MONOMAXON Constantine, bearded, standing facing, crowned and in military attire, holding long cross in r. hand and resting l. on sheath of sword. DO 7a. Sear 1834. Lightly toned, minor marks, otherwise good very fine 600

Theodora, 11 January 1055 – 31 August 1056



- 776 Histamenon 1055-1056, AV 4.36 g. +IhS XIS REX REGNANTIHmM Christ standing facing on footstool, with decorated nimbus, wearing *pallium* and *colobium* and holding Book of Gospels with both hands; all within double border of dots. Rev. +ΘEOΔΩΠΑ – AVΓOVCtA Theodora, crowned, and the Virgin, nimbate, standing facing holding *labarum* between them; the Empress wears *saccos* and *loros*, the Virgin is clad in *pallium* and *maphorium*. On either side of her shoulders, M – Θ. DO 1a. Sear 1837.
Rare. Good very fine 1'750

Ex Lanz sale 28, 1984, 928.



- 777 Tetarteron 1055–1056, AV 4.02 g. Facing bust of Christ, with decorated nimbus, wearing *pallium* and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. +ΘeOΔω – AVΓOVC Crowned bust of Theodora facing, wearing *loros*, holding jewelled sceptre and *globus cruciger*. DO 2. Sear 1838.
Rare. About extremely fine 3'500

Michael VI Stratioticus, 31 August 1056 – 30 August 1057



- 778 Tetarteron 1056-1057, AV 4.03 g. Facing bust of the Virgin, nimbate and *orans*, wearing tunic and *maphorium*; in field, MHP ligate – ΘV Rev. +mIXAHA – AVOC RAA' Michael standing facing, wearing *loros* and crown with cross and *pendilia*, holding long cross in r. hand and *anexikakia* in l. DO 2. Sear 1841.
Very rare. An edge nick at eleven o'clock on obverse, otherwise about extremely fine 4'500

Ex Leu-NFA sale 16-18 October 1984, Garrett part II, 415. Privately purchased from J.W.G. Raymond in 1923.

Isaac I Comnenus, 1 September 1057 – 22 November 1059



- 779 Histamenon 1057-1059, AV 4.42 g. +IhS XIS REX – REGNANTIhm Christ, nimbate, seated facing on backless throne, raising r. hand in benediction and holding book of Gospels in l.; all within double border of dots. Rev. +ICAAKIOC – RACIAE CPom Isaac standing facing, wearing crown with cross and *pendilia* and *loros*, holding *labarum* and sword; all within double border of dots. DO 1. Sear 1844.

Almost invisible traces of double striking, otherwise good extremely fine 600

Ex Spink's sale October 1997, 565.

- 780 Histamenon 1057-1059, AV 4.37 g. +IhS XIS REX – REGNANTIhm Christ, nimbate, seated facing on backless throne, raising r. hand in benediction and holding book of Gospels in l.; all within double border of dots. Rev. +ICAAKIOC RA – CIAEV CPom Isaac standing facing, wearing crown with cross and *pendilia* and *loros*, grasping scabbard with l. hand and holding sword on his r. shoulder with r.; all within double border. DO 2. Sear 1843.

Good very fine 500



- 781 Histamenon 1057-1059, AV 4.37 g. +IhS XIS REX – REGNANTIhm Christ, nimbate, seated facing on backless throne, raising r. hand in benediction and holding book of Gospels in l.; all within double border of dots. Rev. +ICAAKIOC - CACIAE CPom Isaac standing facing, wearing crown with cross and *pendilia* and *loros*, grasping scabbard with l. hand and holding sword on his r. shoulder with r.; between his feet, two pellets. All within double border of dots. DO 2 var. Sear 1843.

Extremely fine 700



- 782 Tetarteron 1057-1059, AV 3.94 g. +IhS XIS ReX REGNANTIhm Facing bust of Christ, with decorated nimbus, wearing *pallium* and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l. Rev. +ICAAKIOC – BASIAEY CPM Isaac standing facing, wearing crown with cross and *pendilia* and *loros*, grasping scabbard with l. hand and holding globus surmounted by pelleted cross with r. DO 3. Sear 1845.

Rare. Extremely fine 3'000



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- 783 Tetarteron 1057–1059, AV 4.05 g. +IHS XIS ReX – REGNANTIH M Facing bust of Christ, with decorated nimbus, wearing *pallium* and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l. Rev. +ICAAKIOC - BASIAEY CPM Isaac standing facing, wearing crown with cross and *pendilia* and *loros*, grasping scabbard with l. hand and holding globus surmounted by pelleted cross with r. DO 3. Sear 1845. Rare. Good very fine 2'000

Constantine X Ducas, 23 November 1059 – 23 May 1067



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- 784 Histamenon circa 1059-1067, AV 4.39 g. +IhS XIS RCX – RCGNANTIH M Christ, nimbate, enthroned facing, raising r. hand in benediction and holding book of Gospels in l.; all within double border of dots. Rev. +KΩNRAKA – OΔOUKAC Constantine standing facing, wearing crown with cross and *pendilia* and *loros*, holding *labarum* and globus surmounted by pelleted cross. DO1a. Sear 1847. Good extremely fine 600
- 785 Histamenon circa 1059-1067, AV 4.35 g. +IhS XIS RCX – RCGNANTIH M Christ nimbate, enthroned facing, raising r. raising r. hand in benediction and holding book of Gospels; all within double border of dots. Rev. +KΩNRAKA – OΔOU KAC Emperor standing facing, wearing crown with cross and *pendilia* and *loros*, holding *labarum* and globus surmounted by pelleted cross. DO 1a. Sear 1847. Reddish tone and good very fine 300
- 786 Histamenon circa 1059-1067, AV 4.44 g. +IhS XIS RCX – RCGNANTIH M Christ, nimbate, enthroned facing, raising r. hand in benediction and holding book of Gospels; double border. Rev. +KΩNRAA – OΔOU KAC Emperor standing facing, wearing crown with cross and *pendilia* and *loros*, holding *labarum*, with pellet on shaft, and globus surmounted by pelleted cross. DO 1b. Sear 1847. Extremely fine 600



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- 787 Histamenon circa 1059-1067, AV 4.37 g. +IhS XIS RCX – RCGNANTIH M Christ, nimbate, seated facing on lyre-backed throne, raising r. hand in benediction and holding book of Gospels. Rev. +[KΩN RLCL] – OΔOVKAC Emperor standing l., wearing crown with cross and *pendilia* and *loros*, placing r. hand on chest and holding globus surmounted by pelleted cross with l., blessed by Virgin, nimbate and veiled, standing beside him; between their heads, M and in upper r. field, Θ. DO 2. Sear 1848. About extremely fine 500



- 788 Tetarteron 1059-1067, AV 4.05 g. Facing bust of the Virgin, nimbate and *orans*, wearing tunic and *maphorium*; in field, MHP ligate – ΘV Rev. ΚΩΝ – ΡΑCΙΛΟΔΘΚ Constantine standing facing, wearing *loros* and crown with cross and *pendilia*, holding *globus* surmounted by pelleted cross in r. hand and *anexikakia* in l. DO 3a. Sear 1849. Scarce. Clipped at mint because overweight, otherwise good very fine / about extremely fine 800
- 789 Miliariesion 1059-1067, AR 2.26 g. EN TOYTΩ NIKATE - ΚΩΝ ΚΑΙ ΕΥΔΟΚΙ Cross crosslet on base and three steps with X at intersection and decorated with pellets, between busts of the Emperor and Empress. Rev. - - - / +ΚΩΝ / S ΕΥΔΟΚΙΑ / ΠΙCΤΟΙ ΡΑ / CΙΑΕΙC ΡΩ / ΜΑΙΩΝ / - • -. DO 4 var. (pellet and crescent on shaft). Sear 1850 var. (pellet and crescent on shaft). A very rare variety. Very fine 500

Ex Credit Suisse list December 1987, 89 and Stack's sale 12 January 2009, MIRB, 3266.

Eudocia, 21st May- 31st December 1067



- 790 Histamenon 1067, AV 4.34 g. +IhS XSI C RCX – RCSNATInM Christ, nimbate, enthroned facing, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; all within double border of dots. Rev. +MIX – EV – DK – ΚΩNS Eudocia standing on *dais* between Michel on l., and Constantius on r.; the Empress, wearing *loros* and crown and holding jewelled sceptre, her sons, wearing similar costume and holding *globus cruciger* and *anexikakia*; all within double border of dots. DO 1. Sear 1857. Rare. About extremely fine 1'500

Ex Spink's sale October 1997, 571.

Romanus IV Diogenes, 1 January 1068 – September 1071 and associate rulers



- 791 Histamenon circa 1068-1071, AV 4.36 g. ΚΩΝ – ΜΧ – ΑΝΔ Three figures standing on separate cushions; Michel VII, in centre, wearing crown with cross and *pendilia* and *loros* and holding sceptre; Constantius, on l. and Andronicus, on r., both in similar attire and each holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. +ΡΩΜΑΝC – ... Three figures standing facing; Christ, nimbate, in centre, on *dais* crowning Romanus on l. and Eudocia on r., both wearing crown and *loros* and holding *globus cruciger*. Above, IC – XC. DO 1. Sear 1859. Weakly struck on obverse, otherwise extremely fine 600



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- 792 Histamenon circa 1068-1071, AV 4.37 g. ΚΩΝ – ΜΧ – ΑΝΔ Three figures standing facing; Michel VII, in centre, wearing crown and *loros* and holding sceptre; Constantius, on l. and Andronicus, on r., both in similar attire and each holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. + ΙΩ – ΜΑΝ ΕΥΔΧ Three figures standing facing; Christ, nimbate, in centre, on *dais* crowning Romanus on l. and Eudocia on r., both wearing crown and *loros* and holding *globus cruciger*; in upper field, ΙC – ΧC. DO 2. Sear 1861. Extremely fine 500

Ex Baldwin's sale 5, 1995, P.J. Donald, 238.

- 793 Histamenon circa 1068-1071, AV 4.42 g. ΚΩΝ – ΜΧ – ΑΝΔ Three figures standing facing; Michel VII, in centre, wearing crown and *loros* and holding sceptre; Constantius, on l. and Andronicus, on r., both in similar attire and each holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. ... VΔNKI Three figures standing facing; Christ, nimbate, in centre, on *dais* crowning Romanus on l. and Eudocia on r., both wearing crown and *loros* and holding *globus cruciger*; in upper field, ΙC – ΧC. DO 2. Sear 1861.

Slightly double struck on obverse, otherwise extremely fine 400



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- 794 Tetrarteron 1068-1071, AV 4.04 g. +ΘΚΕ – ΡΟΗΘ Facing bust of the Virgin, wearing tunic and *maphorium*; holding medallion of the Infant Christ; in field, MHP ligate – ΘV. Rev. Broken legend Half-figures of Romanus, wearing *loros* and crown with cross and *pendilia*, on l. and Eudocia, wearing *loros* and crown with pinnacles and *pendilia*, on r.; holding between them globe which supports long cross. DO 3. Sear 1862. Minor area of weakness on reverse, otherwise about extremely fine 600

- 795 Tetrarteron 1068-1071, AV 4.01 g. +ΘΚΕ – ΡΟΗΘ Facing bust of the Virgin, wearing tunic and *maphorium*; holding medallion of the Infant Christ; in field, MHP ligate – ΘV. Rev. +ΙΩΜΑΣ ΕΥΑΝΠ.ΒΙ Half-figures of Romanus, wearing *loros* and crown with cross and *pendilia*, on l., and Eudocia, wearing *loros* and crown with pinnacles and *pendilia*, on r.; holding between them globe which supports long cross. DO 3. Sear 1862. Good very fine 500

Ex Sotheby's sale 3-4 October, 1991, 180.



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- 796 2/3 of Miliariesion 1068-1071, AR 1.04 g. Facing bust of the Virgin, nimbate, wearing tunic and *maphorium*; holding medallion of the Infant Christ; in field, MHP ligate – ΘV. Rev. – ΘΚΕ / ΡΘΡΩΜΑ / ΝΩΔΕCΠΙΟ / ΤΗΤΩΔΙΟ / ΓΕΝΕΙ / - • - DO 5a. Sear 1865. Rare. Very fine 400

- 797 2/3 of Miliariesion 1068-1071, AR 1.34 g. Facing bust of the Virgin, nimbate, wearing tunic and *maphorium*; holding medallion of the Infant Christ; in field, • / MHP ligate – • / ΘV. Rev. – ΘΚΕ / ΡΘΡΩΜΑ / ΝΩΔΕCΠΙΟ / ΤΗΤΩΔΙΟ / ΓΕΝΕΙ / •••. DO 5b. Sear 1865. Rare. Fine 300



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- 798 1/3 of Miliaresion 1068-1071 AR 0.65 g. Facing bust of the Virgin, nimbate and *orans*, wearing tunic and *maphorium*; in field, M / ΘK – Θ / RΘ. Rev. ΡΘM Facing bust of Romanus wearing, *loros* and crown with cross and *pendilia*, holding patriarchal cross and *globus cruciger*. DO 7. Sear 1865A.
Extremely rare. Clipped as usual, otherwise extremely fine 2'000

Ex Sotheby's New York, 5 December 1990, Hunt, 848; Baldwin's 2, 1994, W. J. Conte, 170 and Leu 83, 2002, 924 sales. From the Nelson Bunker Hunt and William James Conte Collections.

According to Simon Bendall, this rare issue is almost always clipped. During his long career, he has only once had the pleasure of seeing a full weight specimen with a large flan which went beyond the dotted border and within which it was possible to decipher four 'R's in the outer edges. This must have obviously been such a rare issue that it was possible to clip a large portion of metal without rousing suspicions.



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- 799 Pattern of a Histamenon circa 1068-1071, Æ 5.03 g. Broken legend Three figures standing facing; Michel VII, in centre, wearing crown and *loros* and holding sceptre; Constantius, on l. and Andronicus, on r., both wearing crown and *loros* and holding *globus cruciger*. Rev. Broken legend Three figures standing; Christ, nimbate, in centre, on *dais* crowning Romanus on l. and Eudocia on r., both wearing crown and *loros* and holding *globus cruciger*; in upper field, IC – XC. DO – cf. 2 (Histamenon). Sear – cf. 1861 (Histamenon).
Very rare. Fine 200

Michael VII, Ducas October 1071 – 31 March 1078, with colleagues from 1074



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- 800 Histamenon 1071-1078, AV 4.44 g. Christ, with decorated nimbus, enthroned facing raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. +MIX ΔΗΛ RACI... Half figure of Michael facing, wearing *loros* and crown with cross and *pendilia* and holding *labarum* and globe surmounted by pelleted cross. DO 1. Sear 1869.
About extremely fine 350
Ex Auctiones sale 15, 1985, 868.
- 801 Histamenon 1071-1078, AV 4.41 g. Christ, nimbate, enthroned facing, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. +MIX ΔΗΛ – RACIAOΔ Half figure of Michael facing, wearing *loros* and crown with cross and *pendilia* and holding *labarum* and globe surmounted by pelleted cross. DO 1. Sear 1869. Weakly struck on obverse, otherwise about extremely fine 300
- 802 Pattern of a Histamenon 1071-1078, Æ 3.66 g. Christ, nimbate, enthroned facing, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. +MIX ΔΗΛ RACIAOΔ Half figure of Michael facing, wearing *loros* and crown with cross and *pendilia*, holding *labarum* and globe surmounted by pelleted cross. DO – cf. 1 (Histamenon). Sear – cf. 1869 (Histamenon).
Extremely rare. Very fine 500



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- 803 Histamenon 1071-1078, AV 4.43 g. Bust of Christ facing, wearing decorated nimbus, raising r. hand in benediction and holding book of Gospels in l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. +MIX – [AHA] – RACIA OΔ Half figure of Michael facing, wearing *loros* and crown with cross and *pendilia* and holding *labarum* and *globus cruciger*. DO 2a. Sear 1868. Extremely fine 400
- 804 Histamenon 1071-1078, AV 4.32 g. Bust of Christ facing, with decorated nimbus, raising r. hand in benediction and holding book of Gospels in l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. +MIX – AHA – RACIA OΔ Half figure of Michael facing, wearing *loros* and crown with cross and *pendilia* and holding *labarum* and *globus cruciger* ornamented with pellet on shaft. DO 2c var. Sear 1868. Extremely fine 400
- 805 Pattern of a Histamenon 1071-1078, Æ 2.63 g. Bust of Christ facing, wearing decorated nimbus, raising r. hand in benediction and holding book of Gospels in l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. +MIX – RACIAΔ Half figure of Michael facing, wearing *loros* and crown with cross and *pendilia*, holding *labarum* and *globus cruciger*. DO – cf. 2c (Histamenon). Sear – cf. 1868 (Histamenon). Extremely rare. Good very fine 500



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- 806 Tetrarteron 1071-1078, AV 4.02 g. +ΘKE – POHΘ Facing bust of the Virgin, veiled and holding medallion of the nimbate Infant Christ; in field, MHTP – ΘV. Rev. +MIX – ... M – PIA Half figures of Michel on l., wearing crown and *loros* and Maria, on r., similarly dressed, both holding between them long cross with terminal pellets. DO 3. Sear 1870.
An insignificant metal flaw on obverse, otherwise good very fine 400
Baldwin's Argentum sale February 2005, 292.
- 807 Tetrarteron 1071-1078, AV 3.87 g. +ΘKE – ROHΘ Facing bust of the Virgin, veiled and holding medallion of the nimbate Infant Christ; in field, MHTP – ΘV. Rev. +MI – XAHA – SMAPA Half figures of Michel on l., wearing crown and *loros* and Maria, on r., similarly dressed, both holding between them long cross with terminal pellets, the shaft decorated with X and pellet. DO 4. Sear 1871.
Several edge marks, otherwise good very fine 600
Ex M&M sale 38, 1968, 749.
- 808 Tetrarteron 1071-1078, AV 4.04 g. +ΘKEPO – HΘEI+ Facing bust of the Virgin, veiled and nimbate, holding medallion of the nimbate Infant Christ with cross behind head; in field, MHTP – ΘV ligate. Rev. +MI – XAHA – SMAPA Half figures of Michel on l., wearing crown and *loros* and Maria, on r., similarly dressed, both holding between them long cross with terminal pellets, the shaft decorated with X and pellet on crescent. DO 5a. Sear 1872.
Minor edge marks and hairline flan crack on obverse at 5 o'clock, otherwise about extremely fine / good very fine 600
Ex Ariadne Gallery New York, 1982, 343 and Sotheby's 3-4 October 1991, 181 sales.



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- 809 Tetrarteron 1071-1078, AV 3.96 g. +ΘΚΕΡΟ – ΗΘΕΙ+ Facing bust of the Virgin, veiled and nimbate, holding medallion of the nimbate Infant Christ; in field, ΜΗΤΡ – ΘΥ. Rev. +ΜΙ – ΧΑΗΑ – ΣΜΑΡΑ Half figures of Michel on l., wearing crown and *loros* and Maria, on r., similarly dressed, both holding between them long cross with terminal pellets, the shaft decorated with X and pellet on crescent. DO 5a. Sear 1872. Reddish tone, minor edge marks, otherwise very fine 500



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- 810 2/3 of Miliaresion 1071-1078, AR 1.42 g. Facing bust of the Virgin, nimbate, wearing tunic and *maphorium*; holding medallion of the Infant Christ; in field, ΜΡ / • – ΘΥ / •. Rev. – / +ΘΚΕ / ΡΗΘΕΙ / ΜΙΧ.ΑΗΛ / ΔΕCΠΟΤΗ / ΤΩΔΥΚΑ / - • -. DO 8.5. Sear 1876. Rare. Extremely fine 500
- 811 2/3 of Miliaresion 1071-1078, AR 1.39 g. Facing bust of the Virgin, nimbate, wearing tunic and *maphorium*; holding medallion of the Infant Christ; in field, ΜΗΡ ligate – ΘΥ. Rev. – / +ΘΚΕ / ΡΗΘΕΙ / ΜΙΧ.ΑΗΛ / ΔΕCΠΟΤΗ / ΤΩΔΥΚΑ / - • -. DO 8.5. Sear 1876. Rare. Very fine 250
- 812 *Follis* 1071-1078, Æ 7.03 g. Facing bust of Christ wearing tunic and *himation*, cross behind head, r. hand raised in benediction and l. holding book of Gospels; in field, ΙC – ΧC and two six-rayed stars. Rev. +ΜΙΧ ΔΗΛ ΡΑCΙΟΔ Half figure of Michael facing, wearing *loros* and crown with cross and *pendilia*, and holding *labarum* and globe surmounted by pelleted cross. DO 14a. Sear 1878. Dark patina and about extremely fine 200

Nicephorus III Botaniates, 3 April 1078-1 April 1081



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- 813 *Histamenon* 1078-1081, EL 4.40 g. Facing bust of Christ with decorated nimbus, raising r. hand in benediction and holding book of Gospels in l.; in field, ΙC – ΧC. Rev. +ΝΙΚ – Η – ΘΡ – ΔΕΟΠΤ Facing bust of Nicephorus, wearing *loros* and crown with cross and *pendilia*, holding long sceptre ending with cross and *globus* surmounted by pelleted cross. DO 1. Sear 1883. Extremely fine 400
- 814 *Histamenon* 1078-1081, EL 4.39 g. Facing bust of Christ with decorated nimbus, raising r. hand in benediction and holding book of Gospels in l.; in field, ΙC – ΧC. Rev. +ΝΙ – Η – ΘΡ – ΔΕCΠΤ Facing bust of Nicephorus, wearing *loros* and crown with cross and *pendilia*, holding long sceptre ending with cross and *globus* surmounted by pelleted cross. DO 1 var (cover of book of Gospels with unlisted motif). Sear 1883. An insignificant die break on reverse, otherwise extremely fine 350



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- 815 Histamenon 1078-1081, EL 4.28 g. Christ enthroned facing, wearing decorated nimbus, raising r. hand in benediction and holding book of Gospels in l. hand; in field, IC – XC. Rev. +NIKHPPAE – TΩΠ... Nicephorus standing facing wearing *loros* and crown with cross and *pendilia*, holding *labarum* and *globus cruciger*. DO 2. Sear 1882. A rare variety. Fine / good very fine 400

Ex Baldwin's sale 5 1995, P.J. Donald, 242.

- 816 Histamenon 1078-1081, EL 4.44 g. Christ nimbate seated facing on backless throne, raising r. hand in benediction and holding book of Gospels in l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. +NIKHΘΔECΠ – TΩPOTANIAT Emperor standing facing on *dais*, wearing crown with cross and *pendilia* and *loros*, holding *labarum* with X on shaft and *globus cruciger* with pear-shaped object suspended from hand. DO 3b. Sear 1881. Flan crack at twelve o'clock on obverse, otherwise good extremely fine 400



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- 817 Tetrarteron 1078-1081, EL 4.04 g. Facing bust of Christ, with decorated nimbus, wearing *pallium* and *colobium*, holding Book of Gospels with both hands; in field, IC – XC. Rev. +NIK – D – ΔECΠT. Facing bust of Nicephorus, wearing *loros* and crown with cross and *pendilia*, holding *labarum* and *globus* surmounted by pelleted cross. DO 4. Sear 1884b. Very rare. Very fine 1'200

Ex NAC sale R, 2007, 1748.



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- 818 Tetrarteron 1078-1081, EL 4.08 g. Facing bust of Christ, with decorated nimbus, wearing *pallium* and *colobium*, holding Book of Gospels with both hands; in field, IC – XC. Rev. +NIKHΘΔEC – TΩPOTANIAT Emperor standing facing on *dais*, wearing crown and *loros*, holding *labarum* with X on shaft and *globus cruciger*. DO 5c. Sear 1884.

Rare. Flan crack at four o'clock on obverse, otherwise good very fine / about extremely fine 2'000



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- 819 Follis circa 1075-1081, Æ 5.60 g. Facing bust of Christ, with decorated nimbus, wearing *pallium* and *colobium*, holding Book of Gospels with both hands; in field, IC – XC. Rev. Latin cross ending with three globules at each extremity; at centre, X and at base, floral ornaments. DO (Anonymous folles) class I. Sear 1889. Rare. Good very fine / about extremely fine 100

Alexius I Comnenus, April 1081 – August 1118, with colleagues from 1088



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- 820 **Pre-reform coinage, 1081-1092.** Debased trachy, Thessalonica 1081-1082, AR 4.04 g. +KERO – ΛΛΕ... Facing bust of Christ, nimbate, wearing tunic and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels with l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. ΔΙΜΙΤΙ – ΔΕCΠΗ St. Demetrius, nimbate and in military attire, on l. and Alexius, on r., wearing crown and *loros*, both holding *labarum* on globe between them. DO 4. Sear 1904. Extremely rare and in very good condition for the issue. Flan crack at two o'clock on obverse, otherwise about extremely fine 1'500



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- 821 **Pre-reform coinage, 1081-1092.** Debased Tetarteron 1081-1087, EL 3.84 g. Facing bust of Christ, with decorated nimbus, wearing tunic and *colobium*, holding Book of Gospels with both hands; in field, IC – XC. Rev. +ΛΛΕΞΙΩ ΔΕC – ΠΟΤ Facing bust of Alexius, wearing *loros* and crown with *pendilia*, holding *sceptre cruciger* and *globus* surmounted by pelleted cross. DO 6a. Sear 1895. Very rare and in very good condition for the issue. Flan crack at eleven o'clock on obverse, otherwise good very fine 450

Ex Lanz sale 28, 1984, 933.



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- 822 **Pre-reform coinage, 1081-1092.** Debased trachy 1081-1092, AR 4.46 g. Christ, nimbate, seated facing on backless throne with nimbus, wearing tunic and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in upper field, two crescents and below, IC – XC. Rev. +Α – Ιω – Δ... Facing bust of Alexius, wearing crown and *chlamys*, holding *globus* and *mappa*; on either side, six-rayed star and in upper l. field, *Manus Dei*. DO –. Sear –. BN –
Of the highest rarity, apparently only three or four specimens known. A flan crack at one o'clock on obverse, otherwise good extremely fine 3'000

When the general Alexius I Comnenus gained the Byzantine throne by marching on Constantinople and forcing the abdication of Nicephorus III (1078-1081), a change of course was both urgent and necessary. Much like the more successful 'soldier emperors' of the late third century A.D., Alexius' vigorous actions assured the survival of the empire, which was then teetering on the brink of collapse.

This trachy of Alexius is particularly interesting due to its rarity and the presence of two large stars in the reverse field. Attempts traditionally have been made to connect such 'stars' with an astrological event that can be attested in ancient sources or confirmed through scientific investigation. The most notable occurrence is under Constantine IX (1042-1055), whose gold histamena with two stars are thought to mark the appearance of a supernova in 1054. A single 'star' on an electrum aspron trachy of Alexius I struck at Thessalonica (D.O. IV 23c) may refer to a comet of 1105/6, but even if correct, that instance is too late for the proposed dating of this trachy, which appears to have been struck in the first decade of Alexius' I reign.



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823 **Pre-reform coinage, 1081-1092.** Miliaresion 1081-1092, AR 1.63 g. +KEROHΘEI – TOC ωΔOVAω The Virgin nimbate and *orans*, standing facing on *dais*, wearing tunic and *maphorium*; at sides, MHP ligate – ΘV. Rev. +ΘΛΕ – ●ω – ... Alexius standing facing in military attire wearing crown with cross and *pendilia* and holding long cross and sword; beneath his elbow, globule. DO 10. Sear 1897.

Rare and in unusually good condition for the issue. Lightly toned,
weakly struck on obverse, otherwise good very fine

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Ex CNG 55, 2000, 1560 and NAC 56, 2010, 773 sales.



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824 **Pre-reform coinage, 1081-1092.** Debased trachy 1082-1087, EL 4.44 g. Christ seated facing on throne with decorated nimbus, wearing tunic and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. +ΑΛΕΞΙΩ ΔΕC – ΠΙΟΤ ΤωKM Facing bust of Alexius, wearing crown, *divitision* and *chlamys*, holding sceptre surmounted by pelleted star and *globus cruciger*. DO 2a. Sear 1893. Two minor flan cracks at one and three o'clock, otherwise good very fine 350

825 **Pre-reform coinage, 1081-1092.** Debased trachy 1082-1087, EL 4.41 g. Christ seated facing on throne with nimbus, wearing tunic and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. +ΑΛΕΞΙΩ ΔΕC – ΠΙΟΤ Facing bust of Alexius, wearing crown, *divitision* and *chlamys*, holding sceptre surmounted by pelleted star and *globus cruciger*. DO 2b.1. Sear 1893. Good very fine 400

Ex NAC sale 56, 2010, 767.

826 **Pre-reform coinage, 1081-1092.** Debased trachy 1082-1087, AR 4.36 g. Christ nimbate, seated facing on throne with curved back, wearing tunic and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. +ΑΛΕΞΙΩ ΔΕC – ΠΙΟΤ ΤωC Facing bust of Alexius, wearing crown with *pendilia*, *divitision* and *chlamys*, holding sceptre surmounted by pelleted star and *globus cruciger* with globule on shaft. DO 2c. Sear 1893a.

An extremely rare variety. Toned and about extremely fine

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- 827 **Pre-reform coinage, 1081-1092.** Debased trachy, Thessalonica 1082-1087, AR 4.18 g. +KERO – ΛΑΕΞ Facing bust of Christ, with decorated nimbus, wearing tunic and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels with l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. ΔΙΜΙΤΙ – ΔΕCΠΗ St. Demetrius on l., nimbate and in military attire, and Alexius, on r., wearing crown and *loros*, both holding patriarchal cross standing on globe and two steps between them. DO 5a. Sear 1894. Good very fine 400
- 828 **Pre-reform coinage, 1081-1092.** Debased trachy 1087-1092, AR 4.36 g. Facing bust of Christ, with decorated nimbus, wearing tunic and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels with l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. +ΛΑΕΞΙΩ ΔΕC – ΠΙΟΤ ΤΩC Facing bust of Alexius, wearing crown with cross and *pendilia*, *divitision* and *chlamys*, holding *globus cruciger* and cruciform sceptre decorated with leaf motif and. DO 3. Sear 1894. Traces of overstriking, otherwise good very fine 400
- 829 * **Post-reform coinage, 1092-1118.** Aspron trachy 1092-1093, billon 3.73 g. Christ, nimbate, seated facing on throne, wearing tunic and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. +ΛΑΕΞΙΩ – ΔΤΕ Facing bust of Alexius, wearing crown with cross and *pendilia*, *divitision* and *chlamys*, and holding cruciform sceptre and *globus* surmounted by pelleted cross. DO 25. Sear 1918. Very fine 150
- 830 * **Post-reform coinage, 1092-1118.** Aspron trachy 1092-1093, billon 4.56 g. Christ, nimbate, seated facing on throne, wearing tunic and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. +ΛΑ[EΞΙΩ – Δ]ΤΕ Facing bust of Alexius, wearing crown with cross and *pendilia*, *divitision* and *chlamys*, holding cruciform sceptre and *globus* surmounted by pelleted cross. DO 25. Sear 1918. Fine 50
- 831 **Post-reform coinage, 1092-1118.** Aspron trachy, Philippopolis 1092-1093, billon 4.05 g. Christ, nimbate, seated facing on throne, wearing tunic and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. ΔΕCΠΟΤ Τ Κ... Alexius standing facing, wearing crown, *divitision* and *loros* and holding *labarum* and *globus cruciger*. DO 31a.2. Sear 1936. Surface somewhat porous and weakly struck, otherwise very fine 150

Ex Stack's 12 January 2009, MIRB, 3284 and NAC 56, 2010, 776 sales.



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- 832 **Post-reform coinage, 1092-1118.** Hyperpyron, 1092/93-1118, AV 4.45 g. +KERO – ΗΘΕΙ Christ, nimbate, seated facing on backless throne, wearing tunic and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. ΑΛΕΖΙΩ ΔΕCΠΟΤΗ – ΤΩΚΟΜΝΗΝΩ Alexius standing facing, wearing crown, *divitision* and *chlamys* and holding *labarum* with globe on shaft and *globus cruciger*; in upper r. field, *manus Dei*. DO 20c. Sear 1912. An insignificant scratch at 12 o'clock on reverse, otherwise good extremely fine 700

Ex NAC 26 October 1995, 929 and Leu 83, 2002, 925 sales.



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- 833 **Post-reform coinage, 1092-1118.** Aspron trachy, 1092/93-1118, EL 4.24 g. The Virgin nimbate seated on backless throne, wearing tunic and *maphorium* and holding medallion of the Infant Christ; in field, MHR ligate – ΘV. Rev. ΑΛΕΞΙΩ ΔΕC ΠΙΟΤ – ΚΟΜΝΗΝ Alexius standing facing, wearing crown, *divitision* and *sagion* and holding jewelled sceptre and *globus cruciger*. DO 22. Sear 1915.
Rare. Pleasant cabinet tone and extremely fine 500

Ex Christie's 22 April, 1987, Goodacre, 310; Glendining's 3-4 October 1988, 947 and Baldwin's 5, 1995, P.J. Donald, 251 sales.

John II Comnenus, August 1118-April 1143, with colleagues from 1119



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- 834 Hyperpyron 1118-1122, AV 4.35 g. Christ, with decorated nimbus, seated facing on backless throne, wearing tunic and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. ΙΩ ΔΕCΠΙΟ Half-figures of John on l., wearing crown and *loros* and the Virgin nimbate, on r., wearing tunic and *maphorium*, both hold patriarchal cross between them; above emperor, *Manus Dei* and in r. field, ΘV / MHR ligate. DO Ia. Sear 1938.
Flan slightly wavy, otherwise good very fine 250

Ex Künker sale 112, 2006, 1093.

- 835 Hyperpyron 1118-1122, Thessalonica AV 4.25 g. Christ, nimbate, seated facing on backless throne, wearing tunic and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. ΙΩ ΔΕCΠΙΟ Half-figures of John on l., wearing crown and *loros*, and the Virgin nimbate, on r., wearing tunic and *maphorium*, both hold patriarchal cross between them; above emperor, *manus Dei* and in r. field, ΘV / MHR ligate. DO 4.9 var (pellet on shaft). Sear 1947.
An insignificant area of weakness on obverse, otherwise good extremely fine 400

Ex Glendining's 7-8 March 1957, Foreign Ambassador 695 and Baldwin's 5, 1995, P.J. Donald, 256 sales.

- 836 Hyperpyron, Thessalonica 1118-1122, AV 4.46 g. Christ with decorated nimbus seated facing on backless throne, wearing tunic and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. ΙΩ ΔΕCΠΙΟ Half-figures of John on l., wearing crown and *loros*, and the Virgin nimbate, on r., wearing tunic and *maphorium*, both hold patriarchal cross between them; above emperor, *manus Dei* and in r. field, ΘV / MHR ligate. DO 4. Sear 1947.
Slightly double-struck on obverse, otherwise extremely fine 300



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- 837 Aspron trachy 1118-1122, EL 3.76 g. Christ, nimbate, seated facing on backless throne, wearing tunic and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. Ιω ΔCCΠΟΤΗ – ΘCΤΩΡΓΙ retrograde John standing on l., wearing crown, *divitision* and *chlamys* and St. George, nimbate, on r., in military attire, both holding patriarchal cross between them. DO 8b. Sear 1941.
Very fine 150

- 838 Aspron trachy 1118-1122, EL 2.15 g. Christ, nimbate, seated facing on backless throne wearing tunic and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. Broken legend John standing on l., wearing crown, *divitision* and *chlamys* and St. George, nimbate, on r., in military attire, both holding patriarchal cross between them. DO 8b. Sear 1941.
Clipped, otherwise good very fine 150

This coin was clipped by hammering out the edges so that it expanded and became much larger. It was then clipped down to its original size and this has resulted in the lack of detail of the outer parts of the design, the extreme thinness of the edge and the low weight, about half that of the original. (Ref. S. Bendall and D. Sellwood, "Clipped twelfth century Byzantine electrum trachaea", Numismatics-Witness to History, IAPN Publication No. 8, 1986, pp. 97-99.

There is some evidence that the clipping of these Comnenian electrum trachaea took place in the earlier years of the thirteenth century in the territory of the Empire of Trebizond. (Ref. S. Bendall, "A Further Note on a Possible Early Coinage of the Empire of Trebizond", Numismatic Circular, Vol. CXIV No. 4, August 2006 and 'A Hoard of Coins of Andronicus I Gidon of Trebizond (?)', Numismatic Circular, Vol. CXV, No. 1, February 2007.

- 839 Aspron trachy, Thessalonica 1118-1143, EL 3.91 g. Christ nimbate, seated facing on backless throne wearing tunic and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. Ιω ΔICΠΟΤΗ – GC ΩΓ I(reverted) John standing on l. wearing crown, *divitision* and *chlamys* and St. George, nimbate, on r., in military attire, both holding *labarum* between them. DO 8e. Sear 1951.
Weakly struck on obverse with large areas of weakness and minor metal flaws,
otherwise about very fine / about extremely fine 350

Ex Sotheby's 2 November 1998, 572 and NAC 56, 2010, 785 sales.



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- 840 Silver medallion (?) 1118-1143, AR 6.84 g. Ιω ΔECΠΟΤΗ John on l., wearing crown, *divitision* and *chlamys* and St. George, nimbate, on r., in military attire, both hold patriarchal cross between them. Rev. Blank.
An extremely rare and interesting medallion of good silver. Probably struck from the reverse type DO 8d and subsequently mounted, most likely in a cross. Lightly toned and good very fine 5'000



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- 841 Hyperpyron 1122-1137, Thessalonica AV 4.57 g. Christ with decorated nimbus seated facing on backless throne wearing tunic and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. Broken legend John on l., wearing *loros* and holding *labarum* and *anexikakia*, crowned by the Virgin on r., nimbate and wearing tunic and *maphorium*; in field, MHR ligate – ΘV. DO 6 (obverse), 5 (reverse). Sear 1948. Minor traces of overstriking, otherwise good extremely fine 350
- 842 Aspron trachy 1122-43, EL 3.06 g. Christ nimbate seated facing on backless throne, wearing tunic and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. ωΠΟΗ John on l., wearing crown, *divitision* and *chlamys* and St. George, nimbate, on r., in military attire, both holding patriarchal cross set on base and two steps, between them. DO 8b. Sear 1941. Lightly toned and about extremely fine 200
- 843 **Lot of 2 coins.** Apron trachy, EL 3.79 g.; Aspron trachy, EL 2.73g. Sear 1942 (2). Very fine 200



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- 844 Hyperpyron 1137-1143, AV 4.08 g. +KERO – HΘEI Christ enthroned facing with decorated nimbus, wearing tunic and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. ΙΘ ΔΕCΠOTH John standing on l., wearing *loros* and holding *globus cruciger*, crowned by the Virgin nimbate, on r. wearing tunic and *maphorium*; in upper centre and r. field, Θ – MHR ligate. DO 3 var. Sear 1940. Minor marks on edge and an insignificant area of weakness on obverse, otherwise extremely fine 350
- 845 Hyperpyron 1137-1143, Thessalonica AV 4.45 g. Christ with decorated nimbus seated facing on backless throne, wearing tunic and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. ΙΘ Δ... John on l., wearing *loros* and holding *labarum* and *globus cruciger*, crowned by the Virgin on r., nimbate and wearing tunic and *maphorium*; in upper centre and r. field, Θ – [MHR] ligate. DO 5 (obverse) and 6 (reverse). Sear –. An apparently unrecorded variety. Minor marks, otherwise good extremely fine 400



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- 846 Hyperpyron 1137-1143, Thessalonica AV 4.23 g. HΘEI anti-clockwise Christ with decorated nimbus seated facing on backless throne, wearing tunic and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. IΘ ΔΕCΠITH John on l., wearing *loros* and holding *globus cruciger*, crowned by the Virgin on r., nimbate and wearing tunic and *maphorium*; in upper centre and r. field, Θ – MHR ligate. DO 7a2. Sear 1949. Scarce. Extremely fine 350

Manuel I, Comnenus 8 April 1143 – 24 September 1180



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- 847 Hyperpyron 1143-1152 (?), AV 4.48 g. +KERO – HΘEI Facing bust of Christ, with decorated nimbus, *pallium* and *colobium* raising r. hand in benediction and holding scroll in l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. MANΥVHA ΔΕCΠOTH ω ΠOΠ ΦVPOΓ[ENNHTω] Manuel standing facing, wearing crown, *divitision* and *chlamys*, holding *labarum* and globus surmounted by patriarchal cross: in upper field to r., *Manus Dei*. DO 1a. Sear 1956. About extremely fine 350

- 848 Aspron trachy, Thessalonica (?) 1143-1152 (?), EL 1.94 g. OEMMA – NΥHA Facing bust of Christ Emmanuel with decorated nimbus, *pallium* and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding scroll in l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. MANOVHA... Manuel standing on l., wearing crown and *loros* and holding *labarum* and *anexikakia* crowned by the Virgin on r., nimbate and wearing tunic and *maphorium*; in field, ΘV – MHR ligate. DO 2a (Constantinople). Sear 1972. Clipped, otherwise very fine 150

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- 849 Hyperpyron, Thessalonica 1143-1183 (?), AV 4.14 g. +KERO – HΘEI Facing bust of Christ, with decorated nimbus, *pallium* and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding scroll in l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. MANΥVHA ΔΕCΠOTH ω – ΠOΠ ΦVPOΓENNHT Manuel standing facing, Manuel wearing crown, *divitision* and *chlamys* and holding *labarum* and *globus cruciger*; in upper field to r., *manus Dei*. DO 1f. Sear 1971.

Extremely rare variety. An insignificant graffito on reverse, otherwise extremely fine 800

An extremely rare variety with the globe surmounted by a simple instead of a patriarchal cross of which only very few specimens are known.



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- 850 Aspron trachy, Thessalonica 1152-1160 (?), EL 2.16 g. Christ with decorated nimbus seated facing on backless throne, wearing tunic and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. Broken legend Manuel on l. wearing crown and *loros* and holding *anexikakia*, and the Virgin nimbate, on r. wearing tunic and *maphorium*; both hold patriarchal cross between them. In field, MHR – ØV ligate. DO 8. Sear 1973. Clipped, otherwise extremely fine 300

See note lot 838.

- 851 * Aspron trachy, Thessalonica 1152-1160 (?), EL 2.47 g. Christ with decorated nimbus seated facing on backless throne, wearing tunic and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. Broken legend Manuel on l. wearing crown and *loros* and holding *anexikakia*, and the Virgin nimbate, on r. wearing tunic and *maphorium*; both hold patriarchal cross between them. In field, MHR – ØV ligate. DO 8. Sear 1973. Clipped, otherwise very fine 150

See note lot 838.

- 852 Aspron trachy 1160-1164 (?), EL 4.12 g. Christ with decorated nimbus standing facing on *dais* wearing tunic and *colobium* and holding Book of Gospels; at sides, star and in field, IC – XC. Rev. MANVHA – O ØEPA... Manuel on l. wearing crown, *divitision* and *loros* and holding sword and St. Theodore, nimbate, on r., in military attire, both hold patriarchal cross set on globe between them. DO 4b. Sear 1959. Lightly toned, minor traces of double-striking on obverse, otherwise about extremely fine 250

Ex Baldwin's sale 5, 1995, P.J. Donald, 267.

- 853 Aspron trachy 1160-1164 (?), billon 3.52 g. The Virgin, nimbate, wearing tunic and *maphorion*, seated facing on backless throne and holding medallion of the Infant Christ; in field, MHP – ØV. Rev. Manuel standing facing, wearing crown, *divitision* and *chlamys*, holding *labarum* and globus surmounted by patriarchal cross. DO 12. Sear 1964. In exceptional condition, about extremely fine 150

- 854 * **Lot of three coins.** Aspron trachy, billon 4.08 g.; Aspron trachy, billon 4.01 g.; Aspron trachy, billon 4.28 g. Sear 1964 (3) Fine to very fine 150



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- 855 Aspron trachy, Thessalonica 1160-1167 (?), EL 2.18 g. The Virgin nimbate seated on backless throne, wearing tunic and *maphorium* and holding medallion of the Infant Christ; in field, MHR ligate – ØV. Rev. Broken legend Manuel on l. wearing crown, *divitision* and *chlamys* and holding *anexikakia* and St. Demetrius on r., nimbate, and wearing short military tunic, both hold *labarum* between them. DO 9. Sear 1974. Clipped, otherwise about extremely fine 400

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- 856 Aspron trachy, Thessalonica 1160-1167 (?), EL 2.15 g. The Virgin nimbate seated on backless throne, wearing tunic and *maphorium* and holding medallion of the Infant Christ; in field, MHR ligate – Θ[Y]. Rev. Broken legend Manuel on l. wearing crown, *divitision* and *chlamys* and holding *anexikakia* and St. Demetrius, on r., nimbate and wearing short military tunic, both hold *labarum* between them. DO 9. Sear 1974. Clipped, otherwise good very fine 200

See note lot 838.

- 857 Hyperpyron circa 1164-1167 (?), AV 4.12 g. +KERO – HΘEI Facing bust of Christ with decorated nimbus, *pallium* and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding scroll in l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. ΑΗΛ[Ε] C TΩ ΠΟΡ ΦΥΡΟΓΗΝΝΗΤΩ Manuel standing facing, wearing *divitision* and *chlamys* and holding *labarum* and globus surmounted by patriarchal cross. DO 1.d5 var. Sear 1956. Slightly double-struck and an insignificant test cut at 3 o'clock on obverse, otherwise extremely fine 250



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- 858 Aspron trachy, 1164-1167 (?), AR 4.53 g. O / EM / MA – NϞ / HA Facing bust of Christ Emmanuel with decorated nimbus, *pallium* and *colobium* and raising r. hand in benediction and holding scroll in l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. ΜΝϞVΗΛ ΔΕCΠΟΤΗC ΟΠΦΥΡΟΓΕΝΝΤ Manuel standing facing, wearing crown, *divitision* and *chlamys* and holding *labarum* and *anexikakia*; in upper field to r., *Manus Dei*. DO 5b. Sear 1960. Rare. About extremely fine 500

Ex Baldwin's sale 5, 1995, P.J. Donald, 268.



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- 859 Aspron trachy, 1164-1167 (?), AR 2.04 g. Broken legend Facing bust of Christ Emmanuel with decorated nimbus, *pallium* and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding scroll in l; in field, [IC – XC]. Rev. ΜΑϞV ΗΛ ΕCΠΟΤ – [...] Manuel standing facing, wearing crown, *divitision* and *chlamys* and holding *labarum* and *anexikakia*; in upper field to r., *Manus Dei*. DO 5b. Sear 1960. Clipped, otherwise good very fine 250

See note lot 838.



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- 860 Hyperpyron 1167-1183 (?), AV 4.17 g. +KERO – HΘEI Facing bust of Christ Emmanuel with decorated nimbus, *pallium* and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding scroll in l. In field, IC – XC. Rev. ΜΑΝΒΗΛ ΔΕΣΠΟΤ – ΤΩ ΠΟΦΥΡΟΓΕΜΗΤ ω Manuel standing facing, wearing crown, *divitision* and *chlamys*, holding *labarum* and globus surmounted by patriarchal cross: in upper field to r., *Manus Dei*. DO 1e. Sear 1956. Rare. Good extremely fine 500

A rare variety with a globule under the Emperor's r. hand.

- 861 * **Lot of four Bulgarian imitative Coins.** Aspron trachy billon, 2.87 g.; Aspron trachy, billon 3.03 g.; Aspron trachy, billon 2.87 g.; Aspron trachy, billon 2.57 g. DO vol 4 plate XXVI (4). Fine to very fine 50

Andronicus I, Comnenus September 1183 – 12 September 1185



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- 862 Hyperpyron 1183-1185, AV 4.23 g. The Virgin, nimbate, enthroned facing, wearing *pallium* and *maphorium*; on her breast, nimbate head of the Infant Christ; in field, MHP ligate – ΘV. Rev. ΑΝΔΡΟΝΙΚΟC – [ΔΕCΠΟΤΗC] Christ standing on r., with decorated nimbus, and Andronicus, on l., standing facing; Christ wears *pallium* and *colobium*, holds Book of Gospels and crowns Andronicus who wears *divitision*, *loros* and *sagion* and holds *labarum* and *globus cruciger*. At either side of Christ's head, IC – XC. DO 1. Sear 1983. Rare. Good extremely fine 1'500

Ex Triton sale XV, 2012, 1650.



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- 863 Bronze pattern of hyperpyron 1183-1185, 3.89 g. The Virgin, nimbate, enthroned facing, wearing *pallium* and *maphorium*; on her breast, nimbate head of the Infant Christ; in field, MHP ligate – ΘV. Rev. [ΑΝΔΡΟΝΙΚΟC] – ΔΕCΠ[ΟΤΗC] Christ standing on r., with decorated nimbus, and Andronicus, on l., standing facing; Christ wears *pallium* and *colobium*, holds Book of Gospels and crowns Andronicus who wears *divitision*, *loros* and *sagion* and holds *labarum* and *globus cruciger*. At either side of Christ's head, IC – XC. DO –. Sear –. Apparently unrecorded. Dark green patina and good very fine. 200

- 864 Aspron trachy 1183-1185, billon 2.92 g. The Virgin, nimbate, wearing *pallium* and *maphorium*, standing facing on *dais*; on her breast, nimbate head of the Infant Christ. Rev. ΑΝΔΡΟΝΙΚ [ωC] – ΔΕCΠ[ΟΤΗC] Christ, on r., bearded and with decorated nimbus, and Andronicus, on l., standing facing; Christ wears *pallium* and *colobium*, holds Book of Gospels and crowns Andronicus who wears *divitision* and *loros* and holds *globus cruciger* along with *labarum*-headed sceptre. At either side of Christ's head, IC – XC. DO 3a. Sear 1985. In unusually fine condition for the issue and good very fine 250

Ex NAC sale 56, 2010, 800.

Isaac II Angelus, 12 September 1185 – 8 April 1195



- 865 Aspron trachy 1185-1195, EL 3.85 g. The Virgin nimbate enthroned facing; on her breast, facing head of Infant Christ; in field, MHP ligate - ΘV. Rev. ICAAKIOC ΔΕΠΙΟΘΗ Isaac, on l., wearing *loros* and *divitision* and holding cruciform sceptre, crowned by the Archangel Michael, on r., in military attire; in upper centre field, AP and in lower r. field, X / MI. DO 2a. Sear 2002.

Minor area of weakness, otherwise about extremely fine 250

- 866 Aspron trachy 1185-1195, EL 3.43 g. The Virgin nimbate enthroned facing; on her breast, facing head of Infant Christ; in field, MHP ligate - ΘV. Rev. ICAAKIOC ΔΕΠΙΟΘΗ Isaac, on l., wearing *loros* and *divitision* and holding cruciform sceptre, crowned by the Archangel Michael, on r., in military attire; in upper centre field, AP and in lower r. field, X / MI. DO 2a. Sear 2002. Extremely fine 300

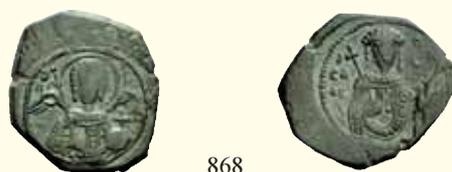
Ex Lanz sale 135, 2007, 1025



- 867 Hyperpyron 1185-1195, AV 3.02 g. The Virgin, nimbate, enthroned facing; on her breast, facing head of Infant Christ; in field, MHP ligate – ΘV. Rev. ... C Δ ... Isaac, on l., wearing *divitision* and *loros*, holding cruciform sceptre, crowned by the Archangel Michael, on r., in military attire; in upper centre field, O and in lower r. field, X / AP/ X / M. DO – cf. 2c.9. Sear – cf. 2002.

Extremely rare and a coin of great interest. About extremely fine 500

According to Simon Bendall, this coin does not appear to be silver gilt but apparently struck in gold.



- 868 Tetrarteron, Thessalonica 1185-1195, Æ 3.77 g. O / AP – X / M Bust of Archangel Michael nimbate, wearing *divitision* and *loros*, holding sceptre and *globus cruciger*. Rev. I / CA / AK / I – O / C Facing bust of Isaac wearing *divitision* and *loros*, holding sceptre and *anexikakia*. DO 5a; Sear 2005.

Rare. Dark green patina, minor marks, otherwise good very fine 200

- 869 * Tetrarteron, Thessalonica 1185-1195, Æ 2.68 g. O – X / M Bust of Archangel Michael nimbate, wearing *divitision* and *loros* and holding sceptre and *globus cruciger*. Rev. IC / Δ / Δ – KI / C Facing bust of Isaac wearing *divitision* and *loros* and holding sceptre and *anexikakia*. DO 5a; Sear 2005.

Rare. Dark green patina and very fine 100

Alexius III Angelus self-styled Comnenus, April 1195 – November 1203



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- 870 Hyperpyron, 1197-1203, AV 4.39 g. + KE RO - HΘE[II] Christ standing facing on *dais* with decorated nimbus, wearing *pallium* and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in field, IC - XC. Rev. [ΑΛΕΞΙΩ ΔΕC]ΠΟ - [ΤΩ ΚΟΜΝΗΝΩ] Alexius III, on l., wearing crown, *divitision* and *chlamys* and St. Constantine, on r., nimbate and wearing *loros*, both standing facing, together holding a long patriarchal cross between them. DO 1b var (five pellet decoration in nimbus). Sear 2008.

Extremely fine 600

Ex Lanz 125, 2005, 1247 and NAC 56, 2010, 808 sales.

- 871 Aspron trachy, 1195-1197, EL 4.17 g. KE RO – HΘEI Christ with decorated nimbus, facing on backless throne, wearing *pallium* and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. [ΑΛΕΞΙΩC ΔΕCΠ ΚΩΝΤΑΝΤ] Alexius III, on l., wearing crown, *divitision* and *loros*, and St. Constantine, on r., in similar attire, both standing facing, each holding a cruciform sceptre and together holding *labarum* between them. DO 2b.1-3. Sear 2010.

An insignificant graffito at 3 o'clock on obverse,
otherwise good extremely fine

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- 872 Aspron trachy 1197-1203, EL 3.50 g. KE [RO] – [HΘEI] Christ standing facing, with decorated nimbus, wearing *pallium* and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in field, IC – [XC]. Rev. ΑΛΕ[ΞΙΩC ΔΕCΠ ΚΩΝΤΑΝΤ] Alexius III, on l., wearing crown, *divitision* and *loros*, and St. Constantine, on r., nimbate and wearing *loros*, both stand facing, each holding a cruciform sceptre and together holding *labarum* between them. DO 2b.6. Sear 2009.

Obverse slightly double-struck and a graffito at 3 o'clock on obverse,
otherwise very fine / about extremely fine

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- 873 Aspron trachy 1197-1203, AR 4.09 g. Christ enthroned facing, with decorated nimbus, wearing *pallium* and *colobium*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. [ΑΛΕΞΙΩC ΔΕCΠ ΚΩΝΤΑΝΤ] Alexius III, on l., wearing crown, *divitision* and *loros*, and St. Constantine, on r., wearing *loros*, both standing facing, each holding a cruciform sceptre and together holding *labarum* between them. DO 2b.6. Sear 2009a.

Extremely rare. Minor traces of encrustations and obverse,
slightly double-stuck, otherwise good very fine

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- 874 * **Lot of four coins.** Billon trachy, 3.67 g. Sear 2012; billon trachy, 2.31 g. Sear 2013; *Bulgarian imitation* billon trachy 3.96 g. DO pl. XXVI, 3; *Bulgarian imitation* billon trachy 2.76 g. DO pl. XXVI, 3.

Fine to good very fine 150

Latin rulers of Constantinople 1204 – 1261

- 875 * **Lot of three coins.** Billon trachy, 1.17 g. DO pl. XLIX; Billon trachy, 2.07 g. DO pl. LII; Billon trachy, 1.91 g. DO pl. LI.

Very fine 150

The Empire of Nicaea

Theodore I Comnenus-Lascaris, 1208 – 1221



- 876 Aspron trachy, Nicaea 1208-1212 (?), EL 3.71 g. Christ enthroned facing, with decorated nimbus, wearing tunic and *colobium*, holding Book of Gospels; in field, IC – XC. Rev. ...T – OΘEO...OC Theodore standing facing on l., wearing *divitision*, *loros* and *sagion*, and St. Theodore on r., nimbate, standing facing and wearing military tunic, breastplate and *sagion*; both hold sheathed sword and long, star-tipped shaft between them. DO 2.3. Sear 2064.
Toned, minor marks on reverse, otherwise good extremely fine 400
- 877 Aspron trachy, Nicaea 1208-1212 (?), EL 4.38 g. Christ enthroned facing, with decorated nimbus, wearing tunic and *colobium*, holding Book of Gospels; in field, IC – XC. Rev. ΘΕΟΔΩΡΟΔΕΕC – ΠΟΤ – Ο ΘΕΟΔΩΡΟC Theodore standing facing on l., wearing *divitision*, *loros* and *sagion*, and St. Theodore nimbate standing facing wearing military tunic, breastplate and *sagion* on r., each holding sheathed sword and long, star-tipped staff between them. DO 2.3. Sear 2064. Toned and about extremely fine 300
- 878 * **Lot of four coins.** Billon trachy, Nicaea, 4.41 g.; 2.58 g.; 3.44 g.; 3.55 g Sear 2061 (4).
Very fine 100

John III Ducas called Vatatzes, 1221 – 3 November 1254



- 879 Hyperpyron, Magnesia 1232-1254 (?), AV 4.34 g. Christ enthroned facing, with decorated nimbus, wearing tunic and *colobion*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in field, IC – XC. Rev. ωΕ – ΤωΠ ΦΓ John standing facing on l. wearing *divitision* and *loros*, holding *anexikakia* and *labarum* on long shaft on which two pellets, crowned by the Virgin on r.; at sides of the Virgin's head, MP - ΘV. DO 5. Sear 2073.
Graffito on reverse, otherwise extremely fine 300
- 880 Hyperpyron, Magnesia 1232-1254 (?), AV 4.45 g. Christ enthroned facing, with decorated nimbus, wearing tunic and *colobion*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in field, IC – XC and at side of throne, unidentified symbol. Rev. ... John standing facing on l., wearing *divitision* and *loros*, holding *anexikakia* and *labarum* on long shaft crowned by the Virgin on r.; at sides of the Virgin's head, [MP - ΘV]. DO 5. Sear 2073.
Slightly double stuck on obverse otherwise good very fine 150
- 881 Billon trachy, Magnesia 1221-1254, billon 4.05 g. [OΕ / MM / Λ – N[ϣ] / H[Λ]. Bust of Christ Emmanuel facing, with decorated nimbus, wearing tunic and *colobion* and holding scroll; in field [IC – XC]. Rev. [Iω / ΔΕ – ΟΔ / ϣK / Λ / C] John standing facing on l. wearing *divitision*, *loros* and *sagion* and holding *labarum*-tipped sceptre in r. hand, and St. Constantine standing facing on r., wearing similar attire and holding sceptre cruciger in l. hand; both holding patriarchal cross set on three steps between them. DO 39. Sear 2093.
In very good condition for the issue good very fine / about extremely fine 250

Theodore II Ducas-Lascaris, 3 November 1254 – August 1258



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- 882 Billon trachy, Magnesia 1254-1255 (?), 2.73 g. [O]E[MMANΥ]HΛ Nimbate bust of Christ Emmanuel wearing tunic and *colobion* and holding scroll; in field [I]C – [X]C]. Rev. [ΘΕΟΔΩΡΟΣ ΔΕΣΠΟΤΗΣ – Ο ΑΓΙΟΣ]ΤΡΥΦ ΔΥΚΑΨC] Theodore standing facing, on l., wearing *divitision* and *loros* and holding long shaft in r. hand, and St. Triphon standing facing on r. nimbate and in military attire holding triple-headed sceptre; both hold long lys-tipped shaft between them. DO cf. 12.1. Sear 2144.
Rare. Very fine 150

- 883 * Billon trachy, Magnesia 1255-1256 (?), 4.15 g. Monogram / TPV– ΦΩ St. Triphon standing facing, wearing tunic and *colobion* and holding cross; in field, two lys. Rev. [ΘΕΟΔΩΡΟΣ ΔΕΣΠΟΤΗΣ] ΑΔΥΚΑC Ο ΛΑCΚΑΡ Theodore standing facing, wearing *divitision* and *chlamys*, holding *labarum*-headed sceptre and *globus cruciger*; above his head, *Manus Dei*. DO 10a. Sear 2142.
Green patina and about very fine / very fine 100

- 884 * Billon trachy, Magnesia 1256-1257 (?), 4.17 g. Christ nimbate standing facing on *dais*, wearing tunic and *colobion*, raising r. hand in benediction and l. holding Book of Gospels in l.; in upper field, IC – X[C] and across centre field, B – [B]. Rev. ΟΔΩΡ... Theodore standing on l. wearing *divitision* and *loros* and holding cruciform sceptre and *globus cruciger*, crowned by the Virgin on r.; at sides of the Virgin's head, [MP - ΘV]. DO 9.1. Sear 2141.
Green patina and very fine 100

- 885 Tetarteron, Thessalonica 1227-1228 (?), Æ 3.35 g. +ΘΕ / ΟΔΩΡΟΣ / ΔΕΣΠΟΤ / ΗCΟΔΟΥ / ΚΑC Rev. ΘΕΟΔΩΟΔΕCΠ – ... Facing half-length figures of the Theodore on l., wearing *divitision* and *loros* and holding *anexikakia*, and St Demetrius on r. nimbate, wearing tunic, breastplate and *sagion* and holding sword and shield; both hold decorated patriarchal cross-circlet set on three steps between them. DO 12. Sear 2170.
Rare. Green patina and good very fine 300

The Empire of Thessalonica

John Comnenus-Ducas, Emperor 1237 – 1242, Despot, 1242 – 1244



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- 886 Billon trachy (series III), Thessalonica 1237-1242, billon 1.90 g. Nimbate head of Christ facing. Rev. Facing heads of the John and St. Demetrius, beardless; between them, patriarchal cross. DO –. Sear –. LBC –.
Rare and in very good condition for the issue. About extremely fine 400
- 887 * Billon trachy (series III), Thessalonica 1237-(?), billon 0.80 g. The Virgin seated on backless throne; in field, MP – ΘV. Rev. Broken legend John standing facing wearing *divitision* and *loros* and holding *labarum*-headed sceptre and *anexikakia*; in upper r. field, *Manus Dei*. DO 28. Sear 2214.
Rare. Very fine 50
- 888 Billon trachy (series III), Thessalonica 1237-(?), billon 0.93 g. Open wings. Rev. Winged bust of John holding *anexikakia* (?) and surmounting city walls. DO 34. Sear 2220.
Rare. Very fine / good very fine 150
- 889 Billon trachy (series III), Thessalonica 1237-(?), billon 0.53 g. Head of flower. Rev. IOB Half figure of John beneath arch, inscribed IOB and between towers, wearing *divitision* and *loros* and holding *sceptre cruciger* and *anexikakia*. DO 32 (obverse) 36 (reverse). Sear –. Very rare. About extremely fine 150

The Empire of Trebizond

Andronicus I Gidon, 1222-1235



- 890 Aspron trachy, Trebizond 1222-1235, AR 4.38 g. Christ with decorated nimbus seated facing on backless throne; in field, IC – XC. Rev. ANΔPONIKOC – [...] Andronicus standing facing on l. wearing *loros* and holding *anexikakia*, and St. George standing facing on r. in military attire holding sheathed sword; both hold patriarchal cross between them. DO –, Sear –, Bendall, “Andronicus I Gidon again”, Numismatic Circular vol. CXV, n. 2, April 2007, fig. 1. Gorny & Mosch auction 155, 2007, 410.

Of the highest rarity, only the second specimen known. Double-struck on obverse and with some minor encrustations and a flan crack at 5 o'clock on obverse, otherwise virtually as struck and almost Fdc

5'000

In its earliest years, the Empire of Trebizond stretched almost as far as the Bosphorus. Its first two rulers, David and Alexius I do not have appeared to have issued coins but the third ruler, Andronicus I Gidon, son-in-law of Alexius I, issued a large variety of coins of every denomination apart from hyperpyra, several of them copying in some degree the issues of his earlier namesake Andronicus I Comnenus.

This coin and the following 5 lots come from a single hoard. The emperor is identified as Andronicus although the type is loosely copied from an electrum trachy of John II (DO IV, 8). It is known from only two specimens from this hoard. (S. Bendall, “Andronicus I Gidon again”, Numismatic Circular vol. CXV, n. 2, April 2007”).

- 891 Aspron trachy, Trebizond 1222-1235, AR 3.99 g. +KЄR – HΘЄI Full length figure of the Virgin nimbate and *orans*, standing facing on *dais* wearing *pallium* and *maphorium*; on her breast, the Infant Christ nimbate and facing; in upper field, MP – ΘV. Rev. AN?P[...] – TωKO Andronicus on l. standing facing wearing *divitision* and *chlamys* and holding *labarum* and *anexikakia* crowned by Christ who stands facing on r. with decorated nimbus, wearing *pallium* and *collobium* and holding Book of Gospels; in field, IC – XC. DO –, Sear –, Bendall, “A hoard of coins of Andronicus I Gidon of Trebizond (?)”, Numismatic Circular vol. CXV, n. 1, February 2007, figs. 64-67. DOC Vol IV, p. 348, 2c (misattributed to Andronicus I Comnenus). C. Morrisson “Catalogue des monnaies byzantines de la Bibliothèque Nationale” Vol. II, p. 728, 62/Cp/EI/03 (misattributed to Andronicus I Comnenus). Gorny & Mosch sale 151, 2006, 544 and Gorny & Mosch sale 152, 2006, 2642 (misattributed to Andronicus I Comnenus). CNG sale 37, 1996, 2139 and Ponterio sale 141, 2007, 1829 (misattributed to Andronicus I Comnenus).

Of the highest rarity, only five specimens known, of which only three in private hands.

An insignificant graffito on obverse, otherwise virtually as struck and almost Fdc

3'000

This type exactly copies the electrum trachy of Andronicus I Comnenus and at least three specimens were found in the hoard with the preceding and subsequent types. The major difference between these coins and their prototype is that they are slightly cruder in style and struck in silver and not electrum. Three specimens existed before the appearance of this hoard: CNG sale 37, 1996, 2139 and Ponterio sale 141, 2007, 1829; one specimen in the Bibliothèque Nationale (BN catalogue, vol. 2, p. 728, 62/Cp/EI/03) and one in Dumbarton Oaks (DO Vol. IV, 2c), all being attributed to Andronicus I Comnenus with Hendy considering the DO specimen a contemporary forgery.





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- 892 Aspron trachy, Trebizond 1222-1235, AR 3.41 g. MHP – ΘV The Virgin, nimbate and *orans*, wearing tunic and *maphorium*, standing facing on *dais*; in upper r. field, *Manus Dei*. Rev. OXAA – KHTC Christ Chalkites, with crossed nimbus, standing facing and wearing tunic and *colobion*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in upper field, IC – XC. DO 1 var. (Uncertain of Nicaea). Sear 2148 var. (Uncertain of Nicaea). Bendall, 'A Further Note on a Possible Early Coinage of the Empire of Trebizond', Numismatic Circular, August 2006, fig. 1; 'An Early Coinage of the 'Empire' of Trebizond?', Numismatic Circular, June 2002, 1 and Numismatic Circular, January 2007, p. 9 var 1 legend B (coin 1).
Light edge marks and some minor encrustations, otherwise good extremely fine 800



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- 893 Aspron trachy, Trebizond 1222-1235, AR 2.99 g. MHP – ΘV The Virgin, nimbate and *orans*, wearing tunic and *maphorium*, standing facing on *dais*. Rev. OXAA – KHTHC vertically Christ Chalkites, with crossed nimbus, standing facing and wearing tunic and *colobion*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in upper field, IC – XC. DO 1 var. (Uncertain of Nicaea). Sear 2148 var. (Uncertain of Nicaea). Bendall, 'A Further Note on a Possible Early Coinage of the Empire of Trebizond', Numismatic Circular, August 2006, fig. 1; 'An Early Coinage of the 'Empire' of Trebizond?', Numismatic Circular, June 2002, 1 and Numismatic Circular, January 2007, p. 9 var 2 legend A (coins 2-4 and 36-38).
Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 1'200



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- 894 Aspron trachy, Trebizond 1222-1235, AR 2.98 g. MHP – ΘV The Virgin, nimbate and *orans*, wearing tunic and *maphorium*, standing facing on *dais*; in l. field, eight rayed star. Rev. OXAA – KHTC Christ Chalkites, with crossed nimbus, standing facing and wearing tunic and *colobion*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in upper field, IC – XC. DO 1 var. (Uncertain of Nicaea). Sear 2148 var. (Uncertain of Nicaea). Bendall, 'A Further Note on a Possible Early Coinage of the Empire of Trebizond', Numismatic Circular, August 2006, fig. 1; 'An Early Coinage of the 'Empire' of Trebizond?', Numismatic Circular, June 2002, 1 and Numismatic Circular, January 2007, p. 10 var 4b legend A (coins 17-22 and 45-55).
Good extremely fine 1'000
- 895 Aspron trachy, Trebizond 1222-1235, AR 2.40 g. MHP – ΘV The Virgin *orans*, nimbate and wearing tunic and *maphorium*, standing facing on *dais*; in lower l. field, *fleur de lys*. Rev. OXAA – KHTHC Christ Chalkites, with decorated nimbus, standing facing and wearing tunic and *colobion*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in upper field, IC – XC. DO 1 var. (Uncertain of Nicaea). Sear 2148 var. (Uncertain of Nicaea). Bendall, 'A Further Note on a Possible Early Coinage of the Empire of Trebizond', Numismatic Circular, August 2006, fig. 1; 'An Early Coinage of the 'Empire' of Trebizond?', Numismatic Circular, June 2002, 1 and Numismatic Circular, January 2007, p. 10 var 6 legend B (coins 27-30 and 56-57).
An insignificant area of weakness, otherwise good extremely fine 800



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- 896 Aspron trachy, Trebizond 1222-1235, AR 2.65 g. MHP – ΘV The Virgin *orans*, nimbate and wearing tunic and *maphorium*, standing facing on *dais*; in the extended fold of *maphorium*, small cross. Rev. OXAA – KHTHC vertically Christ Chalkites, with crossed nimbus, standing facing and wearing tunic and *colobion*, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in upper field, IC – XC. DO 1 var. (Uncertain of Nicaea). Sear 2148 var. (Uncertain of Nicaea). Bendall 'An Early Coinage of the 'Empire' of Trebizond?', Numismatic Circular, June 2002, 1 and Numismatic Circular, January 2007, p. 10 var 7c legend B. Bendall, 'A Further Note on a Possible Early Coinage of the Empire of Trebizond', Numismatic Circular, August 2006, fig. 1. Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 1'200

The Restored Byzantine Empire

Michael VIII, Ducas-Angelus-Comnenus-Palaeologus as Despot and Emperor, 1258 - 1261



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- 897 Hyperpyron, 1261-82, AV 4.20 g. The Virgin *orans* within city walls furnished with six groups of towers; in upper field, M – ΘV and in lower field, A – A. Rev. XM[ΔC] – broken legend St. Michael on l. presenting kneeling emperor to Christ enthroned on r., holding scroll; in upper centre field and r. field, IC – XC. PCPC 4. DO Class IIa, sigla 19 cf. 4. Sear 2242. A graffito on obverse, otherwise very fine 250
- 898 Hyperpyron, 1261-82, AV 4.11 g. The Virgin *orans* within city walls furnished with six groups of towers; in upper field MP – Θ[V] and in upper central field, ∙ ∙ – ∙ ∙. Rev. Broken legend St. Michael on l. presenting kneeling emperor to Christ enthroned on r., holding scroll; in field, IC – XC and in lower centre field, ∙. PCPC 4. DO 7 sigla 25. Sear 2242. A graffito on obverse and one on reverse, otherwise good very fine 300



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- 899 Hyperpyron, 1261-82, AV 3.85 g. The Virgin *orans* within city walls furnished with six groups of towers; in upper field, MP – Θ[V] and in lower r. field, Π. Rev. XMAITI – M St. Michael on l. presenting the kneeling emperor to Christ enthroned on r., holding Book of Gospels; in upper centre field and r. field IC – X[C]. PCPC -. DO – Class IIb Sigla 74 (?). Sear 2243. A graffito on obverse and one on reverse, otherwise very fine 200
- 900 Aspron trachy, 1261-82, AR 1.87 g. K – K (reverted) Facing bust of Christ Emmanuel nimbate; in field IC – XC. Rev. Illegible legend – ΟΠ / ΛΕ St. Michael on l. presenting kneeling emperor to Christ enthroned on r., holding scroll; in upper centre field and r. field, IC – XC. PCPC 6. DO 43. Sear -. Of the highest rarity, apparently one of only three specimens known. Chipped, otherwise good very fine 1'200



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- 901 Aspron trachy, Magnesia 1261-1282, AR 2.25 g. St. Michael standing facing and holding sword. Rev. X / ΜΔΕΠΙΟΤ – ΘΓΕω (ligate) Michael on l., standing facing wearing *divitision* and *loros* and holding long cross-tipped sceptre in r. hand, and St. George on r., standing facing in military attire holding sword; both hold long *labarum*-headed sceptre between them. DO 26. Sear 2248. PCPC 10 (Magnesia).
Very rare and in unusual condition for the issue. Lightly toned and extremely fine 2'500



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- 902 Aspron trachy, Magnesia 1261-1282, AR 1.79 g. [MHP ligate - ΘV] The Virgin enthroned facing, nimbate, wearing *pallium* and *maphorium*; on the Virgin's breast, facing head of Infant Christ. B – B on each side of throne. Rev. X / M [ΔΕCΠΙΟΤIC] – [AP ligate] X / M Michael, on l., wearing *divitision* and *loros*, clasped by St. Michael on r., who is nimbate and in military attire. DO 27. Sear 2246. PCPC 8. LBC 479.
Very rare. Old cabinet tone and about extremely fine 2'000



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- 903 Aspron trachy 1261-1282, AR 1.93 g. ...ΟΔ – ΓΕωΠΓI Armed bust of St. George facing holding spear and shield. Rev. Broken legend Michael (?) on l., standing facing holding *labarum* and *globus cruciger*, and Christ standing facing on r., nimbate and holding Book of Gospels. PCPC –. Sear –. DO –.
Apparently unpublished. Illegible reverse legend and 25% of coin missing, otherwise, good very fine 300
- 904 Billon trachy, Thessalonica 1261-1282, Billon 2.32 g. St. Michael standing facing in military attire holding sword and spear; in upper field, X – M. Rev. [M]X [ΔE]CΠΙΟΤ – ΟΑΓΗΜΗ ligate...Half length figures of the Michael on l., wearing *loros* and holding sceptre, and St. Demetrius on r. holding upright spear; both hold large haloed cross between them. PCPC 66. DO 147. Sear 2297.
Scarce and in exceptional condition for the issue. Good very fine 250

Andronicus II, Palaeologus 11 December 1282 – 24 May 1328 and associated rulers from 1294



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- 905 Hyperpyron 1282-1294, AV 4.14 g. Bust of the Virgin *orans* within the city walls furnished with six groups of towers; in upper and lower fields, K – P. Rev. ANΔΠΟ / ΝΙΚΟC Ε/ ΝΧ ΩΔΕCΡ... Andronicus on l., nimbate and kneeling r. blessed by Christ standing facing on r. with decorated nimbus holding Book of Gospels; below, between them, cross and in r. field, Ι[С] / Χ[С] / Ρ. LPC p.34, l. 25. PCPC 91B, sigla 22. DO – sigla 22. Sear 2326. Insignificant flan crack at 7 o'clock. Very fine 200
- 906 Silver pattern, 1282-1294, AR 2.51 g. Bust of the Virgin *orans* within within the city walls furnished with six groups of towers; in upper field, MP – ΘV and in lower field, .I. – .I. Rev. ANΔΠΝΙ[ΚΟC] ... Andronicus on l., without nimbus, kneeling r. blessed by Christ standing facing on r., with decorated nimbus, holding Book of Gospels; in r. field, ΙΧ / ΧC / ΜΓ. LPC – cf. pp. 34, 1 (hyperpyron). PCPC – cf. 91A sigla 83. DO – cf. 233 sigla 83 (hyperpyron). Sear – cf. 2326 (hyperpyron). Exceedingly rare. Areas of weakness, otherwise good very fine 500



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- 907 Tornese 1282-1295, billon 0.71 g. ANΔ... Andronicus standing facing, wearing *divitision* and *loros*, holding cruciform sceptre and *anexikakia*; in upper r. field, *Manus Dei*. Rev. + ΚΟΜΝΗΝΟ CΟΠΑΛΕΟΛΟΓΟC around cross pattée. LPC p. 36, 4. PCPC 94. DO 551. Sear 2327. Lightly toned. Minor areas of weakness, otherwise very fine 150
- 908 * Tornese 1282-1295, billon 0.77 g. ...ΕΝΔΕ Andronicus standing facing, wearing *divitision* and *loros*, holding cruciform sceptre and *anexikakia*; in upper r. field, *Manus Dei*. Rev. + ΚΟΜΝΗΝΟ CΟΠΑΛΕΟΛΟΓΟC around cross pattée. LPC p. 36, 4. PCPC 94. DO 551. Sear 2327. Fine 100
- 909 Tornese 1282-1295, billon 0.68 g. Obscure legend Andronicus standing facing holding cruciform sceptre and *anexikakia*; on his cloak, B – B (reverted) and in upper r. field, *Manus Dei*. Rev. + ΚΟΜΝΗΝΟCΟΠΑΛΕΟΛΟΓΟC around cross pattée with large B at intersection; in each quarter, pellet. LPC p. 36, 4 var. PCPC 94B. DO 558. Sear 2327 var. Scarce. Minor encrustations, otherwise very fine 150
- 910 Hyperpyron 1303-1320, AV 4.20 g. Bust of the Virgin *orans* within the city walls furnished with four groups of towers, the central castle flanked by two pellets; in upper field, cluster of pellets and in lower field, K – N. Rev. ANΔNK (reverted) – blurred legend Christ nimbate standing facing, blessing the kneeling figures of bearded Andronicus II on l. and beardless Michael IX on r.; both wear *divitision* and *loros*. In field IC – XC. LPC p. 62, 1. PCPC 128 sigla 177. DO 367. Sear 2396. Area of weakness, otherwise extremely fine 300
- 911 * **Lot of two coins.** Hyperpyron 4.05 g; Hyperpyron 4.04 g. Sear 2396 (2). Very fine to about extremely fine 300



912



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- 912 Copper pattern 1303-1320 (?), Æ 3.84 g. Bust of the Virgin *orans* within the city walls furnished with four groups of towers; in l. field, B and in r., uncertain letter. Rev. ONKOC – MXHA... Christ standing facing with crossed nimbus, blessing the kneeling figures of bearded Andronicus II on l. and beardless Michael IX on r., both wearing *divitision* and *loros*; in field IC – XC. LPC – . PCPC – . DO – . Sear – .

Apparently unrecorded. Dark green patina and good very fine

300

- 913 Silver weight (*exagium*) 1295-1320 (?), AR 2.23 g. Unclear legend Andronicus on l. and Michael IX on r., both standing facing wearing *divitision* and *loros* and holding long patriarchal cross between them. Rev. +XAP / ΑΓΜΑCΕΠ / ΤΟΚΑΤΑΒ /... G. Schlumberger "Deux Exagia de l'Époque des Paléogues, RN, Paris 1884, p. 428. LPC – . PCPC 383. DO – . Sear – .

Very rare. Toned, slightly double-struck, otherwise good very fine

800



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- 914 Basilikon 1304-1320 or later, AR 1.95 g. The Virgin enthroned facing, nimbate and wearing *pallium* and *maphorium*; on her breast, facing head of Infant Christ; in upper field, MP – ΘV and below, B – B. Rev. ...ΝΑΙΝΙΚΙ – ΜΧΔΕΠ Andronicus on l., and Michael, on r., each holding cruciform sceptre and between them a *labarum*. LPC p. 68, 7. PCPC 136. DO 507. Sear 2403.

Rare. Lightly toned and about very fine

250

- 915 **Lot of two coins.** Basilikon, AR 1.92 g.; Basilikon, AR 2.07 g. DO 517 (2) Very fine 200

- 916 *Anonymous Religious Issue.* Basilikon 1304-1320 or later, AR 1.87 g. Christ enthroned facing, raising r. hand in benediction; in the foreground, the Book of Gospels and in upper field, IC – XC. Rev. MP – ΘV The Virgin enthroned facing, nimbate, wearing *pallium* and *maphorium*, holding in her arms the Infant Christ, nimbate. In field, B (reverted) – B. LPC p. 192, 3. PCPC 372. DO 544. Sear 2587.

Scarce. Areas of weakness, otherwise good very fine / about extremely fine

250



917



- 917 Hyperpyron, 1325-1328, AV 4.39 g. Bust of the Virgin, *orans*, within the city walls furnished with four groups of towers; to l. of central castle, pellet and in lower field, *fleur de lys* – A. Rev. Garbled legend Christ, nimbate, standing facing and blessing the kneeling figures of bearded Andronicus II on l. and Andronicus III on r., both wearing *divitision* and *loros* and holding outermost arm to chest; in field IC – XC. LPC p. 108, 1. PCPC 185. DO 494 sigla 4. Sear 2396. Broken flan, about very fine 150

Andronicus III Palaeologus, 24 May 1328 – 15 June 1341



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- 918 Half basilikon circa 1328-1335, AR 0.99 g. ΟΑΓΙΟC – ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙ St. Demetrius, nimbate and in military attire, standing facing, holding spear and shield. Rev. ΑΝΔΡΚ Andronicus and the Virgin standing facing; at the Virgin's sides, M / P – Θ / V. LPC p. 120, 6 var. PCPC 196 var. DO –. Sear 2476.
Very rare and good very fine 2'000

At some point in the middle of the reign of Andronicus III, the weight of the silver basilikon was reduced from about 2 g. to about 1.40 g. The weight of this coin shows that it is a half basilikon of the earlier heavy series.



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- 919 Reduced basilikon circa 1335-1341, AR 1.30 g. MP – ΘV The Virgin *orans* standing facing; in field, Β• – •Β (reversed). Rev. ΙΤΗΜΗΔ – ΑΝΔΡΙΚ... St. Demetrius, nimbate, on l. and Andronicus, on r., standing facing; between them, Γ / Ρ / Δ. LPC –. PCPC –. DO 874. Sear –.
Very rare. Toned, minor areas of weakness, otherwise extremely fine 1'000
- 920 Reduced basilikon circa 1335-1341, AR 1.42 g. Christ, nimbate, enthroned facing with Book of Gospels on his knees: in upper field, ΙC – ΧC and below, star – Β. Rev. ...ΟΙΤΗΗΔ – ΑΝΔΡΟΝΙΚ... St. Demetrius on l., nimbate and holding cross and Andronicus on r., wearing crown and *loros*; both stand facing. Between them, Γ / Ο / Δ. LPC p. 118, 4 var. PCPC 197 note (sigla Β). DO 875 var (star in place of fleur de lys on obverse). Sear 2472 var. LHS sale 97, 2006, 293.
A very rare variety. Minor area of weakness on obverse, otherwise about extremely fine 500
- 921 Andronicus III (?) Tornese circa 1328-1341, billon 0.49 g. [...] – ΗΤ St. Demetrius, in military attire, standing facing holding uncertain object and shield. Rev. The emperor standing facing holding cruciform sceptre and *anexikakia* (?), in lower l. field, Β.
Apparently unpublished. Cracked, some areas of weakness, otherwise about very fine 200
- 922 Tornese circa 1328-1341, billon 0.33 g. +[ΠΟΛΙ]ΤΙΚΟΝ Half bust of the Virgin *orans*. Rev. ΑΝΔΚ – [χ] Andronicus on l. and St. Demetrius, nimbate, on r., both standing facing; between them, vertically, ΓΟΑ. LPC p. 180, 1. PCPC 355. DO 885. Sear 2570.
Rare. Clipped, otherwise about very fine 200



923



- 923 Assarion 1328-1341, Æ 2.02 g. Cross ancrée quartered with pellets. Rev. ΑΥΤΟΚΡΑ – ΤΟ – ΡΟΜΑΙΟΝ Andronicus standing facing, wearing crown and *chlamys*, holding cruciform sceptre. LPC p. 126, 13. PCPC 205. DO 908. Sear 2481.
Brown tone, areas of weakness, otherwise good very fine 100



924

- 924 Billon trachy (?), Thessalonica (?) 1328-1341, 1.40 g. Paleologan monogram. Rev. Andronicus standing facing holding cruciform sceptre and *anexikakia*. LPC p. 240, 12. PCPC -. DO -. Sear 2494.
Very fine 100

John V, Palaeologus 15 June 1341 – 16 February 1391 and associate rulers from 1347



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- 925 Basilikon late 1341 (?), AR 1.14 g. ΔΗΜΗΤΙ – [ΑΝΔΡΟΙΚ] St. Demetrius, nimbate, on l. and Andronicus, on r., both standing facing; between them, Γ / Ο / Δ. Rev. IOANNOC – ΠΑΛΑΙΟΝ... Nimbate bust of Christ, with outstretched arms, behind small figure of John wearing *divitision* and *loros* and holding *labarum* and *globus cruciger*. LPC p. 120, 7 (Andronicus III). PCPC 199 (Andronicus III). DO 944. Sear 2474 (Andronicus III).
Rare. Some double-striking on obverse, otherwise very fine 600

- 926 Hyperpyron, 1341-1347, AV 2.98 g. ΔΡΟΝΙΧΙ Andronicus III on l., *orans*, wearing *divitision* and *loros*, kneeling before Christ who stands on r. with decorated nimbus, wearing tunic and *colobion* and holding his hand above John in blessing; in r. field, ΙΧ – ΧC. Rev. ΑΝΝΑ – ΕΝΧΩ Figures of Anna standing on l. wearing *divitision* and *loros* and holding sceptre, and John standing on r., in similar attire, holding *anexikakia* and cruciform sceptre; in l. field, Γ and in upper centre field, Ι / ΙΙ. LRC p. 116, 1 var (Andronicus III). PCPC 190. DO 943. Sear 2466 (Andronicus III).

Well struck for this issue, although only very fine 400



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- 927 Hyperpyron, 1341-1347, AV 4.20 g. ΑΝΔΡΟΙΚ Andronicus III on l., *orans*, wearing *divitision* and *loros* and kneeling before Christ who stands on r. with decorated nimbus wearing tunic and *colobion*, holding his hand above John in blessing; in r. field, ΙΧ – ΧC. Rev. [ΑΝΝΑ – ΕΝΧΩ] Figures of Anna standing on l. wearing *divitision* and *loros* and holding sceptre, and John standing on r., in similar attire, holding *anexikakia* and cruciform sceptre; in l. field, Κ. LRC p. 116, 1 var (Andronicus III). PCPC 190, sigla 4. DO – cf. 943. Sear 2466 (Andronicus III).
Some areas of weakness, otherwise about very fine 300

- 928 *John V with Anna of Savoy* (?) Politikon tornese, 1341-1347 billon 0.81 g. Illegible legend Facing figures of John V standing on l. wearing *divitision* and *loros* and Anna (?), standing on r. in similar attire; both hold outermost arm to chest and hold long cross between them. Rev. +ΠΟΛΙΤΙΚΟΝ within double border surrounding the Virgin. LPC -, cf. p. 184, 6 (silver basilikon). PCPC -, cf. 361 (silver basilikon). DO -. Sear -, cf. 2577 (silver basilikon and Virgin in place of cross).
Rare. Fine 200

In PCPC, Bendall attributed the silver basilikon to John V and possibly Manuel II. For the reattribution to John V and Anna of Savoy, see DO V, part II, pp. 555.



929

- 929 **John V with Anna of Savoy in Thessalonica, 1351-1354.** Copper assarion, Thessalonica 1351-1354, Æ 1.65 g. St. Demetrius, nimbate and in military attire, standing facing holding spear and shield; on each side, a star and foliage. Rev. John V and Anna of Savoy standing facing; the former holding a *labarum*-tipped sceptre, the latter a trefoil-tipped (?) sceptre; between them, from above to below, cloud and two stars. LPC p. 246, 2. PCPC 284A. DO 1192. Sear 2516. Scarce. Brown patina and very fine 500



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- 930 **John V with John VI Cantacuzene, joint reign, 1347-1353.** Hyperpyron 1347-1353, AV 4.13 g. The Virgin *orans* within city walls furnished with four groups of towers in lower field $\cdot / B - A$. Rev. $\text{I}\omega\text{ENX}\omega$ downwards - $\text{I}\omega\text{ENX}\omega$ John VI on l., and John V on r. both wearing *divitision* and *loros*, holding outer arm to chest and kneeling at either side of Christ who stands facing, placing hands on their heads; in upper field, IC - XC. PCPC 285 sigla 1. DO 1193, sigla 1. Sear 2526.

Very rare and in very fine condition for the issue. Minor area of weakness on reverse, otherwise good very fine.

1'500

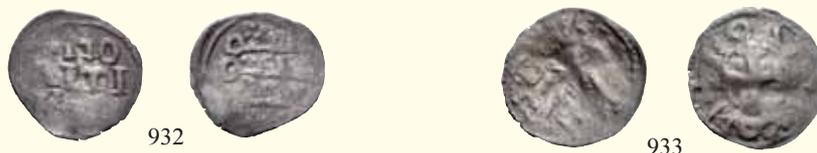


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- 931 **John V with John VI Cantacuzene, joint reign 1347-1353.** Basilikon 1347-1353, AR 1.12 g. MP / ΘV - $[\text{IC}] / \text{XC}$ The Virgin, nimbate, seated on throne and holding nimbate Infant Christ on her l. arm. Rev. $\text{I}\omega\text{IN}...$ - $\text{I} - \text{IN}...$ John V, on l., and John VI, on r., standing facing and holding long cross between them; both wear *divitision* and *loros*. LPC p. 142, 5. PCPC 290. DO 1195. Sear 2530.

Extremely rare. Toned and good very fine

2'500



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- 932 **Anonymous politikon tornese, 1354-1376, billon 0.64 g.** $+\text{ΠO} / \text{ΛITI} / \text{K}[\text{ON}]$ Rev. Three keys set horizontally divided with lines of three pellets; above and below, triangle of three pellets. LPC p. 186, 10. PCPC 365. DO 1218. Sear 2581. Rare. Areas of weakness, otherwise about very fine 250

- 933 **John V and Manuel II (?) 1373-1391, Billon tornese 0.56 g.** Facing figures of John V standing on l. wearing *divitision* and *loros* and Manuel II (?), standing on r. in similar attire; both hold outermost arm to chest and hold long cross between them; in r. field, obscure legend. Rev. $+\text{ΠOΛITIKON}$ within double border surrounding cross pattée. LPC -, cf. p. 184, 6 var (silver basilikon, reverse legend surrounds the Virgin). PCPC -, cf. 361 (silver basilikon, reverse legend surrounds the Virgin). DO -. Sear 2577 var (silver basilikon). Possibly unpublished. Poorly struck and about fine 200

Andronicus IV (?) 12 August 1376 – 1 July 1379



934

- 934 Billon ½ basilikon (?) 1376-1379, billon 0.32 g. Half length figure of the Virgin *orans*; in centre field, Β – Θ and in upper field, [MP] – ΘV. Rev. Andronicus (?) standing facing holding *cruciform sceptre* and *globus cruciger*. LPC –. PCPC –. DO –. Sear –. Apparently unpublished. About fine 400

Manuel II, Palaeologus 16 February 1391 – 21 July 1425 and associate rulers from 1399



935

- 935 Stavraton 1403-1425, AR 7.09 g. Facing bust of Christ with decorated nimbus, raising r. hand in benediction and holding Book of Gospels in l.; in upper field, IC – X[C] and below, privy mark. Rev. Bust of Manuel, nimbate to l. and r. of whom, pellet; around, two lines of broken legend. LPC p. 160, 1. PCPC 332, sigla 11. DO 1411 sigla 11. Sear 2549. Rare. Lightly toned and good very fine 300
- 936* Lot of 3 coins. Follaro, Æ 0.61 g DO 1605-9; Follaro, Æ 0.52 g. DO 1610; *John VII Palologus regent* Follaro, Æ 0.65 g. DO 1391 (John VII). Fine 100

John VII, Palaeologus regent for Manuel II 1399 – 1403



937

- 937 Half stavraton 1394/5-1399, AR 3.76 g. Facing bust of Christ within decorated border; in field IC – XC. Rev. [...]IC BACIAEV [...] Facing bust of John VII, nimbate; to l. and r., pellet. LPC –. PCPC 346.1 sigla 1. DO 1344. Sear 2562. Rare. Very fine 300

John VIII, Palaeologus 1425 – 1448



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- 938 Stavraton 1425-1448, AR 6.74 g. Facing bust of Christ with crossed nimbus within decorated border; in field [IC] – X[C]. Rev. Bust of John, nimbate and wearing *maniakon*, surrounded by two lines of broken legend. LPC p. 172, 1. PCPC 348 sigla 18. DO 1667. Sear 2563. Areas of weakness, otherwise good very fine 200
- 939 Copper religious token, 10th century AD (?), Æ 4.84g. +KER BOHΘ – TOV CONT Youthful nimbate figure of St. Pantelimon facing; in field, ΘΠΑΝ – ΤΕΛΕΙ'. Rev. Uncertain legend around ΘCΠV – PHΔ'. Bearded mature bust of St. Spyridon facing. Very fine. 100
- 940 Token, AR 1.36 g. Chi-Rho. Rev. Blank. Probably a token attached to a cross. Good very fine 250

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