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Starting at 10.30am



1

Constantine I, the Great (307-337), solidus, Constantinople, 328-29, CONSTANTI-NVS MAX AVG, diademed, draped and cuirassed bust right, *rev.*, CONSTA-N-TINVS AVG, Victory advancing left bearing wreath and palm; *in ex.*, CONS*, 4.78g (RIC -; Depeyrot -), *some marks, very fine and an unpublished variety, extremely rare* £4,000-6,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; European Ambassador Collection, Morton & Eden 115 (2022), 191. The mint at Constantinople opened in late 326 having been transferred from Ticinum (modern Pavia) in that year and solidi with the mintmark CONS followed by a star, as here, are dated to shortly thereafter, 328-9. Only two other solidi from Constantinople are evidently recorded in RIC from this period (Paris and Copenhagen) which bear a different reverse type (Constantiniana Dafne – RIC 36 and Depeyrot 2/1). The present coin can be seen as a precursor to the solidi of 330 (as RIC 46 and Depeyrot 3/1), where the star is no longer present and which were struck in the year that Constantinople was dedicated as the new capital of the Roman Empire.



2

Constantine II, as Caesar (317-337), solidus, Constantinople, 336, CONSTANTINVS IVN NOB CAES, laureate and cuirassed bust right, *rev.*, PRINCIPI IVVE-NTVTIS, Constantine in military attire standing left holding a vexillum and sceptre; behind him, two standards; *in ex.*, CONS, 4.60g (RIC VII, 109; Depeyrot 7/5), *some edge filing and very faint reverse marks, otherwise extremely fine, very rare* £3,000-4,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma XXVII (2023), 756.



3

Constantius II (337-361), solidus, Constantinople, 337-40, D N CONSTA-NTIVS AVG, rosette-diademed bust right, draped and cuirassed, *rev.*, VICTORIA CONSTANTI AVG, Victory seated right on a cuirass, inscribing VOT XV on a shield supported by a winged genius; *in ex.*, CONS, 4.38g (RIC VIII, 9; Depeyrot 1/8), *slight double striking on reverse legends, otherwise brilliant and virtually as struck (single small obverse scratch), extremely rare* £2,500-3,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos 18 (2019), 339.

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4

Julian II (360-363), the Apostate, solidus, Constantinople, 361-63, FL CL IVLIA-NVS P F AVG, diademed, draped and cuirassed bust right, *rev.*, VIRTVS EXERCITVS ROMANORVM, soldier standing right, holding trophy and dragging captive by hair; *in ex.*, CONSP, 4.48g (RIC VIII, 158; Depeyrot 7/1; Lygo p. 16, b, *this coin*), *brilliant, well centred and virtually as struck, very rare* £8,000-12,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 5 (2019), 542. Julian II, born in Constantinople, was a nephew of Constantine the Great and cousin of Constantius II. Although brought up as a Christian he much preferred the old pagan religion, hence his epithet “the Apostate” making him the last of the pagan emperors. This coin shows off his military aspirations and his decision to put paid to the constant incursions by the Sasanians under Shapur II in the east – a campaign that ultimately saw his death after the Battle of Ctesiphon in June 363. He saw himself as a philosopher emperor and deliberately wore a beard signalling his return to paganism and a rejection of the clean-shaven look of his Christian predecessors.



5

Valentinian I (364-375), solidus, Constantinople, 368, D N VALENTINI-ANVS P F AVG, rosette-diademed bust right, draped and cuirassed, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGVSTORVM, Victory seated right inscribing VOT V MVL X on shield; across field O – B; *in ex.*, CONS*, 4.45g (RIC IX 26 (a); Depeyrot 27/1), *edge mark but otherwise extremely fine and rare* £2,000-2,500

Ex Porphyra Collection; European Ambassador Collection, Morton & Eden 115, 194.



6

Valens (364-378), solidus, Constantinople, 367, D N VALENS – P F AVG, pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust right, *rev.*, RESISTITVTOR REIPUBLICAE, Valens standing facing, head to right, holding labarum and Victory; *in ex.*, CONS and wreath, 4.42g (RIC IX 3d.2; Depeyrot 20/2), *perfectly centred, some very light marks, brilliant and good extremely fine* £1,000-1,500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 5 (2019), 545.



7

Procopius (usurper, 365-366), solidus, Constantinople, late 365, D N PROCO-PIVS P F AVG, pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust right, *rev.*, REPARATI-O FEL TEMP, Procopius standing facing, head to right, holding spear and shield; *in ex.*, CONS, 4.51g (RIC IX 2a; Depeyrot 14/4), *slight flan lamination at 4 o'clock on obverse, a few very faint marks, almost extremely fine and extremely rare* £20,000-30,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG Triton XXV (2022), 1016; Roma XVIII (2019), 1249. Procopius had been a trusted general under Julian II and was involved in the campaign against Shapur II in Persia. On Julian's death he accompanied the body for burial in Tarsus. He claimed that Julian had made him his heir if anything went wrong in the Persian campaign, but on the latter's death Jovian was chosen by the army as the new emperor and Procopius did not dispute this. But on the arrival of Valens as emperor in 364 and with backing from the garrison in Constantinople Procopius, wrapped in Julian's purple cloak, was proclaimed emperor. He was however defeated at the Battle of Nacolia by Valens and put to death on 27th May 366. His coins show him with a close-cropped beard, no doubt in sympathy with Julian II and his pagan beliefs and the reverse legend of Reparatio Fel Temp (literally "happy time are here again") takes inspiration from the bronze coins of earlier Constantinian emperors.



8

Gratian (367-383), solidus, Constantinople, 367, D N GRATIA-NVS P F AVG, pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust right, *rev.*, PRINCIPIVM IVVENTVTIS, Gratian, nimbate, standing right, holding spear and globe; *in ex.*, CONS flanked by star and wreath, 4.40g (RIC IX 24; Depeyrot 21/3), *light marks but perfectly centred and extremely fine* £2,000-3,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma 103 (2022), 1361.



9

Valentinian II (375-392), solidus, Constantinople, 388-92, 6th officina, D N VALENTINI-ANVS P F AVG, pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust right, *rev.*, CONCORDI-A AVGGG S, Constantinopolis seated facing, head to right, holding sceptre and globe, right foot on prow; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.43g (RIC IX 69a; Depeyrot 48/5), *perfectly centred and virtually as struck* £2,000-3,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma XXV (2022), 1094; Bolaffi 33 (2018), 561.

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10

Theodosius I, the Great (379-395), solidus, Constantinople, 380, D N THEODO-SIVS P F AVG, pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust right, *rev.*, CONCOR-DIA AVGGG, Constantinopolis, turreted, seated facing, head to right, on throne with lion's heads on the arms, holding sceptre and globe, right foot on prow; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.44g (RIC IX 43b; Depeyrot 29/2), *flan faults, otherwise extremely fine* £1,000-1,200

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 24 (2022), 3371.



11

Theodosius I, the Great (379-395), solidus, Constantinople, 380-81, D N THEODO-SIVS P F AVG, rosette-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust right, *rev.*, CONCOR-DIA AVGGG, Constantinopolis seated facing, head to right, on throne with lion's heads on the arms, holding sceptre and globe, right foot on prow; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.47g (RIC IX 44c; Depeyrot 32/3), *extremely fine* £1,200-1,500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Gorny & Mosch 261 (2019), 911.



12

Arcadius (383-408), solidus, Constantinople, 388-92, 7th officina, D N ARCADI-VS P F AVG, rosette-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust right, *rev.*, CONCORDI-A AVGGG Z, Constantinopolis seated facing, head to right and helmeted, holding sceptre and shield inscribed VOT V [as X] MVL X, right foot on prow; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.46g (RIC IX 70c; Depeyrot 47/3), *extremely fine* £1,200-1,500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Gorny & Mosch 261 (2019), 923. Due to an engraver's error the V of VOT V appears as an X on the shield on the reverse.



13

Arcadius (383-408), tremissis, Constantinople, 388-93, D N ARCADI-VS P F AVG, pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust right, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGVSTORVM, Victory advancing right, head to left, holding wreath and globus cruciger; *in ex.*, CONOB, 1.47g (RIC X 19; Depeyrot 50/3), *slightly uneven flan, about extremely fine* £300-400

Ex Porphyra Collection; European Ambassador Collection, Morton & Eden 115, 212.



14

Aelia Eudoxia (died 404), wife of Arcadius, solidus, Constantinople, 395-402, 5th officina, AEL EVDO-XIA AVG, pearl-diademed and draped bust right with *manus Dei* above, *rev.*, SALVS REI-PVBLICAE E, Victory seated right on cuirass, inscribing a single-lined Christogram on a shield; before her, a short column; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.39g (RIC X 10 var. B; Depeyrot 55/4), *good very fine to about extremely fine and very rare* £3,000-4,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; NAC 132, 676 and NAC 56, 483 (misdescribed). The daughter of Flavius Bauto the Frank, a military commander and consul in the Western Empire, Aelia Eudoxia was married to Arcadius in 395 and exerted much influence over him becoming, until her death in 404, the virtual ruler of the Eastern Empire.



15

Honorius (393-423), solidus, Constantinople, 408-20, 1st officina, D N HONORI-VS P F AVG, diademed and helmeted bust facing, holding spear across shoulder and shield with horseman motif, *rev.*, CONCORDI-A AVGG A, Constantinopolis seated facing, head to right, holding sceptre and Victory on globe, foot on prow; star in left field; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.50g (RIC X 201; Depeyrot 73/1), *in mint state, an exceptional example, much brilliance in the obverse field and in high relief* £2,000-3,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma XXV (2022), 1098; Leu 8 (2021), 397; and Dr. Hans Krähenbühl (1924-2010) Collection, privately purchased from Bank Leu, 2 July 1968.



16

Aelia Galla Placidia (c. 388-450), solidus, Constantinople, 423-25, AEL PLACI-DIA AVG, pearl-diademed and draped bust right with *manus Dei* above and small cross on shoulder, *rev.*, VOT XX MVLT XXX, Victory standing left holding long cross; star before; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.49g (RIC X, 230; Depeyrot 75/4), *some weakness on the head of Victory, otherwise good extremely fine with much brilliance, very rare* £5,000-7,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 20 (2022), 2837. Aelia Galla Placidia was the daughter of Theodosius I and half-sister of Arcadius and Honorius. After the Sack of Rome in 410 she was taken prisoner by Alaric and married briefly his successor Ataulf. On Ataulf's death she was returned to the Romans for a ransom of 600,000 measures of corn, married the future western emperor Constantius III and their son was Valentinian III. She acted as regent for the first twelve years of his reign. Later, up until her death in 450, she devoted her time to building churches and other religious buildings in Ravenna. The present coin was struck in Constantinople where Galla Placidia, along with her children, had sought refuge after quarrelling with Honorius.



17

Theodosius II (402-450), solidus, Constantinople, 408-20, 5th officina, D N THEODO-SIVS P F AVG, diademed and helmeted bust facing, holding spear across shoulder and shield with horseman motif, *rev.*, CONCORDI-A AVGG E, Constantinopolis seated facing, head to right, holding sceptre and Victory on globe, foot on prow; star in left field; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.48g (RIC X 202; Depeyrot 73/2), *about extremely fine* £600-800

Ex Porphyra Collection.



18

Theodosius II (402-450), solidus, Constantinople, 422-23, 5th officina, D N THEODO-SIVS P F AVG, diademed and helmeted bust facing, holding spear across shoulder and shield with horseman motif, *rev.*, VOT XX MVLT XXX E, Victory standing left holding long cross; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.45g (RIC X 219; Depeyrot 74/2), *well centred and extremely fine* £1,000-1,200

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 20 (2022), 2831.



19

Theodosius II (402-450), solidus, Constantinople, 443-50, D N THEODO-SIVS P F AVG, diademed and helmeted bust facing, holding spear across shoulder and shield with horseman motif, *rev.*, IMP XXXXII COS XVII P P, Constantinopolis seated left, holding sceptre and globus cruciger; to left, star; *in ex.*, COMOB, 4.45g (RIC X 285; Depeyrot 84/1), *faint obverse field mark, good extremely fine* £1,000-1,200

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma XXVI (2023), 783.



20

Theodosius II (402-450), consular solidus, Constantinople, 444, D N THEODO-SIVS P F AVG, diademed and bearded bust left, in consular robes holding mappa and cruciform sceptre, *rev.*, IMP XXXXIII COS XVIII, Theodosius II, nimbate and in consular robes, seated on low throne, holding mappa and cruciform sceptre; *in ex.*, COMOB, 4.36g (RIC X 330; Depeyrot 69/1), *extremely fine and extremely rare* £20,000-25,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos 25 (2022), 354. This coin was struck to mark Theodosius II's ninth quinquennalia in 444 during his 44th imperial acclamation and his 18th consulship and shows the emperor in full consular regalia holding the mappa and cross on both the obverse and the reverse.



21

Theodosius II (402-450), tremissis, Constantinople, D N THEODO-SIVS P F AVG, pearl-diademed and draped bust right, *rev.*, VICTOR-IA AVGVSTORVM, Victory with wreath and globus cruciger; star in right field; *in ex.*, CONOB, 1.49g (RIC X 276; Depeyrot 70/1), *almost extremely fine* £300-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG 521 (2022), 429.



22

Aelia Eudocia (died 460), wife of Theodosius II, tremissis, Constantinople, after 423, AEL EVDO-CIA AVG, pearl-diademed and draped bust right, *rev.*, cross within wreath; *in ex.*, CONOB*, 1.49g (RIC X 253; Depeyrot 72/2), *extremely fine and rare* £1,500-2,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG 121 (2022), 1039.



23

Aelia Pulcheria (399-453), solidus, Constantinople, 414, AEL PVLCH-ERIA AVG, diademed and draped bust right; *manus Dei* above, *rev.*, SALVS REI-PVBLICAE E, Victory seated right on cuirass supporting shield inscribed with Christogram; shield behind cuirass and star in left field; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.45g (RIC X 205; Depeyrot 60/1), *extremely fine and rare* £5,000-7,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; NAC 132 (2022), 685 and New York Sale XL (2017), 1256. Aelia Pulcheria was the daughter of Arcadius and Aelia Eudocia and sister of Theodosius II for whom she acted as regent and then adviser throughout his long reign. On his death in 450 she selected his successor, the senator Marcian (450-457), at the same time marrying him. When she died in 453, she left her estate to the poor.



24

Aelia Pulcheria (399-453), solidus, Constantinople, 422-23, 8th officina, AEL PVLCH-ERIA AVG, diademed and draped bust right; *manus Dei* above, *rev.*, VOT XX MVLT XXX H, Victory standing left holding long cross; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.47g (RIC X 220; Depeyrot 74/3), *very faint marks but good extremely fine, much brilliance, rare* £5,000-7,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 20 (2022), 2835. Aelia Pulcheria was the daughter of Arcadius and Aelia Eudocia and sister of Theodosius II for whom she acted as regent and then adviser throughout his long reign. On his death in 450 she selected his successor, the senator Marcian (450-457), at the same time marrying him. When she died in 453, she left her estate to the poor.



25

Aelia Pulcheria (399-453), tremissis, Constantinople, after 420, AEL PVLCH-ERIA AVG, diademed and draped bust right, *rev.*, cross in wreath; *in ex.*, CONOB*, 1.49g (RIC X 521; Depeyrot 72/4), *one edge scuff, extremely fine and rare* £1,500-2,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 12 (2022), 1636; Dipl.-Ing. Adrian Lang Collection; Leu 4 (2019), 780; Gorny & Mosch 185 (2010), 306. Aelia Pulcheria was the daughter of Arcadius and Aelia Eudocia and sister of Theodosius II for whom she acted as regent and then adviser throughout his long reign. On his death in 450 she selected his successor, the senator Marcian (450-457), at the same time marrying him. When she died in 453, she left her estate to the poor.



26

Valentinian III (425-455), semissis, Constantinople, 425-30, D N VALENTIN-IANVS P F AVG, diademed, draped and cuirassed bust right, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGG, Victory seated right inscribing XX – XXX on shield; to left, star; to right, Christogram; *in ex.*, CONOB, 2.20g (NAC 92/1 (2016), 853; cf. RIC X 247 var. and Depeyrot 73/5 var. with uninterrupted obverse legend), *very fine and very rare, possibly only the second known example of this variety with split obverse legend* £1,200-1,500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 24 (2022), 3389.



27

Licinia Eudoxia (c. 422-493), solidus, Constantinople, 450-57, AEL EVDO-XIA AVG, diademed and draped bust right; *manus Dei* above, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGGG, Victory standing left with long jewelled cross; star in right field; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.47g (RIC X 513; Depeyrot 87/40; Hahn 8), *scratches in obverse field, otherwise good very fine and extremely rare (the only example on Coin Archives)* £4,000-5,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG 121 (2022), 1047; Triton XXI (2018), 871; Elsen 132 (2017) 262; Vinchon, 9 December 1997, 67. Licinia Eudoxia was the daughter of Theodosius II and Aelia Eudocia and was the wife of the Western emperor Valentinian III. Her eastern coinage, as here, confusingly names her as Aelia Eudoxia, not to be confused with the earlier empress of that name, the wife of Arcadius and her grandmother. After the assassination of Licinia Eudoxia's husband, she was forced to marry his murderer and successor Petronius Maximus. In the same year the Vandals sacked Rome, Petronius was killed and she was abducted to Carthage. In 462 Gaiseric released her and she was able to make her way to Constantinople where she remained for the rest of her life and died in *circa* 493.



28

Licinia Eudoxia (c. 422-493), tremissis, Constantinople, after 439, AEL EVDO-XIA AVG, diademed and draped bust right, *rev.*, cross in wreath; *in ex.*, CONOB*, 1.48g (RIC X 346 and 522; Depeyrot 72/3; Hahn 51), *some marks, about extremely fine and rare* £1,000-1,500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 123 (2022), 854. Licinia Eudoxia was the daughter of Theodosius II and Aelia Eudocia and was the wife of the Western emperor Valentinian III. Her eastern coinage, as here, confusingly names her as Aelia Eudoxia, not to be confused with the earlier empress of that name, the wife of Arcadius. After the assassination of her husband, she was forced to marry his murderer and successor Petronius Maximus. In the same year the Vandals sacked Rome, Petronius was killed and she was abducted to Carthage. In 462 Gaiseric released her and she was able to make her way to Constantinople where she remained for the rest of her life and died in *circa* 493.



29

Marcian (450-457), solidus, Constantinople, D N MARCIA NVS P F AVG, helmeted bust facing with spear and shield, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGGG, Victory standing left with long jewelled cross; star in right field; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.48g (RIC X 509; Depeyrot 87/1), *good extremely fine* £800-1,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Gorny & Mosch 261 (2019), 959.



30

Leo I (457-474), solidus, Constantinople, 1st officina, D N LEO PE-RPET AVG, helmeted bust facing with spear and shield, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGGG A, Victory standing left with long jewelled cross; star in right field; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.49g (RIC X 605; Depeyrot 93/1), *graffiti on reverse, otherwise good extremely fine* £800-1,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Gorny & Mosch 261 (2019), 965.



31

Leo I (457-474), solidus, Thessalonica, 462-73, D N LEO PE-RPET AVG, helmeted bust facing with spear and shield, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGGG, Victory standing left with long cross, flanked by stars; *in ex.*, THSOB, 4.34g (RIC X 618; Depeyrot 59/1; Metcalf 162-182), *slight graffiti, very fine* £500-700

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma XXVII (2023), 796.



32

Aelia Verina (457-474), solidus, Constantinople, 7th officina, AEL YERI-NA AVG, diademed and draped bust right; *manus Dei* above, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGGG Z, Victory standing left holding long jewelled cross; star in right field; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.51g (RIC X 631; Depeyrot 93/2; Hahn 4b), *some light graffiti, otherwise extremely fine and extremely rare* £20,000-30,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos 25 (2022), 355. Aelia Verina was the wife of Leo I and mother-in-law of Zeno. She played a strong and complicated part in the politics of the day and was involved in two serious revolts against Zeno, the first with her brother Basiliscus (475-476) and the second with Leontius and Flavius Illus which moved to the Isaurian fortress of Cherris. She died there in the autumn of 484 while the revolt held out for a further four years.



33

Leo II (473-474), solidus, Constantinople, 474, 10th officina, D N LEO ET Z-ENO PP AVG, helmeted bust facing with spear and shield, *rev.*, SALVS REI-PVBLICAE I, Leo II and Zeno enthroned, facing, each holding a mappa; above and between them, a star and cross; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.47g (RIC X 803; Depeyrot 98/1; Hahn 1c; Lygo p. 60, *this coin*), *good extremely fine, rare* £3,000-4,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Gorny & Mosch 261 (2019), 974.



34

Basiliscus (475-476), solidus, Constantinople, D N BASILIS-CUS PP AVG, helmeted bust facing with spear and shield, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGGG, Victory standing left holding long jewelled cross; star in right field; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.46g (RIC X 1003; Depeyrot 101/1; Hahn 1a), *extremely fine* £2,000-3,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Gorny & Mosch 261 (2019), 977.



35

Basiliscus (475-476), tremissis, Constantinople, D N bASILIS-CUS PP AVG, diademed, draped and cuirassed bust right, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGVSTORVM, Victory advancing right, head to left, with wreath and globus cruciger; *in ex.*, CONOB, 1.47g (RIC X 1008; Depeyrot 101/2; Hahn 5), *about extremely fine* £700-900

Ex Porphyra Collection; European Ambassador Collection, Morton & Eden 115 (2022), 245.



36

Basiliscus and Marcus (475-476), solidus, Constantinople, D N bASILISCI ET MARC P AVG, helmeted bust facing, holding spear and shield, *rev.*, SALVS REI- PVBLICAE, Basiliscus and Marcus seated facing on double throne, each nimbate, holding mappa in right hand and globus in left; in field between, star above cross; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.49g (RIC X 1022; MIBR 7a; Depeyrot 104/1; Hahn 7a; Lygo p. 61, *this coin*), *good very fine, some very faint reverse marks, rare* £1,500-2,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG Triton XXII (2019), 1189.



37

Zeno (474-491), solidus, Constantinople, 5th officina, D N ZENO PERP AVG, helmeted bust facing, holding spear and shield, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGGG E, Victory standing left holding long cross; in right field, star; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.48g (RIC X 911; Depeyrot 108/1; Hahn 7), *edge marks, otherwise extremely fine* £700-900

Ex Porphyra Collection; European Ambassador Collection, Morton & Eden 115 (2022), 247.



38

Anastasius I (491-518), solidus, Constantinople, 492-507, 2nd officina, D N ANASTA-SIVS PP AVG, helmeted bust facing, holding spear and shield, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGGG B (engraved on the die over A), Victory standing left holding long cross; in right field, star; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.49g (Sear 3; DO 3; MIB 4; BCC 8), *in mint state (previously graded by NGC as Choice MS 5/5 - 5/5)* £1,000-1,500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Heritage Signature Sale 3076 (2019), 30349.

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39

Anastasius I (491-518), solidus, Constantinople, 507-518, 10th officina, D N ANASTA-SIVS PP AVG, helmeted bust facing, holding spear and shield, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGGG I, Victory standing left holding long staff surmounted by Christogram reversed; in left field, star; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.49g (Sear 4; DO 6; MIB 6; BCC 12g, *same dies*), *mat surfaces, extremely fine* £800-1,200

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos Obolos 17 (2020), 791 (where then the officina letter was unpublished).



40

Anastasius I (491-518), solidus, Constantinople, 507-518, 8th officina, D N ANASTA-SIVS PP AVG, helmeted bust facing, holding spear and shield, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGGG H, Victory standing left holding long staff surmounted by Christogram reversed; in left field, star; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.44g (Sear 5; DO 7; MIB 7; BCC 14h), *obverse die flaw over crest of helmet, extremely fine* £800-1,200

Ex Porphyra Collection; Baldwin's, 2017.



41

Anastasius I (491-518), semissis, Constantinople, 492-507, D N ANASTA-SIVS PP AVG, diademed bust right, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGGG, Victory seated right inscribing shield, flanked by star and staurogram reversed; *in ex.*, CONOB, 2.21g (Sear 6; DO 8; MIB 9; BCC 16), *good very fine* £300-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma XXI (2021), 867; Aureo & Calico 300 (2017), 250; and Imagines Imperatorum Collection, Aureo & Calico 241 (2012) 409.



42

Anastasius I (491-518), semissis, Constantinople, 507-518, D N ANASTA-SIVS PP AVG, diademed bust right, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGGG, Victory seated right inscribing shield, flanked by star and staurogram; *in ex.*, CONOB, 2.09g (Sear 7; DO 9; MIB 10; BCC 18), *some marks and crinkled, very fine* £200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos Obolos 17 (2020), 793.



43

Anastasius I (491-518), tremissis, Constantinople, 492-518, D N ANASTA-SIVS PP AVG, diademed bust right, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGVSTORVM, Victory advancing right, head to left, with wreath and globus cruciger; star in right field; *in ex.*, CONOB, 1.49g (Sear 8; DO 10; MIB 12; BCC 20), *extremely fine, sharp and well centred, rare in this state* £600-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; Gorny & Mosch 273 (2020), 628.



44

Anastasius I (491-518), solidus, Thessalonica, 492-507, D N ANASTA-SIVS PP AVG, helmeted bust facing, holding spear and shield, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGGG, Victory standing left, holding long jeweled cross; in field to left and to right, star; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.37g (Sear 30; DO 27; MIB 15; BCE 2), *much brilliance, good extremely fine and rare* £2,500-3,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 24 (2022), 635.



45

Anastasius I (491-518), follis, Constantinople, 512-17, 4th officina, D N ANASTA-SIVS PP AVG, diademed bust right, *rev.*, large M flanked by stars; above, cross; below, Δ; *in ex.*, CON, 36mm, 19.21g (Sear 19; DO 23; MIB 27; BCC 37d), *brown patina and well struck, about extremely fine* £400-600

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma Byzantine Collection (2023), 3.



46

Justin I (518-527), solidus, Constantinople, 522-27, 1st officina, D N IVSTI-NVS PP AVG, helmeted bust facing, holding spear and shield, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGGG A, angel standing facing, holding long cross and globus cruciger; to right, star; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.47g (Sear 56; DO 2; MIB 3; BCC 67a), *extremely fine* £600-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 98 (2021), 992.



47

Justin I (518-527), semissis, Constantinople, D N IVSTI-NVS PP AVG, diademed bust right, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGGG, Victory seated right inscribing shield; to left, star; to right, staurogram; *in ex.*, CONOB, 1.83g (Sear 57; DO 3; MIB 4; BCC 68), *very fine*
£200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos Obolos 19 (2021), 1026.



48

Justin I (518-527), tremissis, Constantinople, D N IVSTI-NVS PP AVG, diademed bust right, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGVSTORVM, Victory advancing right, head to left, with wreath and globus cruciger; star in right field; *in ex.*, CONOB, 1.50g (Sear 58; DO 4; MIB 5; BCC 69a), *uneven flan, about extremely fine*
£200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma 76 (2020), 1357.



49

Justin I (518-527), pentanummium, Cherson, D N IVST-NVS P I, diademed bust right, *rev.*, VIC-TOR, emperor standing left, holding long cross and shield, 3.06g (Sear 112B; DO -; MIB 77; BCE 79), *dark patina, good very fine and rare*
£200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma Byzantine Collection (2023), 6.



50

Justin I and Justinian I (4th April – 1 August 527), solidus, Constantinople, 8th officina, D N IVSTIN ET IVSTINIAN PP AVG, Justin and Justinian seated on throne with straight back and no crossbar; each with hands clasped on breast, with left and right knees extended forwards respectively; *in ex.*, CONOB, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGGG H, angel standing facing, holding long cross and globus cruciger; to right, star; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.16g (Sear 115; DO 1a; MIB 2a; cf. Metcalf group IIa, 31-35; BCC 105e), *slightly clipped, good very fine, very rare (aside from the BCC reference, the officina letter is unlisted elsewhere)*
£3,000-3,500

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG 117 (2021), 640.



51

Justin I and Justinian I (4th April – 1 August 527), solidus, Constantinople, 8th officina, D N IVSTIN ET IVSTINIAN PP AVG, Justin and Justinian seated on throne with straight back and crossbar and with cross above heads; each with globus in left hand and with left knee extended forwards; *in ex.*, CONOB, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGGG H, angel standing facing, holding long cross and globus cruciger; to right, star; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.41g (Sear 118; DO 3; MIB 2c; cf. Metcalf group IIc, 45-48; BCC 105f), *obverse lettering partly weak, die flaw on reverse, otherwise about extremely fine and rare (the officina letter unlisted in Sear, DO and MIB)* £3,500-4,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG 117 (2021), 641.



52

Justin I and Justinian I (4th April – 1 August 527), solidus, Constantinople, 2nd officina, D N IVSTIN ET IVSTINIAN PP AVG, Justin and Justinian seated side by side, with cross between heads; each with globus in left hand and with left knee extended forwards; *in ex.*, CONOB, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGGG B, angel standing facing, holding long cross and globus cruciger; to right, star; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.48g (Sear 120 var. (officina letter); DO 5a; MIB 1d; Metcalf group 1d, 8 (O5/B2); BCC 103b, *this coin*), *good very fine and rare* £1,500-2,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Gasvoda Collection, CNG 537 (2023), 524; Leu 7 (2020), 1936; and Schwer Collection, Glendining, 4 June 1992, 194.



53

Justin I and Justinian I (4th April – 1 August 527), follis, Antioch, 1st officina, D N D N IVSTINVS ET IVSTINIA[NVS PP AVG], their busts facing, nimbate; cross above, *rev.*, large M; cross above; A below; *in ex.*, ANTIX, 12.88g (Sear 130; DO 14; MIB 10, BCE 86a), *dark patina, about very fine, rare* £200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Savoca 113 (2021), 515.



54

Justinian I (527-565), solidus, Constantinople, 527-37, 10th officina, D N IVSTINI-ANVS PP AVG, helmeted bust facing three-quarters right with spear and shield, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGGG I, angel standing facing, holding long cross and globus cruciger; to right, star; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.46g (Sear 137; DO 3i; MIB 5; BCC 115m), *extremely fine* £500-700

Ex Porphyra Collection; Baldwin's (2017).

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55

Justinian I (527-565), solidus, Constantinople, 537-42, 2nd officina, D N IVSTINI-ANVS PP AVG, helmeted bust facing, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGGG B, angel standing facing, holding long cross and globus cruciger; to right, star; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.47g (Sear 139; DO 8a; MIB 6; BCC 116b), *obverse marks, otherwise extremely fine* £400-600

Ex Porphyra Collection; Gorny & Mosch 269 (2020), 1263.



56

Justinian I (527-565), solidus, Constantinople, 537-42, 4th officina, D N IVSTINI-ANVS PP AVG, helmeted bust facing, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGGG Δ, angel standing facing, holding staff surmounted by staurogram and globus cruciger; to right, star; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.47g (Sear 140; DO 9d; MIB 7; BCC 117d), *extremely fine* £500-700

Ex Porphyra Collection; Künker 333 (2020), 1654 and from the Phoibos Collection.



57

Justinian I (527-565), light weight solidus of 20 siliquae, Constantinople, 545-65, 10th officina, D N IVSTINI-ANVS PP AVG, helmeted bust facing, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGGG I, angel standing facing, holding long cross and globus; to right, star; *in ex.*, OBXX, 3.76g (Sear 142; DO 10; MIB 15; BCC 127), *some die rust but extremely fine and struck on spread flan* £1,500-2,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG 484 (2021), 945 and from the RWH Collection.



58

Justinian I (527-565), semissis, Constantinople, 527-552, D N IVSTINI-ANVS PP AVG, diademed bust right, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGGG, Victory seated right, inscribing a shield with XXXX, flanked by star and staurogram, 2.15g (Sear 143; DO 17; MIB 17; BCC 129), *uneven flan, good very fine* £300-400

Ex Porphyra Collection; Savoca 93 (2021), 610.



59

Justinian I (527-565), tremissis, Constantinople, D N IVSTINI-ANVS PP AVG, diademed bust right, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGVSTORM (sic), Victory advancing right, head left, holding wreath and globus cruciger, 1.53g (Sear 145; DO 19; MIB 19; BCC 132), *slightly wavy flan, extremely fine*

£300-400

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma 77 (2020), 1463.



60

Justinian I (527-565), solidus, Thessalonica, 542-62, D N IVSTINI-ANVS PP AVG, helmeted bust facing, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGGG, angel standing facing, holding long cross and globus; to right, star; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.10g (Sear 138 and note; DO 7; MIB 22; BCE 93), *about extremely fine and rare*

£1,500-2,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma XXI (2021), 875 and from Sarماس Collection.



61

Justinian I (527-565), follis, Constantinople, 527-38, 3rd officina, D N IVSTINI-ANVS PP AVG diademed bust right, *rev.*, large M between star and cross; cross above; Γ below; *in ex.*, CON, 18.74g (Sear 158; DO 28c; MIB 84; BCC 146c), *good very fine*

£80-120

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 17 (2021), 3051.



62

Justinian I (527-565), follis, Constantinople, year 12, 538-39, 1st officina, D N IVSTINI-ANVS PP AVG helmeted bust facing, holding globus cruciger; on right, cross, *rev.*, large M between ANNO XII; A below; *in ex.*, CON, 22.92g (Sear 163; DO 37a; MIB 95; BCC 156a), *some verdigris, good very fine*

£150-200

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 17 (2021), 3052.



63

Justinian I (527-565), lot of three bronzes comprising half follis, 11.56g, decanummius, 3.39g, and pentanummius, 2.88g, Constantinople (Sear 165, 167, 171), *fine to very fine* (3) £100-150

Ex Porphyra Collection; Rauch 37 (2021), 530; Savoca 110 (2021), 2090; Savoca 109 (2021), 1379.



64

Justinian I (527-565), lot of two bronzes comprising half follis, 5.97g, and 16 nummi, 7.00g, Thessalonica (Sear 174 and 177), *fine to very fine* (2) £100-120

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 107 (2021), 629; Savoca (2021), 1526.



65

Justinian I (527-565), lot of three bronzes comprising 16 nummi, 8.35g, 8 nummi, 4.09g (with retrograde letters on reverse), and 4 nummi, 1.51g, Thessalonica (Sear 178, 191 and 194), *fine to very fine* (3) £200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 111 (2021) 1038; Savoca (2021), 1382; Leu 17 (2021) 3054.



66

Justinian I (527-565), pentanummius, Cherson, D N IVSTIN-ANVS P AV, diademed bust right, *rev.*, monogram of Cherson, 1.80g (Sear 197; DO 108; MIB 253; BCE 346), *good very fine*, rare £100-120

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 110 (2021), 1226.



67

Justinian I (527-565), follis, Nicomedia, year 13, 539-40, 1st officina, D N IVSTINI-ANVS PP AVG helmeted bust facing, holding globus cruciger; cross in right field, *rev.*, large M between ANNO and XIII; cross above; A below; *in ex.*, NIK, 24.17g (Sear 201; DO 117a; MIB 114, BCE 134b), *dark patina*, *good very fine* £200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos 22 (2021), 384.

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68

Justinian I (527-565), half follis, Nicomedia, year 32, 558-59, D N IVSTINI-ANVS PP AVG helmeted bust facing, holding globus cruciger; cross in right field, *rev.*, large K between ANNO and XXXII; cross above; NI below, 7.66g (Sear 203; DO 154; MIB 116a, BCE 176), *dark green patina, extremely fine* £200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 17 (2021), 3056.



69

Justinian I (527-565), follis, Cyzicus, year 21, 547-48, 2nd officina, D N IVSTINI-ANVS PP AVG helmeted bust facing, holding globus cruciger; cross in right field, *rev.*, large M between ANNO and XXI; B below; *in ex.*, KYZ, 18.51g (Sear 207; DO 173b; MIB 120, BCE 208b), *about extremely fine* £150-200

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma 86 (2021), 1553.



70

Justinian I (527-565), half follis, Cyzicus, year 15, 541-42, D N IVSTINI-ANVS PP AVG helmeted bust facing, holding globus cruciger; cross in right field, *rev.*, large K between ANNO and XU; *in ex.*, VZ, 11.32g (Sear 208; DO 184; MIB 121, BCE 221), *dark patina, extremely fine* £150-200

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 104 (2021), 987.



71

Justinian I (527-565), bronzes (3) comprising half follis, 11.17g and decanummium, 3.79g, of Cyzicus (Sear 208 and 209) and decanummium, 4.65g, of Nicomedia (Sear 205), mainly very fine (3) £100-150

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 24 (2022), 3410; Savoca (2021), 2106; Roma 89 (2021), 1496.



72

Justinian I (527-565), follis, Antioch, year 13, 539-40, 3rd officina, D N IVSTINI-ANVS PP AVG helmeted bust facing, holding globus cruciger; cross in right field, *rev.*, large M between ANNO and XIII; Γ below; *in ex.*, ΘΥΠΙΟ, 21.66g (Sear 218; DO 215; MIB 143, BCE 254c), *green patina, good very fine* £100-150

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann (2021), 988.



73

Justinian I (527-565), follis, Antioch, year 20, 546-47, 3rd officina, D N IVSTINI-ANVS PP AVG helmeted bust facing, holding globus cruciger; cross in right field, *rev.*, large M between ANNO and XX; Γ below; *in ex.*, ΥΗΥΠ, 20.55g (Sear 220; DO 217c; MIB 145, BCE 256c), *dark patina, about extremely fine* £100-150

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 24 (2022), 669.



74

Justinian I (527-565), bronzes (3) comprising half follis, 9.77g, decanummium, 4.03g., and pentanummium, 2.55g, Antioch (Sear 231, 236 and 241), *fine to very fine* (3) £100-150

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 17 (2021), 3061; Savoca (2021), 2095; Leu 24 (2022), 3411.



75

Justinian I (527-565), bronzes (3) comprising pentanummia (3), different varieties, Antioch, 2.06g, 2.66g, and 2.12g (Sear 243, 244 and 245), *very fine to extremely fine* (3) £200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Solidus 82 (2021), 1450; Roma 92 (2021) 1145; Solidus 86 (2021), 1615.



76

Justinian I (527-565), solidus, Carthage, 546-47, indiction 10, D N IVSTINI-ANVS PP AVG helmeted bust facing, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGGG I, angel standing facing, holding long cross and globus cruciger; to right, star; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.46g (Sear 250; DO 277e; MIB 256; BCAS 7), *edge and some other marks, good very fine* £700-1,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos Obolos 15 (2020), 907.



77

Justinian I (527-565), siliqua, Carthage, D N IVSTINI-ANVS PP AG, diademed bust right, *rev.*, VOT MVLT HTI in wreath; (CONOS below), 1.14g (Sear 253; DO 280; MIB 51; BCAS 9), *flan crack, very fine* £150-200

Ex Porphyra Collection; Artemide 59E (2022), 670.



78

Justinian I (527-565), follis, Carthage, year 13, 547-48, D N IVSTINI-ANVS PP AVG helmeted bust facing, holding globus cruciger; cross in right field, *rev.*, large M between ANNO and XIII; cross above; S below; *in ex.*, CAR, 21.07g (Sear 261; DO 292; MIB 195; BCAS 21), *rough surfaces, very fine* £150-200

Ex Porphyra Collection; Artemide 60E (2021), 591.



79

Justinian I (527-565), bronzes (4) comprising Carthage mint, half folles (2), both year 13, 12.44g, 12.26g, decanummium, year 14, 5.05g, and pentanummium, 2.97g (Sear 264, 266, 269, 274), *fine to very fine* (4) £150-200

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 26 (2023), 5500; Naumann 107 (2021), 631; Gorny & Mosch 286 (2022), 4802; Savoca 120 (2021), 1582.



80

Justinian I (527-565), half follis, Catania (?), year 14, 540-41, D N IVSTINI-ANVS PP AVG helmeted bust facing, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, large K between ANNO and XIII; *in ex.*, CON, 12.02g (Sear 285; DO 313 (both as Constantine in Numidia?); MIB 243 (Sicily); BCI 8), *green patina, good very fine, very rare* £300-400

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma Byzantine Collection (2023), 24.



81

Justinian I (527-565), bronzes (4) comprising Rome mint, follis, 10.39g, half follis, 9.79g, decanummium, 2.32g and pentanummium? 0.84g (Sear 294, 301, 307 and cf. MIBE N229 and BCI 113), *fine to very fine, the last rare* (4) £150-200

Ex Porphyra Collection; Gut-Lynt 3 (2021), 116; Roma 89 (2021), 1499; Artemide LIX (2023), 753; Roma Byzantine Collection (2023), 16.



82

Justinian I (527-565), nummus, Rome, helmeted bust facing with blundered legend, *rev.*, lion walking right, 0.90g (Sear 311; DO 332; MIB 232; BCI 119), *about extremely fine for the issue, rare thus* £200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma Byzantine Collection (2023), 44; Savoca 31 (2019), 578.



83

Justinian I (527-565), solidus, Ravenna, 7th officina, D N IVSTINI-ANVS PP AVG helmeted bust facing, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGGG Z, angel standing facing, holding staff surmounted by staurogram, and globus cruciger; to right, star; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.47g (Sear 312; DO 333c; MIB 37; BCI 29), *minor reverse marks, otherwise extremely fine (the officina letter recut on the die)* £1,200-1,500

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG Triton XXIV (2021), 214 and CNG 72 (2006), 1997.



84

Justinian I (527-565), 250 nummi (light group), Ravenna, D N IVSTINI-ANVS PP AV, diademed bust right, *rev.*, CN (denomination) in wreath, 0.89g (Sear 314; DO 334d-g; MIB 59 [Rome]; BCI 71ff [Rome]), *some edge corrosion, otherwise toned and extremely fine* £200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Gorny & Mosch 293 (2023), 654.



85

Justinian I (527-565), half siliqua, Ravenna, D N IVSTI-NIAN AV, diademed bust right, *rev.*, Christogram in wreath, 1.39g (Sear 319; DO 338; MIB 77; BCI 35), *obverse flan flaw, otherwise good very fine* £300-400

Ex Porphyra Collection; Artemide LVII (2022), 602.



86

Justinian I (527-565), quarter siliqua, Ravenna, diademed bust right with abbreviated legend, *rev.*, staurogram on globus flanked by stars; within wreath, 0.69g (Sear 320; DO 339; MIB 78; BCI 37), *irregular flan, toned and very fine* £300-400

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG 492 (2021), 462; CNG 404 (2017), 595.



87

Justinian I (527-565), eighth siliqua, Ravenna, D N IVSTINI-ANVS AV, diademed bust right, *rev.*, staurogram on globus; within wreath, 0.37g (Sear 322; DO 341; MIB 79; BCI 39), *toned and extremely fine* £300-400

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma Byzantine Collection (2023), 30; Artemide LVIII (2022), 579.



88

Justinian I (527-565), decanumium, Catania (?), year 36, 562-63, facing bust, *rev.*, large I between ANNO and XXXVI, 3.81g (BCI 23; Sear 326 [Ravenna]; DO 353 [Ravenna]; MIB 229 [Rome]), *about extremely fine*; and **decanumium**, Ravenna, facing bust, *rev.*, cross with stars in angles, 4.18g (MIB 238; Sear 334; DO 366 [uncertain]), *cleaning scratches, very fine* (2) £150-200

Ex Porphyra Collection; first ex Artemide, 56E (2021), 512; second ex CNG 535 (2023), 595 and Gasdova Collection.



89

Justinian I (527-565), decanumium, Catania (?), year 36, 562-63, facing bust, *rev.*, large I between ANNO and XXXVI, 3.94g (BCI 23; Sear 326 [Ravenna]; DO 353 [Ravenna]; MIB 229 [Rome]), *good very fine*; **Justin II (565-578), decanumium**, Rome, facing bust, *rev.*, cross with stars in angles, 3.10g (BCI 168; Sear 334; DO 366; MIB 238 – all as Justinian I), *good very fine*; and **pentanumium**, Rome, diademed head right, *rev.*, large V with star above, 1.20g (Sear 405; DO 209; MIB 84; BCI 144), *extremely fine* (3) £200-250

Ex Porphyra Collection; first and second ex Roma Byzantine Collection (2023), 67 and 74; second also ex Gemini VII (2011), 919; third ex Savoca 113 (2021), 526.



90

A Byzantine bronze struck medal commemorating the Epiphany, Ravenna, 6th-7th century AD, EMMA - NVHL, either side of nimbus cruciger facing bust of Jesus Christ as Emmanuel, with long flowing hair and beard, wearing pallium over colobium, *rev.*, scene of the Adoration of the Magi: the three kings dressed in Persian style robes, cloaks and Phrygian caps, bearing gifts and standing before the nimbate infant Jesus whose right hand is raised in benediction, sitting upright on the lap of Mary who is seated on a high back chair; star of Bethlehem above; *in ex.*, two confronted doves, 23.4 mm, 9.46g (S. Bendall, PCPC, 387.1 = H. Goodacre, *A Handbook of the Coinage of the Byzantine Empire*, London 1957, p. 340 [pierced and in poor condition]; Bendall, *op. cit.* 387.2 (cast copy); F. Madden, 'Christian emblems on the Coins of Constantine I the Great, his family and his successors', in *Num. Chron.* 1878, pp. 214-5, 11, pl. 10, 11), *with dark patina, some file marks on obverse border (beneath the patina), extremely fine and of the highest rarity, only two others recorded (and the cast copy in the Bendall Collection)* £4,000-6,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma Byzantine Collection (2023), 389; Roma XV (2018), 712; Exhibited at the 3rd Congress of Christian Archaeology, 1932 (sold with contemporary congress envelope dated 25 - 29 Sett. 1932 X).

Mis-attributed by Madden, who first published the type in 1878, followed by Goodacre in 1957 and Bendall in 1988 in dating it to the Palaeologan period based on the erroneous interpretation of its superficial similarity to the reverse type of a small and obscure bronze assarion of the Thessalonican mint attributed to the reign of John V and Anna of Savoy (c. AD 1365). The scene on this coin could not be more dissimilar to the Epiphany presented on the present medal since it depicts the brutal martyrdom of St Demetrius by three soldiers impaling the city's patron saint with spears (with no Christ Child which was added to the line drawing by Madden in error).

This important example of a devotional medal displays a Late Antique image of Christ as seen on several mosaic scenes in the church of St. Apollinare in Classe, Ravenna, dated to the reign of Justinian I (527-565) and a fresco on a wall of the Catacomb of Commodilla on the Via Ostiense in the periphery of Rome, dated to the reign of Constantine IV (668-685). The image of the Epiphany can also be compared to a gold fibula in the Museo Arqueológico Nacional, inv. 1963/56/1, dated to the late 6th century (*Lecturas de Bizancio: el legado escrito de Grecia en España*, Madrid, 2008, cat. 11) and the embossed gold pendant in the British Museum, inv. 1983.0704.1 (https://www.britishmuseum.org/Collection/object/H_1983-0704-1), dated to the 6-7th century.

During the reign of Tiberius II Constantine (578-582) large gold medallions are known to have been struck to the weight of one Roman pound (= 72 solidi, 327 grams). The 6th century historian Gregory of Tours describes how he witnessed several of them in the possession of the Frankish king Chilperic (539-584): 'He also displayed aurei weighing one pound which the emperor had sent, having on one side a likeness of the emperor represented, and the writing in a circle, TIBERII CONSTANTINI PERPETVI AVGVSTI; on the other side there was a four-horse chariot and its driver, and it contained the writing GLORIA ROMANORVM' (*Historia Ecclesiastica Francorum* 6.2; E. Babylon RN 1906, pp. 185-9; *BMC Byzantine* p. 105; *TNR* 656). A similar gold and unique 6 solidi medallion struck in the name of Maurice Tiberius (582-602) with a facing quadriga reverse type is now in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York: published by Philip Grierson, 'The Kyrenia girdle of Byzantine medallions and solidi', *Num. Chron.* 1955, pp. 55-70; MIB 1; DO 1; Sear 473.

The Romanised title Emmanuel derives from the Hebrew Immanu'el ('God with us') and appears in the Book of Isaiah as a sign that God will protect the House of David. The Gospel of St Matthew (1:22-3) quotes part of this: 'a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel', as a prophecy of the birth of the Messiah and the fulfilment of Scripture in the person of Jesus. With the possible exception of the Good Shepherd, the scene of the Magi in worshipful adoration before the Holy Child is the earliest and most frequent artistic representation of Jesus' life and ministry. The iconography here is in the style of the celebrated mosaic of the Epiphany scene in the church of St. Apollinare.

For the earliest image of Christ on coins, which were struck by Justinian II, see lots 197-199 in all three gold denominations.

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91

Justin II (565-578), solidus, Constantinople, 567-78, 5th officina, D N IVSTI-NVS PP AVG, helmeted bust facing, with short beard, holding Victory on globus, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGGG E, Constantinopolis seated facing, head right, holding spear and globus cruciger; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.32g (Sear 344; DO 1; MIB 4; BCC 251), *light die rust, extremely fine* £500-700

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG 484 (2021), 947.



92

Justin II (565-578), solidus, Constantinople, 567-78, 5th officina, D N IVSTI-NVS PP AVG, helmeted bust facing, beardless, holding Victory on globus, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGGG E, Constantinopolis seated facing, head right, holding spear and globus cruciger; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.49g (Sear 345; DO 4; MIB 4; BCC 251), *extremely fine* £400-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Morton & Eden 97 (2018), 332.



93

Justin II (565-578), light weight solidus of 22 siliquae, Constantinople, 570-78, D N IVSTI-NVS PP AVG, helmeted bust facing, holding Victory on globus, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGGG OS, Constantinopolis seated facing, head right, holding spear and globus cruciger; *in ex.*, OB*+*, 4.09g (Sear 376 [Antioch]; DO 138 [Antioch]; MIB 8; BCC 254), *from rusty dies, extremely fine* £600-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; Künker 351 (2021), 590.



94

Justin II (565-578), semissis, Constantinople, D N IVSTI-NVS PP AVG, diademed bust right, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGGG, Victory seated right inscribing shield flanked by star and reversed staurogram; *in ex.*, CONOB, 2.11g (Sear 352; DO 12; MIB 10; BCC 259), *slightly uneven flan, extremely fine* £200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Goldberg 120 (2021), 1164.



95

Justin II (565-578), tremissis, Constantinople, D N IVSTI-NVS PP AVG, diademed bust right, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGVSTORVI, Victory advancing right with wreath and globus cruciger; star to right; *in ex.*, CONOB, 1.50g (Sear 353; DO 13; MIB 11; BCC 260), *reverse scrapes, about extremely fine* £200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 15 (2021), 2248 (as Justin I).



96

Justin II (565-578), solidus, Thessalonica, 567-78, D N IVSTI-NVS PP AVG, helmeted bust facing, beardless, holding Victory on globus, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGGG, Constantinopolis seated facing, head right, holding spear and globus cruciger; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.53g (Sear 364D; DO -; MIB 16; BCE 352), *virtually as struck with much brilliance* £800-1,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Heritage 3109 (2023), 32275.



97

Justin II (565-578), follis, Nicomedia, year 5, 569-70, 2nd officina, Justin II and Sophia enthroned, *rev.*, large M between ANNO and U; cross above; B below; *in ex.*, NIKO, 12.37g (Sear 369; DO 95b; MIB 46; BCE 391b), *about extremely fine* £120-150

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma 110 (2023), 1673.



98

Justin II (565-578), solidus, Carthage, year 2, 566-67, D N IVSTI-NVS PP AV, helmeted bust facing, beardless, holding Victory on globus, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGGG B, Constantinopolis seated facing, head right, holding spear and globus cruciger; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.42g (Sear 391; DO 190; MIB 18b; BCAS 66), *about extremely fine* £1,000-1,500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 24 (2022), 673.



99

Justin II (565-578), tremissis, Ravenna, 567-78, D N IVSTI-NVS PP AVG, diademed bust right, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGVSTORVN, Victory advancing right, looking left, with wreath and globus cruciger; star to right; *in ex.*, CONOB, 1.45g (Sear 410; DO 212; MIB 26; BCI 151b), *minor marks, about extremely fine, rare* £600-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma Byzantine Collection (2023), 82; Artemide LVIII (2022), 581.



100

Justin II (565-578), half siliqua, Ravenna, diademed bust right, *rev.*, staurogram on globe flanked by stars, within wreath, 0.61g (Sear 412; DO 215; MIB 41; BCI 153 [as heavy quarter]), *about extremely fine* £150-200

Ex Porphyra Collection; Artemide LIX (2023), 758.



101

Justin II (565-578), quarter siliqua, Ravenna, D N IVSTI-[NV]S PP AVG, diademed bust right, *rev.*, staurogram on globe within wreath, 0.41g (Sear 415; DO 216; MIB 42; BCI 153b [as heavy eighth]), *extremely fine and toned, very rare thus* £1,000-1,500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Iconodule Collection; CNG/Triton XXVI (2023), 909; Elsen 125 (2015), 523.



102

Justin II (565-578), follis, Cherson, XEP-CW-NOC, Justin II and Sophia, both nimbate, standing facing, he holding a globus cruciger, she a cruciform sceptre, *rev.*, Tiberius Caesar, nimbate, standing facing, holding staff surmounted by staurogram; to right, large M with cross above, 14.87g (Sear 603 [as Maurice Tiberius]; DO 297 [as Maurice Tiberius]; MIB 159; BCE 481), *pierced, dark green patina and about extremely fine* £400-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma Byzantine Collection (2023), 80.



103

Tiberius II Constantine (578-582), solidus, Constantinople, 579, CONSTANT A-VG UIU FELIX, crowned bust facing, holding mappa and eagle-tipped sceptre surmounted by cross, *rev.*, VICTOR TI-BERI AUG, cross potent on four steps; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.33g (Sear 420; DO 2; MIB 2; BCC 298a), *slightly clipped, extremely fine with much brilliance* £1,000-1,500

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG/Triton XXIII (2020), 915.



104

Tiberius II Constantine (578-582), solidus, Constantinople, 1st officina, d m Tib CONS-TANT PP AVI, crowned bust facing, holding globus cruciger *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGGG A, cross potent on four steps; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.49g (Sear 420; DO 4; MIB 4; BCC 300a), *good extremely fine, with much brilliance* £600-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; Baldwin's (2017).



105

Tiberius II Constantine (578-582), light weight solidus, Constantinople, d m Tib CONS-TANT PP AVI, crowned bust facing, holding globus cruciger *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGGG ØS, cross potent on four steps; *in ex.*, OB+*, 4.08g (Sear 446 [Antioch]; DO 38 [Antioch]; MIB 5; BCC 301), *obverse marks, rather weakly struck, very fine* £400-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG 484 (2021), 951; Dr Lawrence A. Adams Collection, CNG 361 (2015), 29; and Frederick S. Knobloch Collection, Stack's (5 May 1984), 1623.



106

Tiberius II Constantine (578-582), semissis, Constantinople, dm COSTANTINVS PP AC (*sic*), diademed bust right, *rev.*, VICTOR TI-BERI AUG, cross potent on globe; *in ex.*, CONOB, 2.16g (Sear 424; DO 5-6; MIB 7; BCC 303), *slightly uneven, good very fine* £200-250

Ex Porphyra Collection; European Ambassador Collection, Morton & Eden 115 (2022), 272.



107

Tiberius II Constantine (578-582), tremissis, Constantinople, dm CONSTAN-TINVS PP AI, diademed bust right, *rev.*, VICTOR TIBERI AUG, cross potent; *in ex.*, CONOB, 1.50 g (Sear 425; DO 7; MIB 9; BCC 304), *somewhat double struck, extremely fine* £200-250

Ex Porphyra Collection; Rauch 111 (2020), 825.



108

Tiberius II Constantine (578-582), decanummium, Ravenna or Sicily, dm Tib C[ONSTANT PP AVG], facing bust with globus cruciger, *rev.*, large I between crosses, 3.65g (Sear 472 [Ravenna]; DO 66 [Ravenna]; MIB 67 [Ravenna]; BCI 174 [Catania or Syracuse?]), *very fine* £70-100

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma Byzantine Collection (2023), 95.



109

Maurice Tiberius (582-602), solidus, Constantinople, 582-83, 8th officina, d N TibER M-AVRIC PP AV, helmeted bust facing, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGG H, angel standing facing, holding staff surmounted by staurogram, and globus cruciger; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.42g (Sear 476; DO 3c; MIB 3b; BCC 333c), *some weakness, minor scratch on reverse, about extremely fine* £400-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos Obolos 15 (2020), 912.



110

Maurice Tiberius (582-602), solidus, Constantinople, 583-602, 9th officina, d N MAVRI-Tib PP AVG, helmeted bust facing, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGG I, angel standing facing, holding staff surmounted by staurogram, and globus cruciger; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.43g (Sear 478; DO 5j; MIB 6; BCC 335k), *extremely fine* £500-600

Ex Porphyra Collection; Baldwin's, 2017.



111

Maurice Tiberius (582-602), solidus, Constantinople, 583-602, 5th officina, d N MAVRI-Tib PP AVG, helmeted bust facing, of broad aspect, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGG E, angel standing facing, holding staff surmounted by staurogram, and globus cruciger; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.51g (Sear 478 and 524 [Antioch]; DO 5e and 149e [Antioch]; MIB 6; BCC 335e), *extremely fine* £600-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; Heritage 3089 (2021), 32239.



112

Maurice Tiberius (582-602), light weight solidus of 23 siliquae, Constantinople, 583-602, 7th officina, d N MAVRC-Tib PP AVG, helmeted bust facing, holding globus cruciger; star in right field, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGG I, angel standing facing, holding staff surmounted by staurogram, and globus cruciger; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.29g (Sear 481; DO 7f; MIB 11; BCC 337h), *light reverse marks, about extremely fine* £400-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 99, (2021), 796.



113

Maurice Tiberius (582-602), consular solidus, Constantinople, July-November 602, 8th officina, d N MAVRC Tib PP AVG, Maurice enthroned facing, crowned and in consular robes, holding mappa and cross, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGG H, angel standing facing, holding staff surmounted by staurogram, and globus cruciger; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.42g (Sear 474; DO 2c; MIB 2; BCC 331c), *some marks and weakness, good very fine, rare* £1,200-1,500

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG 535 (2023), 600; and Gasdova Collection.



114

Maurice Tiberius (582-602), semissis, Constantinople, D N MAV-RI PP AVG, diademed bust right, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGG, Victory advancing right, looking back, holding wreath and globus cruciger; *in ex.*, CONOB, 2.20g (Sear 485; DO 12a; MIB 17; BCC 348b), *obverse flan flaw, about extremely fine* £300-400

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 15 (2021), 2303.

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115

Maurice Tiberius (582-602), tremissis, Constantinople, o N TibE-RI PP AVG, diademed bust right, *rev.*, VICTOR MAVRI AVG, cross potent; below, CONOB, 1.48g (Sear 488; DO 14; MIB 20; BCC 350), *edge bend, good very fine and sharp* £250-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos Obolos 18 (2021), 818; Trausnitz Collection; Hirsch 193 (1997), 928.



116

Maurice Tiberius (582-602), solidus, Carthage, indiction 7, 588-89, d N MAVRI-Tb PP AV AN Z, helmeted bust facing, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGG Z, angel standing facing, holding staff surmounted by staurogram, and globus cruciger; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.45g (Sear 548; DO 221; MIB 25; BCAS 129), *good extremely fine and well struck* £800-1,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Heritage 3088 (2020), 34175.



117

Maurice Tiberius (582-602), solidus, Rome, 1st officina, 583-87, d N MAVRI-Tib PP AVG, helmeted bust facing, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGG P, angel standing facing, holding staff surmounted by staurogram, and globus cruciger; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.16g (Sear 584; DO -; MIB 30; BCI 234), *edge filed at left, slightly rusty dies, about extremely fine, extremely rare* £1,200-1,500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Bertolami 109 (2022), 704.



118

Theodosius, son of Maurice Tiberius (co-emperor, 590-602), half siliqua, Carthage, helmeted bust facing, *re.*, AMENITAS DEI in three lines within circle of dots and wreath, 0.67g (Sear 614; DO 305; MIB [Maurice] 60; BCAS 148), *flan crack, somewhat crystallised, very fine and very rare* £600-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 16 (2021), 3891.



119

Phocas (602-610), solidus, Constantinople, 603, 4th officina, [d N FO]CAS – PERP AVG, crowned bust facing, with pendilia, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, [VICTORI]-A AVGG Δ, angel standing facing, holding staff surmounted by staurogram, and globus cruciger; in right field, N; in ex., CONOB, 4.45g (Sear 617; DO 2; MIB 6; BCC 442), *partly weak, good very fine* £350-400

Ex Porphyra Collection; European Ambassador Collection, Morton & Eden 115 (2022), 279.



120

Phocas (602-610), solidus, Constantinople, 604-07, 1st officina, d N FOCAS – PERP AVG, crowned bust facing, without pendilia, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGG A, angel standing facing, holding staff surmounted by staurogram, and globus cruciger; in ex., CONOB, 4.51g (Sear 618; DO 5; MIB 8; BCC 443a), *virtually as struck* £600-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 15 (2021), 2332.



121

Phocas (602-610), solidus, Constantinople, 604-07, 2nd officina, d N FOCAS – PERP AVG, crowned bust facing, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGG B, angel standing facing, holding staff surmounted by staurogram, and globus cruciger; in ex., CONOB, 4.48g (Sear 618; DO 5; MIB 8; BCC 443b), *extremely fine* £500-700

Ex Porphyra Collection; European Ambassador Collection, Morton & Eden 115 (2022), 280.



122

Phocas (602-610), solidus, Constantinople, 607-09, 7th officina, d N FOCAS – PERP AVG, crowned bust facing, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGG Z, angel standing facing, holding staff surmounted by staurogram, and globus cruciger; in ex., CONOB, 4.48g (Sear 620; DO 10; MIB 9; BCC 445g), *slight edge marks above bust, otherwise virtually as struck* £500-700

Ex Porphyra Collection; Morton & Eden 91 (2017), 436.



123

Phocas (602-610), solidus, Constantinople, 607-09, 5th officina, d N FOCAS – PERP AVG, crowned bust facing, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGV E, angel standing facing, holding staff surmounted by staurogram, and globus cruciger; in right field, retrograde N; in *ex.*, CONOB, 4.44g (Sear 621; DO 11; MIB 10; BCC 446b, *this coin*), *mint state and with much brilliance*

£700-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; Morton & Eden 108 (2020), 277; Sotheby's, 14 July 1976, 181.



124

Phocas (602-610), semissis, Constantinople, 607-10, d N FOCAS – PER AVG, diademed bust right, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGV, Victory advancing right, head left, holding wreath and globus cruciger; in *ex.*, CONOB, 2.21g (Sear 631; DO 16; MIB 25; BCC 466), *tiny edge nick, obverse die flaw, otherwise in mint state, rare thus*

£400-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Savoca 133 (2022), 517.



125

Phocas (602-610), semissis, Constantinople, 607-10, d N FOCAS – PER AVG, diademed bust right, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGV, Victory advancing right, head left, holding wreath and globus cruciger; in *ex.*, CONOB, 2.18g (Sear 631; DO 16; MIB 25; BCC 466), *slightly uneven flan, extremely fine*

£300-400

Ex Porphyra Collection; Goldberg 120 (2021), 1168.



126

Phocas (602-610), tremissis, Constantinople, 603-10, O N FOCA-S PP AVG, diademed bust right, *rev.*, VICTORI FOCAS AVG, cross potent; below, CONOB, 1.45g (Sear 633; DO 18; MIB 26; BCC 468), *extremely fine*

£200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma 76 (2020), 1366.



127

Phocas (602-610), Ceremonial Coinage, siliqua, Constantinople, 603-07, O N FOCAS PP AVG, diademed bust right, *rev.*, cross potent between palms, 2.08g (Sear 638A; DO 23 var.; MIB 54; BCC 476), *obverse weak, very fine and rare* £300-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 20 (2022), 2906.



128

Phocas (602-610), tremissis, Thessalonica, indiction 9, 605-06, O N FOCAS – PERP AVG, diademed, draped, cuirassed and bearded bust right, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVGG Θ, cross potent; below CONOB, 1.45g (BCE 773; cf. Sear 632 (Constantinople); DO 17 var. (Constantinople); MIB 35 (Carthage but later given by Hahn to Sicily), *minor edge crack and reverse graffiti, otherwise extremely fine, very rare* £800-1,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 25 (2023), 3373. The only other example of this indiction year on Coin Archives, ex Elsen 125 (2015), 565, is from the same dies.



129

Phocas (602-610), follis, Cyzicus, year 5, 607-08, 2nd officina, facing bust, holding mappa and cross, *rev.*, XXXX and ANNO G; *in ex.*, KYZ B, 10.94g (Sear 665; DO 73; MIB 76; BCE 817b), *dark patina, good very fine* £100-150

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 131 (2023), 873.



130

Heraclius (610-641), solidus, Constantinople, 610-12, 5th officina, d N hERACLI-YS PP AVG, facing bust in plumed helmet, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORIA – AVGV E, cross potent on three steps; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.40g (Sear 731; DO 3b; MIB 5; BCC 504d), *slight edge marks, extremely fine* £600-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG 106 (2017), 872.



131

Heraclius (610-641), solidus, Constantinople, 610-12, 5th officina, d N hERACLI-QS PP AVG, facing bust in plumed helmet, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORIA – AVGV E, cross potent on three steps; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.34g (Sear 731; DO 3b; MIB 5; BCC 504d), *good very fine* £400-600

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG 484 (2021), 959.



132

Heraclius (610-641), solidus, Constantinople, 610-12, 5th officina, d N hERACLI-QS PP AVG, facing bust in plumed helmet, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORIA – AVGV E, cross potent on three steps; *in right field*, N; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.42g (Sear 732; DO 4; MIB 6; BCC 505), *minor reverse graffiti, otherwise virtually as struck* £600-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; European Ambassador Collection, Morton & Eden 115 (2022), 288.



133

Heraclius (610-641), with Heraclius Constantine, solidus, Constantinople, 613-16, 10th officina, dd NN hERACLI-QS ET hERA CONST PP AVG, facing busts of Heraclius and Heraclius Constantine on exergual line, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGV I, cross potent on three steps; *in right field*, I; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.45g (Sear 737; DO 10c; MIB 10; BCC 528f), *partly weak, about extremely fine* £400-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG 484 (2021), 960.



134

Heraclius (610-641), with Heraclius Constantine, solidus, Constantinople, 613-16, 10th officina, dd NN hERACLI-QS ET hERA CONST PP AVG, facing busts of Heraclius and Heraclius Constantine, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGV I Θ, cross potent on three steps; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.45g (Sear 742; DO 17; MIB 19; BCC 534d), *very fine* £300-400

Ex Porphyra Collection; Morton & Eden 76 (2015), 61.



135

Heraclius (610-641), with Heraclius Constantine, solidus, Constantinople, 625-29, 10th officina, dd NN hERACLIYS ET hERA CONST PP AV, facing busts of Heraclius and Heraclius Constantine, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGꝢ I K, cross potent on three steps; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.45g (Sear 747; DO 24; MIB 27a; BCC 539c), *extremely fine with brilliance* £600-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG 492 (2021), 477; Spink 258 (2019), 1578.



136

Heraclius (610-641), with Heraclius Constantine, solidus, Constantinople, 629-32, 4th officina, dd NN hERACLIYS ET hERA CONST PP AVG, facing busts of Heraclius and Heraclius Constantine, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGꝢ Δ, cross potent on three steps; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.39g (Sear 749; DO 26; MIB 10; BCC 541d), *very fine* £300-400

Ex Porphyra Collection; Morton & Eden 76 (2015), 62.



137

Heraclius (610-641), with Heraclius Constantine and Heraclonas, solidus, Constantinople, indiction 10, 636-37, 10th officina, Heraclius standing between Heraclius Constantine on his right and Heraclonas on his left, each holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGꝢ I, cross potent on three steps between Heraclius's monogram and I; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.43g (Sear 761; DO 36; MIB 42; BCC 619i), *good very fine* £350-450

Ex Porphyra Collection; European Ambassador Collection, Morton & Eden 115 (2022), 292.



138

Heraclius (610-641), with Heraclius Constantine and Heraclonas, solidus, Constantinople, indiction 11, 637-38, 9th officina, Heraclius standing between Heraclius Constantine on his right and Heraclonas on his left, each holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGꝢ Θ, cross potent on three steps between Heraclius's monogram and AI monogram; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.36g (Sear 764; DO 39; MIB 45; BCC 621j), *slight edge marks, extremely fine* £500-600

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 88 (2020), 860.

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Heracleus (610-641), with Heraclius Constantine and Heraclonas, solidus, Constantinople, 637-641, 9th officina, Heraclius standing between Heraclius Constantine on his right and Heraclonas on his left, each holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGVΘ, cross potent on three steps; Heraclius's monogram on left; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.44g (Sear 769; DO 43; MIB 50; BCC 623i; Lygo p. 94, b, *this coin*), *extremely fine* £500-600

Ex Porphyra Collection; Morton & Eden 91 (2017), 437.



140

Heracleus (610-641), with Heraclius Constantine and Heraclonas, solidus, Constantinople, 639-641, 1st officina, Heraclius standing between Heraclius Constantine on his right and Heraclonas's monogram on his left, each holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGV A, cross potent on three steps; Heraclius's monogram on left; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.44g (Sear 769; DO 43; MIB 50; BCC 623a), *good very fine* £500-600

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG 479 (2020), 248.



141

Heracleus (610-641), with Heraclius Constantine and Heraclonas, solidus, Constantinople, 8th officina, 639-41, Heraclius standing between Heraclius Constantine on his right and Heraclonas on his left, each holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGV H, cross potent on three steps between Heraclius's monogram and E; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.41g (Sear 770; DO 44; MIB 53 [attributed to Heraclonas]; BCC 633h), *slight edge marks, good very fine* £500-600

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG 479 (2020), 249.



142

Heracleus (610-641), semissis, Constantinople, 610-13, 5th officina, d N hERACLI-YS PP AVI, diademed bust right, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGV E, cross potent on globe, 2.22g (Sear 784; DO 51b; MIB 71a; BCC 512), *obverse double struck, light reverse graffiti, good very fine* £250-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos Obolos 18 (2021), 826.

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143

Heraclius (610-641), tremissis, Constantinople, 610-13, 6th officina, d N hRACLI-YS PP AVI, diademed bust right, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGꝢ S, cross potent, 1.45g (Sear 786; DO 53; MIB 73; BCC 514), *very slight bend in flan, extremely fine (unusual in lacking the E in the obverse legend – as MIB 73a3)* £200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma 76 (2020), 1368.



144

Heraclius (610-641), Ceremonial Coinage, miliaresion, Constantinople, 629-32, dd NN hERACLIYS ET h CONST PP AV, Heraclius and Heraclius Constantine standing facing, Heraclius in military attire and with long beard, holding long cross and Victory who crowns him, his son beside him with globus cruciger, *rev.*, cross potent on globe set on three steps and flanked by palms, 4.00g (Sear 790; DO 59; MIB 130; BCC 553), *pierced, partly weak but very fine and extremely rare* £1,000-1,500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 108 (2021), 1097.



145

Heraclius (610-641), Ceremonial Coinage, miliaresion, Constantinople, 637-41, Heraclius standing between Heraclius Constantine on his right and Heraclonas on his left, each holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, cross potent on globe set on three steps and flanked by palms, 4.37g (Sear 791; DO 60; MIB 131; BCC 628a, *this piece*), *pierced (as usual), good very fine and extremely rare* £1,500-2,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 108 (2021), 1098.



146

Heraclius (610-641), Ceremonial Coinage, half siliqua, Constantinople, 610-13, [d N hERACLIY]S PP AVG, diademed bust right, *rev.*, cross potent between palms, 1.08g (Sear 794; DO 56; MIB 132; BCC 516), *some marks, partly flat, otherwise extremely fine, toned, very rare* £300-400

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 118 (2022), 1086.



147

Heraclius (610-641), hexagram, Constantinople, 625-29, dd NN hER [ACLIYS ET] hERA CONST, facing figures of Heraclius and Heraclius Constantine, enthroned and holding globus crucigers, *rev.*, dEYs AdIYTA ROMANIS (May Gold help the Romans), cross potent on globe and three steps; to right, K, 6.71g (Sear 798; DO 64; MIB 140; BCC 559), *scratch on reverse, weak areas, otherwise very fine* £200-250

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos Obolos 18 (2021), 832; Trausnitz Collection; Gorny & Mosch 134 (2004), 3228.



148

Heraclius (610-641), with Heraclius Constantine, solidus, Eastern military mint, c. 622-27, dd NN hERACLIYS ET hRA CONST P, facing busts of Heraclius and Heraclius Constantine on exergual line, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVG4 III, cross potent on three steps; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.53g (Sear 851 (Jerusalem); DO 187 (Alexandria); MIB 77 (Cyprus); BCE 993), *good extremely fine* £800-1,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma XXI (2021), 912.



149

Heraclius (610-641), with Heraclius Constantine, solidus, Carthage, indiction year 14, 640-41, [d N ERACLI]O CONT PP, facing busts of Heraclius and Heraclius Constantine, *rev.*, VICTORIA AGG IΔ, cross potent on two steps; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.49g (Sear 867; DO 216 var. (one step); MIB 84a; BCAS 295), *about extremely fine* £500-700

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG 114 (2020), 1041.



150

Heraclius (610-641), decanummium, Carthage, 610-615, d N ERACLIOP PAVGS, helmeted bust facing, *rev.*, X between N and M; cross above; star below, 3.92g (Sear 876; DO 236; MIB 237; BCAS 257a), *extremely fine* £200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Künker 80 (2023), 1291; Leu 5 (2019), 563.



151

Heraclius (610-641), tremissis, Sicilian mint (Catania?), indiction year 5, 616-17, d NN hERAC-LIVS PP AVG, diademed bust right with short beard, *rev.*, VICTORI-A AVG H, cross potent; CONOB below, 1.40g (Sear 881G; DO 53a (Constantinople); MIB 100; BCI 283), *good very fine and very rare* £600-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; Rauch 111 (2020), 835.



152

Heraclius (610-641), with Heraclius Constantine, solidus, Ravenna, indiction year 8, 634-35, dd NN hERACLIVS ET hERA CONST, facing busts of Heraclius and Heraclius Constantine, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGGG H, cross potent on three steps; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.42g (Sear 896; DO 271; MIB 110; BCI 329a), *slight marks, extremely fine and rare* £1,000-1,500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Gadoury 2021 (2021), 204.



153

Heraclius (610-641), tremissis, Ravenna, 610-13, d N hERAC-LIVS PP AVG, diademed bust right; cross above, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGVSTORVN, cross potent; below, CONOB, 1.48g (Sear 902; DO 276; MIB 125; BCI 305), *obverse scratch and minor marks, otherwise about extremely fine* £600-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG 493 (2021), 720.



154

Arab-Byzantine Gold Coinage, time of Mu'awiya b. Abi Sufyan (41-60 AH; AD 661-680), solidus, uncertain mint in Syria or Egypt, three standing figures (based on Byzantine solidi of Heraclius showing Heraclius standing between his sons Heraclius Constantine and Heraclonas), each crowned and holding a globe (with the crosses found on the Byzantine prototype replaced by vertical posts), *rev.*, VICTORIA – AVG B, modified cross potent with the horizontal bar removed, set on three steps and flanked by I – IB monogram; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.41g (Bates 1986, type C = Miles, 1967, p. 209, 4 = Walker, 1956, p. 18, 54; Bernardi, 2010, 4; Album, 2011, 3548), *faint edge marks, some weak areas, otherwise good very fine and extremely rare*

£40,000-60,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Morton & Eden 107 (2020), 1; CNG Triton XX (2017), 1137.

This is an extremely rare example of the first gold coinage of the Muslims - an experimental coinage struck in imitation of Byzantine solidi in circulation at the time in Syria and Egypt but with all references to Christianity removed. Thus, the three standing figures have their crosses removed from their crowns, replaced by vertical posts, and what had been their globus crucigers are now without crosses again purposefully replaced by vertical posts. On the reverse the former cross potent is rendered without the cross bar and what used to be Heraclius's monogram in the left field (which had incorporated a cross) is here replaced by a plain "I". But the Latin inscription remains and it was only under 'Abd al-Malik that arabic legends in the form of the *Shahada* appeared in the early 70s. The precise dating of these Arab-Byzantine solidi has been debated among scholars for some time with one party adhering to a date in the early 70s immediately before the *Shahada* dinars of 72-74h (691-693), and the other ascribing them to the reign of Mu'awiya b. Abi Sufyan, as here. The critical argument for the latter is Mahdi Shaddel's "Monetary Reform under the Sufyanids: The Papyrological Evidence" in *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* 84, 2021, pp. 263-293. He notes that *daninir qada al-mu'minin* (dinars for the repayment of the Believers) start to appear in papyrological sources towards the end of the reign of the first Umayyad caliph Mu'awiya. In 678 (59h) after disastrous campaigns against the Byzantine Empire under Constantine IV, Mu'awiya was forced into agreeing a treaty to make annual payments of 3000 gold coins and it has been suggested that these de-christianised solidi were struck for this purpose. In the event they must have proved unpopular to Christians and would most likely have been melted down and re-issued as Byzantine solidi – hence their great rarity today.

For a similar coin but based on an earlier solidus of Heraclius and Heraclius Constantine see Tony Goodwin, Arab-Byzantine Coinage, Studies in the Khalili Collection, vol. IV, pp. 22-23 and fig. 4.



155

Constans II (641-668), solidus, Constantinople, 6th officina, 641-44, d N CONSTAN-TINVS PP AV, facing bust holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGVSTI S, cross potent on three steps; *in ex.*, CONOBK, 4.35g (Sear 937; DO 2 [Heraclonas]; MIB 4a; Cf. BCC 638 [Heraclonas] and 644 [Constans II]), *minor edge marks, about extremely fine* £400-600

Ex Porphyra Collection; European Ambassador Collection, Morton & Eden 115 (2022), 304.



156

Constans II (641-668), solidus, Constantinople, 4th officina, 641-44, d N CONSTAN-TINVS PP AV, facing bust holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGVSTI Δ, cross potent on three steps; *in ex.*, CONOBC, 4.41g (Sear 939; DO 2; MIB 6; BCC 644), *minor marks, good very fine* £400-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; European Ambassador Collection, Morton & Eden 115 (2022), 307.



157

Constans II (641-668), solidus, Constantinople, 2nd officina, indiction year 5, 645-46, d N CONSTAN-TINVS PP AV, facing bust with slight beard, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGVSTI B, cross potent on three steps; in right field, E; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.41g (Sear 942; DO 5; MIB 9; BCC 647b), *edge marks, about extremely fine* £400-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG 493 (2021), 721.



158

Constans II (641-668), solidus, Constantinople, 9th officina, indiction year 7, 648-49, d N CONSTAN-TINVS PP AV, facing bust holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGVSTI Θ, cross potent on three steps; in right field, Z; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.37g (Sear 949; DO 13; MIB 16a; BCC 653i), *slight file mark, otherwise extremely fine and bright* £600-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG 123 (2023), 730; Gasvoda Collection; Nomos 21 (2020), 373; and Besler Collection (Zurich) acquired from Bank Leu.



159

Constans II (641-668), solidus, Constantinople, 7th officina, 649-52, d N CONSTAN-TINVS PP AV, facing bust holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGVS, cross potent on three steps; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.47g (Sear 953; DO 16; MIB 20; BCC 657g), *edge marks and small die flaw on reverse, about extremely fine* £500-600

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos Obolos 19 (2021), 1054.



160

Constans II (641-668), solidus, Constantinople, 8th officina, 651-54, d N CONSTAN-TINVS PP AV, facing bust with long beard, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGVS H, cross potent on three steps; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.42g (Sear 956; DO 19; MIB 23; BCC 660h; Lygo p. 94, c, *this coin*), *about extremely fine* £500-600

Ex Porphyra Collection; NAC 114 (2019), 1711.



161

Constans II (641-668), solidus, Constantinople, 8th officina, 651-54, d N CONSTAN-TINVS PP AV, facing bust with long beard, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGVS H, cross potent on three steps; *in ex.*, CONOBI, 4.42g (Sear 957; DO 20; MIB 25; BCC 661p), *partly weak, extremely fine* £500-600

Ex Porphyra Collection; Morton & Eden 100 (2019), 360.



162

Constans II (641-668), with Constantine IV, solidus, Constantinople, 7th officina, 654-59, d N CONSTANTINVS [...], facing busts of the two emperors, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGVS Z, cross potent on three steps; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.33g (Sear 960; DO 26; MIB 28; BCC 720q), *clipped, reverse graffiti, very fine* £300-400

Ex Porphyra Collection; Morton & Eden 76 (2015), 64.



163

Constans II (641-668), with Constantine IV, solidus, Constantinople, 6th officina, 662-67, d N CONS-TNI, facing busts of the two emperors, Constans wearing plumed helmet, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGVS cross potent on three steps flanked by Heraclius on left with long cross and small figure of Tiberius on right with globus cruciger; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.43 (Sear 964; DO 30; MIB 31; BCC 730f), *brilliant, virtually as struck* £700-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; Kölner 114 (2020), 525.



164

Constans II (641-668), light weight solidus, Constantinople, 5th officina, 651-54, d N CONSTAN-[TINVS] PP AV, facing bust with long beard, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGVS E, cross potent on three steps; *in ex.*, BO and ΓK monogram, 4.29g (Sear 979; DO 24; MIB 44; BCC 662d), "KZA" graffiti on reverse, *about extremely fine* £700-1,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Gorny & Mosch 276 (2021), 706.



165

Constans II (641-668), semissis, Constantinople, d N CONSTAN-TINVS PP AV, diademed bust right, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGVS, cross potent on globe, 2.19g (Sear 983; DO 44; MIB 50; BCC 667), *light marks, very fine* £200-250

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos Obolos 18, 837.



166

Constans II (641-668), tremissis, Constantinople, d N CONSTAN-TINVS PP AV, diademed bust right, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGVS, cross potent, 1.42g (Sear 984; DO 45; MIB 51; BCC 668), *uneven flan, good very fine* £150-200

Ex Porphyra Collection; Savoca 100 (2021), 400.



167

Constans II (641-668), Ceremonial Coinage, half miliaresion, Constantinople, c. 652-54, [d N CO]NSTIN-TINVS AV, full length figure of Constans standing facing, crowned and wearing chlamys, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, cross potent on three steps flanked by palms, 2.26g (S. Bendall, "A New Silver Ceremonial Coin of Constans II", NumCirc. October 2005, p. 306; Sear -; DO -; MIB - [Hahn, Money Trend, 2022, N141]; BCC 671), *traces of overstriking on the reverse, toned, good very fine and extremely rare* £1,000-1,500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Artemide LVI (2021), 677. This type of ceremonial coin with the single standing figure of the emperor on the obverse was unknown until published by Simon Bendall in 2005. Within Constans' extensive coinage the only other issue with a similar standing figure holding the globus cruciger is the follis of Syracuse issued in indiction year 11, 652-53 (as Sear 1108). The design can be seen as a possible prototype for the reverse of the unique ceremonial miliaresion of Justinian II (Sear 1257A, MIB 38) and that design's link to the Islamic "standing" dinars issued by 'Abd al-Malik later in the century.



168

Constans II (641-668), hexagram, Constantinople, 641-47, d N CONSTAN-TINVS PP AV, facing bust, beardless, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, DEVS ADIVTA ROMANIS, cross potent on globe on three steps, 6.63g (Sear 989; DO 48; MIB 142; BCC 672), *light marks, very fine* £200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos Obolos 18 (2021), 841.



169

Constans II (641-668), hexagram, Constantinople, 648-52, d N CONSTAN-TINVS PP AV, facing bust with short beard, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, DEVS ADIVTA ROMANIS, cross potent on globe on three steps, 5.57g (Sear 991; DO 50; MIB 144; BCC 674), *good very fine* £300-400

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG 525 (2022), 1452.



170

Constans II (641-668), hexagram, Constantinople, 648-52, d N CONSTANTINVS C CONSTA', facing busts of Constans II with long beard and Constantine, beardless, *rev.*, DEVS ADIVTA ROMANIS, cross potent on globe on three steps; to right, B, 6.39g (Sear 996; DO 55; MIB 150; BCC 724), *minor marks, about extremely fine* £600-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 20 (2022), 2940.



171

Constans II (641-668), hexagram, Constantinople, 654-59, facing busts of Constans II with long beard and plumed helmet, and Constantine, beardless, *rev.*, ΔΕΥΣ ΑΔΙΥΤΑ ROMANIS, cross potent on globe on three steps, flanked by Heraclius and Tiberius, 6.39g (Sear 998; DO 57; MIB 152; BCC 740), *reverse double struck, good very fine* £200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 118 (2022), 1095.



172

Constans II (641-668), solidus, Carthage, indiction year 3, 644-45, CONSTA-NTINΥ P AV, facing bust holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTOR-AVGA Γ, cross potent on three steps; to right, Θ; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.49g (Sear 1033; DO 111; MIB 59; BCAS 335), *extremely fine* £500-600

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos 29 (2020), 419.



173

Constans II (641-668), solidus, Carthage, indiction year 6, 647-48, D N CON-TATINΥ P, facing bust holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTOR-I AΥGA S, cross potent on three steps; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.43g (Sear 1029; DO 107; MIB 57; BCAS 338), *about extremely fine* £400-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos Obolos 15 (2020), 929.



174

Constans II (641-668), third siliqua, Carthage, 642-47, [d N CONS] TATIN P NP (NP ligate), young facing bust, *rev.*, cross potent, 0.47g (Sear 1048; DO 130; MIB 155; BCAS 350a), *ragged flan, good very fine and rare* £300-400

Ex Porphyra Collection; Artemide LVI (2021), 496.

175

Constans II (641-668), third siliqua, Carthage, 662-68, facing busts of Constans II and Constantine, *rev.*, facing busts of Heraclius and Tiberius, 0.58g (Sear 1052; DO 133; MIB 158; BCAS 379), *very fine and rare* £300-400

Ex Porphyra Collection; Artemide LVI (2021), 497.



176

Constans II (641-668), eighth siliqua, Rome, c. 651-654, facing bust with long beard, holding globus cruciger in right hand, *rev.*, Rm, cross potent above and star below, 0.22g (Sear 1125c; DO -; MIB 159; BCI 449), *good very fine and very rare* £800-1,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Artemide LVI (2021), 502.

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Constans II (641-668), tremissis, Syracuse, 643-54, d N CONSTANTINVS PP AV (AV ligate), diademed bust right, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGVΘ., cross potent; to right, C, 1.42g (Sear 1099; DO 171b; MIB 107; BCI 411), *faint marks, about extremely fine, rare*

£800-1,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Künker 351 (2021), 608.



178

Constans II (641-668), with Constantine IV, solidus, Syracuse, 654-59, d N CONSTANTINVS C CONSTANTNU, facing busts of the two emperors, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGVΘI, cross potent on three steps; to right, C; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.40g (Sear 1076; DO 156c; MIB 89; BCI 456), *edge marks from mounting, some double striking, good very fine, rare*

£1,000-1,200

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 22 (2022), 282; Dr Max Blaschegg Collection.



179

Constantine IV, Pogonatus (668-685), solidus, Constantinople, c. 669-74, 3rd officina, d N CON-ANVS P, facing bust in plumed helmet, holding spear over shoulder, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGVΘI, cross potent on three steps flanked by Heraclius and Tiberius; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.42g (Sear 1153; DO 6c.1; MIB 4c; BCC 764d), *partly weak, about extremely fine*

£500-600

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG 489 (2021), 607.



180

Constantine IV, Pogonatus (668-685), solidus, Constantinople, c. 669-74, 9th officina, d N CONS-ANVS P, facing bust in plumed helmet, holding spear over shoulder, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGVΘI, cross potent on three steps flanked by Heraclius and Tiberius; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.42g (Sear 1153; DO 6h; MIB 4c; BCC 764m), *edge smoothed, good very fine*

£300-400

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma 63 (2019), 1126.



181

Constantine IV, Pogonatus (668-685), solidus, Constantinople, c. 674-81, 2nd officina, d N CONST-[AN] YS PP, facing bust in plumed helmet, holding spear over shoulder and shield, diadem tassels showing on left, *rev.*, VICTORI AVG Y B, cross potent on three steps flanked by Heraclius and Tiberius; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.44g (Sear 1154; DO 8b; MIB 7a; BCC 768b), *edge marks and graffiti, good very fine* £300-400

Ex Porphyra Collection; Morton & Eden 75 (2015), 66.



182

Constantine IV, Pogonatus (668-685), solidus, Constantinople, 681-85, P CONST-AN YS PP A, facing bust in plumed helmet, holding spear over shoulder and shield, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVG Y -, cross potent on three steps; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.46g (Sear 1157; DO 12; MIB 10; BCC 797), *fine style, light scratches and partly weak on reverse, otherwise virtually as struck* £800-1,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Gorny & Mosch 269 (2020), 1279.



183

Constantine IV, Pogonatus (668-685), semissis, Constantinople, d N CONSTAN-TI YS PP AV, diademed bust right, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVG YS, globus cruciger, 2.16g (Sear 1161; DO 16; MIB 15; BCC 774), *some marks, very fine* £150-200

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma 82 (2021), 1734.



184

Constantine IV, Pogonatus (668-685), tremissis, Constantinople, d N CONSTA-TIN YS PP A, diademed bust right, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVG YS, cross potent; below, CONOB, 1.42g (Sear 1162; DO 17; MIB 16; BCC 776), *extremely fine, rare thus* £350-400

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma 82 (2021), 1735.



185

Constantine IV, Pogonatus (668-685), Ceremonial Coinage, miliaresion, Constantinople, 674-81, d N C [.....], helmeted and cuirassed bust facing, holding spear over shoulder and shield, *rev.*, cross potent on globe set on three steps and flanked by palms, 4.34g (Sear 1165; DO 20; MIB 61; BCC 778), *some areas of pitting, otherwise about extremely fine, very rare*

£1,500-2,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 117 (2022), 1158.



186

Constantine IV, Pogonatus (668-685), hexagram, Constantinople, 674-81, d N C [...] US P, helmeted and cuirassed bust facing, holding spear over shoulder and shield, *rev.*, (blundered legend), cross potent on globe above three steps flanked by Heraclius and Tiberius, 4.44g (Sear 1170; DO 25; MIB 67; BCC 783), *partly weak, very fine*

£200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos Obolos 18 (2021), 847; Trausnitz Collection; Gorny & Mosch 134 (2004), 3238.



187

Constantine IV, Pogonatus (668-685), follis, Constantinople, 669-74, 4th officina, [d N CONSTAN]-TINVS PP AV, helmeted and cuirassed bust facing, holding globus cruciger and shield, *rev.*, large M flanked by Heraclius and Tiberius; cross above; Δ below; *in ex.*, CON, 15.57g (Sear 1173; DO 28; MIB 77; BCC 757d), *partly weak, about extremely fine*

£400-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma Byzantine Collection (2023), 203.



188

Constantine IV, Pogonatus (668-685), solidus, Carthage, 668-74, D ON-VTPCC, facing bust, crowned and wearing chlamys, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, long cross on three steps flanked by busts of Heraclius and Tiberius each holding a globus cruciger, 4.39g (Sear 1187; DO 42; MIB 18; BCAS 383a, *this piece*), *about extremely fine and rare*

£700-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; Oslo Myntgalleri 21 (2020), 464; Adams Collection; CNG 100 (2015), 307; and Victor Adda Collection, Christie's, 9 October 1984, 228.



189

Constantine IV, Pogonatus (668-685), solidus, Syracuse, indiction year 3, 674-75, d N CONST-ANTINS GU PP V, crowned bust facing, bearded, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGCH Γ., cross potent on three steps flanked by figures of Heraclius and Tiberius each holding a globus cruciger; *in ex.*, CONOB and triplet of pellets, 4.37g (Sear 1202; DO 56; MIB 31; BCI 498, *this piece*), two edge marks, otherwise extremely fine and rare £3,000-4,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Künker 383 (2023), 2180; Roger Wolf Collection; Gorny & Mosch 190 (2010), 581.



190

Justinian II (first reign, 685-695), solidus, Constantinople, 1st officina, 685-87, IYSTINIA-NYIS PE AV, young bust facing, wearing crown surmounted by cross, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTO[RI]A AVGCH A, cross potent on three steps; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.35g (Sear 1242; DO 1; MIB 1; BCC 801a), some slight edge knocks, extremely fine £1,000-1,500

Ex Porphyra Collection; European Ambassador Collection, Morton & Eden 115 (2022), 327.



191

Justinian II (first reign, 685-695), solidus, Constantinople, 8th officina, 685-87, IYSTINIA-NYIS PE AV, young bust facing, wearing crown surmounted by cross and circlet, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGCH H A, cross potent on three steps; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.47g (Sear 1244; DO 3; MIB 3; BCC 803a; Lygo p. 107, a, *this coin*), virtually as struck with much brilliance £3,000-4,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Hess-Divo 334 (2018), 157.



192

Justinian II (first reign, 685-695), solidus, Constantinople, 3rd officina, 687-92, D N IYSTIA-NYIS PE AVG, bearded bust facing, wearing crown surmounted by cross and circlet, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGCH Γ, cross potent on three steps; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.47g (cf. Sear 1246; DO 5; MIB 6; BCC 807c), virtually as struck, with unusual engraver's error in the emperor's name £1,000-1,200

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma XX (2020), 726.



193

Justinian II (first reign, 685-695), solidus, Constantinople, 4th officina, 687-92, D IYSTINIA-NY S PE AV, bearded bust facing, wearing crown surmounted by cross and circlet, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGV Δ, cross potent on three steps; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.50g (Sear 1246; DO 5; MIB 6; BCC 807d), *some light reverse marks, otherwise virtually as struck*
£1,000-1,200

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 25 (2023), 3429.



194

Justinian II (first reign, 685-695), solidus, Constantinople, 6th officina, 687-92, D IYSTINIA-NY S PE AV, bearded bust facing, wearing crown surmounted by cross and circlet, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGV S, cross potent on three steps; *in ex.*, CONOBT, 4.42g (Sear 1247; DO 6; MIB 7; BCC 808f), *some faint marks, extremely fine*
£800-1,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; European Ambassador Collection, Morton & Eden 115 (2022), 330.



195

Justinian II (first reign, 685-695), tremissis, Constantinople, 687-92, IYSTINIA-NY S PE AV, bearded bust facing, wearing crown surmounted by cross and circlet, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGV S, cross potent; below, CONOB, 1.45g (Sear 1255; DO 13; MIB 15; BCC 815), *somewhat crinkled, very fine*
£300-400

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos Obolos 18, 851.



196

Justinian II (first reign, 685-695), follis, Constantinople, 1st officina, year 2, 686-87, young bearded bust facing, holding globus cruciger; cross on right, *rev.*, large M flanked by ANNO and I[I]; cross above and A below; *in ex.*, CON, 8.43g (Sear 1260; DO 18; MIB 44; BCC 821), *fine style, good very fine and rare*
£200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma Byzantine Collection (2023), 227 – where described as of year 1. But the emperor's short beard would argue for year II to be more likely with the second "I" off the flan.



197

Justinian II (first reign, 685-695), solidus, Constantinople, 692-95, 4th officina, IHS CRISTOS REX REGNANTIUM, bust of Christ facing with cross behind head, raising right hand in benediction and holding book of Gospels in left, *rev.*, D IHS[TINI-A] N-CHS SER[CH] CHRISTI Δ, Justinian standing facing, wearing crown and loros, holding cross potent on two steps, and akakia; *in ex.*, CONO-P, 4.37g (Sear 1248; DO 7; MIB 8; BCC 809), *faint marks, otherwise good extremely fine* £2,500-3,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Künker 318 (2019), 2115; Hess-Divo 328 (2015), 333; Lanz 154 (2012), 578. This important issue, along with the semissis and tremissis in the following lots, shows the earliest depiction of Christ on a coin. It was issued from 692, one year earlier than the first Islamic standing caliph dinars of 74h (693/4) which are clearly inspired by the standing figure of the Byzantine emperor here depicted. For the earliest depiction of Christ on a medal, see lot 90.



198

Justinian II (first reign, 685-695), semissis, Constantinople, 692-95, IHS CRISTOS REX REGNANTIUM, bust of Christ facing with cross behind head, raising right hand in benediction and holding book of Gospels in left, *rev.*, D IHS[TINI-AN-CHS] SER[CH] CHRISTI, Justinian standing facing, holding cross potent on globe, and akakia, 2.10g (Sear 1252; DO 10; MIB 12; BCC 812), *scrape on reverse and a few other marks, otherwise extremely fine and rare* £1,000-1,500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Savoca 93 (2021), 651.



199

Justinian II (first reign, 685-695), tremissis, Constantinople, IHS CHS REX REGNANTIUM, bust of Christ facing with cross behind head, raising right hand in benediction and holding book of Gospels in left, *rev.*, D IHS[TINI-AN-CHS] SER[CH] CHRISTI, Justinian standing facing, holding cross potent on base, and akakia, 1.39g (Sear 1256; DO 14; MIB 16; BCC 816), *partly weak, otherwise good very fine* £400-600

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos 24 (2022), 451.



200

Justinian II (first reign, 685-695), solidus, Ravenna, d N IHS-T-INIANO PP I, beardless bust facing, wearing crown surmounted by cross and chlamys, and holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGVSTOR, cross potent on three steps; in right field, Θ which has been erased; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.37g (Sear 1311 [uncertain Italian mint]; DO 70; MIB 35; BCI 595), *good extremely fine and extremely rare* £4,000-5,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Heritage Dallas Signature Sale 3088 (2020), 33042; Gadoury (14 November 2015), 107. For another solidus of this type from different dies and with the Θ removed from the reverse field see NAC sale 78, 26 May 2014, 1312.

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201

Justinian II (first reign, 685-695), solidus, Syracuse, indiction year 9, 695, d IYCTI-NIAN S4 PP, bearded bust facing, wearing crown surmounted by cross and chlamys, and holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVG4 Θ, cross potent on three steps; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.22g (Sear 1281; DO 41a; MIB 23; BCI 580), *extremely fine and very rare* £1,500-2,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Harmer's of London 2 (2021), 212.



202

Leontius (695-698), solidus, Constantinople, 1st officina, D LEO-N PE AV, crowned bust facing, holding akakia and globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVG4 A Δ, cross potent on three steps; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.50g (Sear 1331a; DO -; MIB 3; BCC 840a), *virtually as struck and a very rare variety* £2,500-3,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 89 (2020), 585.



203

Leontius (695-698), semissis, Constantinople, D LEO-N PE AV, crowned bust facing, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVG4S, cross potent on globe; *in ex.*, CONOB, 2.11g (Sear 1332; DO 3; MIB 4; BCC 841), *very fine* £700-900

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos Obolos 18 (2021), 852; Trausnitz Collection; Meister& Sonntag 5 (2007), 200.



204

Leontius (695-698), tremissis, Constantinople, D LEO-N PE AV, crowned bust facing, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVG4S, cross potent; *in ex.*, CONOB, 1.45g (Sear 1333; DO 4; MIB 5; BCC 842), *light scratches, partly weak, very fine* £600-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos Obolos 18 (2021), 853; Trausnitz Collection; Aufhäuser, 21 June, 1988, invoice 512253.



205

Leontius (695-698), solidus, Syracuse, indiction year 9, 695-96, D LE-N A4, crowned bust facing, holding akakia and globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVG4 Θ, cross potent on three steps flanked by four pellets and I; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.06g (Sear 1340; DO 13; MIB 9; BCI 608b), *weak striking at base of reverse, otherwise extremely fine and rare* £3,000-4,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Harmers of London 2 (2021), 213.

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206

Tiberius III (698-705), semissis, Constantinople, D TIBERI-YS PP AV, crowned facing bust, holding spear and shield, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGVS, cross potent on globe; *in ex.*, CONOB, 2.09g (Sear 1362; DO 3; MIB 7; BCC 858), *very fine* £300-400

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 116 (2022), 1136.



207

Tiberius III (698-705), tremissis, Constantinople, D TIBERI-YS PP AV, crowned facing bust, holding spear and shield, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGVS, cross potent on globe; *in ex.*, CONOB, 1.45g (Sear 1363; DO 4; MIB 8; BCC 859), *uneven flan, some marks and weaknesses, otherwise about extremely fine* £400-600

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 15 (2021), 2389.



208

Tiberius III (698-705), solidus, Syracuse, D TIBERI-YS AVG, crowned facing bust, holding spear and shield, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGVS, cross potent on three steps; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.22g (Sear 1380; DO21c; MIB 21; BCI 632c), *a few light contact marks on obverse, extremely fine and rare* £1,500-2,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Harmers of London 2 (2021), 214.



209

Tiberius III (698-705), 30 nummi (three quarter follis), Rome, facing bust, *rev.*, XXX; *in ex.*, [R]OM, 1.16g (Sear 1405; DO 42; MIB 81; BCI 657), *square flan, about extremely fine and very rare* £200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma Byzantine Collection (2023), 260; Naville 61 (2020), 606.



210

Justinian II (2nd reign, 705-711), solidus, Constantinople, d N Ihs ChS REX REGNA[NTIYM], facing bust of Christ, cross behind head, holding book of gospels and raising hand in benediction, *rev.*, d N IUSTINIAN-YS ET TIBERIYS PP A, half-length busts of Justinian II and his son Tiberius holding cross potent on two steps, 4.43g (Sear 1414; DO 2a; MIB 2a; BCC 881), *extremely fine* £1,500-2,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Sincona 41 (2017), 227.



211

Justinian II (2nd reign, 705-711), tremissis, Constantinople, d N Ihs [ChS REX] REGNANTIYM, facing bust of Christ, cross behind head, holding book of gospels and raising hand in benediction, *rev.*, [d N IY]STINIAN-Y S ET TIBERIYS P, half-length busts of Justinian II and his son Tiberius holding cross potent, 1.403g (Sear 1421; DO 6b; MIB 6b; BCC 886), *good very fine*
£500-600

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos Obolos 18 (2021), 857.



212

Justinian II (2nd reign, 705-711), Ceremonial Coinage, miliaresion (or hexagram), Constantinople, facing bust of Christ, cross behind head, flanked by palms, *rev.*, half-length busts of Justinian II and his son Tiberius holding cross potent, 3.11g (Sear -; DO -; MIB -; BCC 888a, *this piece*), *somewhat rough striking, about extremely fine and extremely rare* £6,000-8,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 107 (2021), 636. The first example of this coin appeared in the Solidus Numismatik auction 31, 30 June 2018, lot 127 (3.21g) and a second was in the Leu Numismatik auction 3, 27 October 2018, lot 319 (3.16g). The palms on either side of Christ Pantokrator point to its belonging to the series of silver coins with similar palms issued by earlier emperors (see lots 127 [Phocas], 144-146 [Heraclius], 167 [Constans II] and 185 [Constantine IV]) and described by Sear and Bendall as well as the authors of BCC as special ceremonial issues or donatives.



213

Justinian II (2nd reign, 705-711), follis, Constantinople, year 20, 705-06, 2nd officina, facing bust holding cross potent and globus cruciger, *rev.*, large M flanked by ANNO and [X]X; cross above; B below; *in ex.*, CON, 12.32g (Sear 1426; DO 11a; MIB 42a; BCC 875), *good very fine and rare*
£500-700

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma Byzantine Collection (2023), 267; John Casey Collection; Morton & Eden 84 (2016), 516.



214

Philippicus Bardanes (711-713), solidus, Constantinople, 9th officina, d N FILEPICYS MCHLTUS AN, crowned bust facing wearing loros, holding globus cruciger and eagle-tipped sceptre, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVGV Θ Γ, cross potent on three steps; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.28g (Sear 1449; DO 3b; MIB 3; BCC 892c), *slightly clipped and minor reverse marks, otherwise good extremely fine with brilliance, very rare*
£3,000-4,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 22 (2022), 291; Dr. Max Blaschegg (1930-2021) Collection; ex Schweizerische Kreditanstalt Monetarium FPL 30 (winter 1979-80), 205 (illustrated on front and back cover).

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215

Philippicus Bardanes (711-713), solidus, Syracuse, d N FILEP[ICVS A]VG, crowned bust facing wearing loros, holding globus cruciger and eagle-tipped sceptre, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVG Ψ *, cross potent on three steps; *in ex.*, [CONOB], 4.02g (Sear 1458; DO 15; MIB 9; BCI 689), *some reverse graffiti, very fine and very rare* £1,500-2,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma Byzantine Collection (2023), 280.



216

Anastasius II Artemius (713-715), tremissis, Constantinople, d N ARTEM[IVS ANASTASTASIVS MUL], crowned bust facing in chlamys, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVG Ψ S, cross potent; *in ex.*, CONOB, 1.37g (Sear 1467; DO 5; MIB 7; BCC 908), *small edge bend and faint reverse marks, otherwise extremely fine* £1,000-1,500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma XXI (2021), 965; Trausnitz Collection; Nomos 19 (2019), 427; Gorny & Mosch Stuttgart 1 (2010), 566.



217

Theodosius III of Adramytium (715-717), solidus, Constantinople, 2nd officina, d N ThEOdO-SIVS M Ψ L A, crowned bust facing wearing loros, holding globus cruciger and akakia, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVG Ψ B C, cross potent on three steps; *in ex.*, CONOB, 4.34g (Sear 1488; DO 2; MIB 2; BCC 916), *light graffiti in form of Φ on reverse, virtually as struck with brilliance and very rare* £5,000-6,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Placidia Collection, Sincona 37 (2017), 306; previously from Bank Leu stock, purchased June 1975. Theodosius III, sometimes referred to as "the Reluctant", began his life as a tax collector. When the army rebelled against Anastasius II, they proclaimed Theodosius emperor against his will; he even tried to flee and hide to avoid the throne. Forced into becoming what was essentially a puppet emperor, he remained on the throne for less than two years before abdicating in favour of Leo III. He then retired from imperial life and entered a monastery, spending his final years in Ephesus.



218

Theodosius III of Adramytium (715-717), hexagram struck from solidus dies, Constantinople, d N ThEOdO-[SIVS M Ψ L A], crowned bust facing wearing loros, holding globus cruciger and akakia, *rev.*, VICTORIA AVG Ψ ..., cross potent on three steps; *in ex.*, CONOB, 3.12g (Sear 1491; DO p. 686, note 2; MIB 12; BCC 920), *extremely fine obverse, reverse with traces of overstriking, partly weak and with graffiti, very rare* £1,500-2,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 119 (2022), 777.



219

Leo III, the Isaurian (717-741), with Constantine V, solidus, Constantinople, c. 725-32, d NO LEO-N P A M Ψ ’, crowned facing bust of Leo wearing chlamys, holding globus cruciger and akakia, *rev.*, d N CONST-ANTINVS M’, crowned facing bust of Constantine wearing chlamys, holding globus cruciger and akakia, 4.45g (cf. Sear 1504; DO 5.5; BCC 940), *virtually as struck, with brilliance* £1,000-1,500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Placidia Collection, Sincona 37 (2017), 311; purchased privately from Kölner Münzkabinett Kroha, Cologne, August 1970.



220

Leo III, the Isaurian (717-741), with Constantine V, tremissis, Constantinople, c. 720-25, d N LEO-N P A M Ψ ’, crowned facing bust of Leo wearing chlamys, holding globus cruciger and akakia, *rev.*, d N C[ONST-ANTI]NVS M’, young, crowned bust of Constantine facing, wearing chlamys, holding globus cruciger and akakia, 1.47g (Sear 1508; DO 16; MIB 4; BCC 951), *slightly uneven flan, good very fine* £300-400

Ex Porphyra Collection; European Ambassador Collection, Morton & Eden 115 (2022), 362.



221

Leo III, the Isaurian (717-741), with Constantine V, tremissis, Constantinople, c. 732-41, d N LEO-[N P A M Ψ], crowned facing bust of Leo wearing chlamys, holding globus cruciger and akakia, *rev.*, [d N] CON - STANTIN’, older, crowned bust of Constantine facing, wearing chlamys, holding globus cruciger and akakia, 1.40g (Sear 1508; DO 18; MIB 4; BCC 953/954), *slight reverse graffiti, good very fine* £400-600

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 14 (2020), 1594 (as Syracuse mint).



222

Leo III, the Isaurian (717-741), with Constantine V, miliaresion, Constantinople, 720-41, ΙΗ Σ YS XRIS-TYS NICA, cross potent on three steps, *rev.*, LEON / S CONST / ANTINE E / C ΘΕΥ βα / SILIS-, 1.94g (Sear 1512; DO 22; BCC 957), *partly weak, about very fine* £100-150

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 15 (2021), 2392.



223

Leo III, the Isaurian (717-741), with Constantine V, solidus, Syracuse, c. 735-741, d NO [LEO]-N P AV, crowned facing bust of Leo wearing chlamys, holding globus cruciger and akakia, *rev.*, d N CONS-TAN]TINÇ, crowned facing bust of Constantine wearing chlamys, holding globus cruciger and akakia, 3.80g (Sear 1524; DO 45; BCI 759), *some marks and edge scrapes, very fine and very rare* £600-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma Byzantine Collection (2023), 304.



224

Leo III, the Isaurian (717-741), with Constantine V, semissis, Syracuse, c. 720-35, [d N LEO]-N P AV, crowned facing bust of Leo wearing chlamys, holding globus cruciger and akakia, *rev.*, [....]-CON P A M, crowned facing bust of Constantine wearing chlamys, holding globus cruciger and akakia, 1.82g (Sear 1526; DO 47; BCI 760), *good very fine and very rare* £1,500-2,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos Obolos 18 (2021), 863.



225

Leo III, the Isaurian (717-741), follis, Syracuse, c. 717-720, standing figure of Leo, holding spear and globus cruciger with rosary, *rev.*, M flanked by palms; Leo's monogram above; *in ex.*, S[CL], 3.66g (Sear 1529; DO 52; MIB 30; BCI 741), *extremely fine, very rare* £200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma Byzantine Collection (2023), 292.



226

Leo III, the Isaurian (717-741), with Constantine V, follis, Syracuse, c. 721-35, d NO L-EON P M, crowned facing bust of Leo wearing chlamys, holding globus cruciger and akakia, *rev.*, d N C-ONTAN, crowned facing bust of Constantine wearing chlamys, holding globus cruciger; *in ex.*, M between SC and L, 2.01g (Sear 1530; DO 54; BCI 766), *good very fine and rare* £150-200

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma Byzantine Collection (2023), 299.



227

Constantine V, Copronymus (741-775), tremissis, Ravenna, indiction year 14, 745-46, d N CO [...], crowned facing bust holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, VICTOR [...], cross potent flanked by I-Δ; *in ex.*, CO[NOB], 1.26g (Sear 1582; DO 46; BCI 777), *very fine and extremely rare* £1,000-1,500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma Byzantine Collection (2023), 310.

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228

Constantine V, Copronymus (741-775), with Leo IV, solidus, Constantinople, c. 769-75, CONSTANTINOS S LEON NEOS, crowned facing busts of the two emperors, each wearing chlamys; cross above, *rev.*, C LE - ON P A M⁴L Θ, crowned facing bust of the deceased Leo III in loros and holding cross potent, 4.38g (Sear 1551; DO 2e; Füeg 6.B.2; BCC 987), *extremely fine*

£800-1,200

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG Triton XXI (2018), 881.



229

Constantine V, Copronymus (741-775), with Leo IV, solidus, Syracuse, c. 751-75, [...]TO LEO, crowned facing busts of the two emperors, each wearing chlamys; cross above, *rev.*, [...]ON P A M, crowned facing bust of the deceased Leo III in loros and holding cross potent, 3.86g (Sear 1565; DO 15b; BCI 791), *slight graffiti on reverse, good very fine*

£600-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG 479 (2020), 257; El Medina Collection.



230

Constantine V, Copronymus (741-775), with Leo IV, semissis, Syracuse, 751-75, d N CON P A (?), crowned facing bust of Constantine, holding globus cruciger and akakia, *rev.*, [garbled inscription], crowned facing bust of Leo, holding globus cruciger and akakia, 1.88g (Sear 1566; DO 16; BCI 794), *faint reverse marks, extremely fine and rare*

£600-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; Bertolami 109 (2022), 717. The attribution here follows Sear, Dunbarton Oaks and BCI. Marco Anastasi in *Monete byzantine di Sicilia* (2009) sees the issue as of Leo IV and Constantine VI. A second example of this coin type in the Porphyra Collection is listed under Leo IV (see lot 235 below)



231

Constantine V, Copronymus (741-775), with Leo IV, tremissis, Syracuse, 751-75, [...] CON P A M, crowned facing bust of Constantine, holding globus cruciger and akakia, *rev.*, [garbled inscription], crowned facing bust of Leo, holding cross potent on base and akakia, 1.22g (Sear 1567; DO 17; BCI 795), *extremely fine and rare*

£700-1,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos Obolos 18 (2021), 865; Trausnitz Collection; NAC 56 (2010), 697.



232

Constantine V, Copronymus (741-775), with Leo IV, follis, Syracuse, 751-75, half-length figures of the two emperors facing, *rev.*, facing bust of Leo III holding cross potent, 2.43g (Sear 1569; DO 19; BCI 792), *good very fine*

£100-150

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma Byzantine Collection (2023), 316.

Starting at 2.00 pm



233

Leo IV, the Khazar (775-780), with Constantine VI, solidus, Constantinople, 778-80, LEONVSSEGGONCONSTANTINOS O NEOS, Leo and Constantine VI, crowned and seated facing on lyre-backed throne, both wearing chlamys; cross above, *rev.*, LEON PAP CONSTANTINOS PATHR, crowned facing busts of the deceased Leo III and the deceased Constantine V, both wearing loros; cross above, 4.44g (Sear 1584; DO 2; BCC 1002), *extremely fine* £600-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; Hess-Divo 334 (2018), 168.



234

Leo IV, the Khazar (775-780), with Constantine VI, miliaresion, Constantinople, 776-80, ΙΗΣΥΣ ΧΡΙΣΤΥΣ ΝΙΚΑ, cross potent on three steps, *rev.*, LEON / S CONST / ANTINE E / C ΘΕΥ ΒΑ / ΣΙΛΙΣ, 2.03g (Sear 1585; DO 3; BCC 999), *good fine* £100-150

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos Obolos 18 (2021), 866; Trausnitz Collection; Hirsch 272 (2011), 805.



235

Attributed to Leo IV, the Khazar (775-80), with Constantine VI, semissis, Syracuse, 776-80, L-ON CON PA (?), crowned facing bust of Leo IV, holding globus cruciger and akakia, *rev.*, d CO – STANTI (?), crowned facing bust of Constantine VI, holding cross potent on globe and akakia, 1.81g (Anastasi 446; cf. Sear 1566; DO 16; BCI 794 [all as Constantine V]), *tiny obverse scratch, extremely fine and rare* £600-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; Gorny & Mosch 280 (2021), 766. See footnote to the very similar tremissis of Constantine V (lot 230). Scholars are undecided as to whether the issue sits safer with Constantine V or Leo IV.



236

Leo IV, the Khazar (775-80), with Constantine VI, follis, Syracuse, 778-80, facing half-length figures of Leo IV and Constantine VI, *rev.*, facing busts of Leo III and Constantine V, 3.00g (Sear 1590; DO 8; BCI 815), *about very fine and rare* £150-200

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma Byzantine Collection (2023), 321.



237

Constantine VI and Irene (780-797), solidus, Constantinople, 790-92, CONSTANTINOS C N b'b', crowned and facing busts of Constantine VI and Irene, he is wearing chlamys and holding globus cruciger, she in loros and holding cruciform sceptre; cross above, *rev.*, S IRINI AVTUSTI AV' MIR', the deceased emperors Leo III, Constantine V and Leo VI seated facing, each crowned and wearing chlamys, 4.41g (Sear 1591; DO 2a; Füeg 4 [Ir.4.9/C.4.7]; BCC 1009b, *this piece*), *extremely fine* £2,000-3,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG Triton XXI (2018), 884.



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238

Constantine VI and Irene (780-797), miliaresion, Constantinople, IHS X RIS - TYS NICA, cross potent on three steps, *rev.*, CONS / TANTINO / S S IRINI E / C ΘΕΥ ΒΑ / SILIS+, 2.18g (Sear 1595; DO 4; BCC 1013), *very fine* £100-150

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 99 (2021), 808.

239

Constantine VI and Irene (780-797), follis, Constantinople, facing busts of Constantine VI and Irene, *rev.*, Leo III, Constantine V and Leo IV above large M, 1.64g (Sear 1596/7; DO 5/6; BCC 1014/1015), *pierced, fine*; and **follis**, Constantinople, facing bust of Irene, *rev.*, facing bust of Constantine V over large M, 2.39g (Sear 1598; DO 7; BCC 1016), *about very fine* (2) £100-150

Ex Porphyra Collection; first Roma Byzantine Collection (2023), 325; second ex Naumann 131 (2023), 882.



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Irene (sole reign, 797-802), solidus, Syracuse, EIRIN BASILISI, crowned bust facing, wearing loros, holding globus cruciger and cruciform sceptre; on left, pellet, *rev.*, EIRIN BASILISA, similar facing bust, flanked by C and I, 3.84g (Sear 1602 var.; DO 4 var.; Anastasi 455; BCI 816), *good extremely fine, very rare* £3,000-4,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos Obolos 15 (2020), 942.



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Nicephorus I (802-811), solidus, Constantinople, 802-03, NICI - FOROS bASILE', crowned facing bust wearing chlamys, holding cross potent and akakia, *rev.*, IHS X RIS - TYS NICA X, cross potent on three steps, 4.43g (Sear 1603; DO 1b; Füeg 1.B; BCC 1020), *tiny reverse nick in field, otherwise extremely fine with brilliance* £1,500-2,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG Triton XXIV (2021), 1185.

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Nicephorus I (802-811), solidus, Syracuse, 802-03, NI - FOROS BAS, crowned facing bust wearing chlamys, holding cross potent and akakia, *rev.*, IHSXS XRIS - TYS NICA X, cross potent on three steps flanked by C and I, 3.86g (Sear -; DO -; BCI 820a, *same dies*), *some die rust, good extremely fine and extremely rare* £3,000-4,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos 22 (2021), 407.



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Nicephorus I (802-811), follis, Syracuse, 802-03, N-I [K] H, crowned facing bust in loros, holding cross potent, *rev.*, N-IKH, crowned facing bust in chlamys, holding globus cruciger, 3.00g (Sear 1611; DO 9; BCI 821), *good very fine and rare* £150-200

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma Byzantine Collection (2023), 330.



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Michael I, Rhangabe (811-813), with Theophylaktos, solidus, Constantinople, 811-13, MIXA - HL BASILE', crowned facing bust of Michael, wearing chlamys, holding cross potent and akakia; pellet at left, *rev.*, ΘEOFVΛA - CTOS dESPIE, crowned facing bust, wearing loros, holding globus cruciger and cruciform sceptre, 4.42g (Sear 1615; DO 1; Füeg 1.A; BCC 1027a; Lygo p. 140, *this coin*), *light reverse mark in field, otherwise about extremely fine and very rare* £7,000-8,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Placidia Collection, Sincona 37 (2017), 342; purchased from Baldwin's, July 1973. Michael I Rangabe was married to Procopia, daughter of the emperor Nicephorus I. Following Nicephorus's death at the battle of Pliska, Procopia's brother Staurakios, the co-emperor, was left severely wounded and, unable to rule, was compelled by senior officials to abdicate. Michael consequently ascended the throne and crowned his son Theophylaktos as co-emperor. The latter is portrayed on the reverse of this coin and identified by the title despotis. Michael's short reign ended with his defeat by the Bulgarians at the battle of Versinikia, after which he abdicated and retired to a monastery.



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Michael I, Rhangabe (811-813), with Theophylactus, miliaresion, Constantinople, $\text{I}\eta\text{S}\chi\text{S}\text{X}\text{R}\text{I}\text{S} - \text{T}\chi\text{S}\text{N}\text{I}\text{C}\text{A}$, cross potent on three steps, *rev.*, +MIXA / HL S Θ EOFV / LACT EC Θ / bASILIS RO / MAION, 2.15g (Sear 1616; DO 3; BCC 1029), *some obverse marks, very fine* £200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos Obolos 17 (2020), 827.



246

Leo V, the Armenian (813-820), with Constantine, solidus, Constantinople, LE - ON bASILE', crowned bust facing of Leo, in chlamys and holding cross potent and akakia, *rev.*, CONST - ANT' dESP' X, crowned facing bust of Constantine, in chlamys and holding globus cruciger and akakia, 4.40g (Sear 1627; DO 2b; Füeg 2.A.2; BCC 1033), *some minor marks, good very fine and toned* £1,000-1,500

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG 484 (2021), 992.



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Leo V, the Armenian (813-820), with Constantine, miliaresion, Constantinople, $\text{I}\eta\text{S}\chi\text{S}\text{X}\text{R}\text{I}\text{S}\text{T}\chi\text{S}\text{N}\text{I}\text{C}\text{A}$, cross potent on three steps, *rev.*, +LEON / S CONSTAN / TINE EC Θ EY / BASILIS RO / MAION, 2.10g (Sear 1628; DO 4; BCC 1034), *good very fine* £200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos Obolos 18 (2021), 877.

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Leo V, the Armenian (813-820), with Constantine, follis, Syracuse, [LEO], facing bust of Leo, in loros, holding cross potent; star in right field, *rev.*, K[ONCT], facing bust of Constantine, in chlamys, holding globus cruciger, flanked by C-I, 5.36g (Sear 1636; DO 17; BCC 849), *about extremely fine* £100-150

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma Byzantine Collection (2023), 339.

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Michael II, the Armorian (820-829), with Theophilus, miliaresion, Constantinople, 821-29, $\text{I}\eta\text{S}\chi\text{S}\text{X}\text{R}\text{I}\text{S} - \text{T}\chi\text{S}\text{N}\text{I}\text{C}\text{A}$, cross potent on three steps, *rev.*, +MIXA / HL S Θ EOFI / LE EC Θ EY / bASILIS RO / MAION, 2.11g (Sear 1641; DO 6; BCC 1038), *toned and about extremely fine* £300-400

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 15 (2021), 2414.



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Michael II, the Armorian (820-829), with Theophilus, solidus, Syracuse, 821-29, MI-XA[HL bA], crowned bust facing of Michael, in chlamys and holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, [Θ E]-OFILO bA, crowned facing bust of Theophilus, in loros, holding cross potent, 3.82g (Sear 1646; DO 15; BCI 857), *very fine and rare* £400-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos Obolos 18 (2021), 879; Trausnitz Collection; purchased from Aufhäuser, 24 July 1984.



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Michael II, the Armorian (820-829), with Theophilus, tremissis, Syracuse, 821-29, MIX-AHL I bA', crowned bust facing of Michael, in chlamys and holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, ΘE-OFIL' b, crowned facing bust of Theophilus, in chlamys, holding cross potent; in right field, cross, 1.31g (Sear 1650; DO 18; BCI 860), *sharp striking and virtually as struck, an unusually fine example*

£800-1,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Artemide LIX (2023), 778.



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Theophilus (829-842), with Constantine, solidus, Constantinople, 831-40, * ΘEOFI - LOS BASILE Θ', crowned facing bust of Theophilus in chlamys, holding patriarchal cross and akakia, *rev.*, + MIXAHL S CONSTANTIN', crowned facing busts of the deceased Michael II, and Constantine, each wearing chlamys, 4.42g (Sear 1653; DO3; BCC 1052b; Lygo p. 150, *this coin*), *scuff on reverse, good very fine*

£400-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Morton & Eden 93 (2019), 15.



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Theophilus (829-842), miliaresion, Constantinople, 831-38, IηS'YS XRIS - T'Y S NICA, cross potent on three steps, *rev.*, + ΘEOFI / LOS d'YLOS / XRISTY S PIS / TOS EN AVTO / BASILEY' RO / MAION, 2.39g (Sear 1661; DO 10; BCC 1053), *toned, good very fine*

£150-200

Ex Porphyra Collection; European Ambassador Collection, Morton & Eden 115 (2022), 385.

254

Theophilus (829-842), with Michael III, miliaresion, Constantinople, 840-42, IηS'YS XRIS - T'Y S NICA, cross potent on three steps, *rev.*, + ΘEO / FILOS S MI / XAHL EC ΘE / BASILIS RO / MAION, 1.61g (Sear 1664; DO 12; BCC 1060), *two edge flaws, some deposits, good very fine*

£200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 14 (2020), 1605.

255

Theophilus (829-842), follis, Constantinople, 831-40, [...] - BASIL, three-quarter length figure holding labarum and globus cruciger, crown surmounted by tufa, *rev.*, + ΘEO / FILE AVG / OVSTE SV / NICAS, 9.57g (Sear 1667; DO 15; BCC 1055), *dark patina, good very fine*

£100-150

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma 110 (2023), 1712.



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Theophilus (829-842), solidus, Syracuse, c. 829-830, *ΘΕΟΦΙ - LOS BASIL, crowned facing bust in chlamys, holding cross potent, *rev.*, ΘΕΟΦΙ - LOS BASIL, crowned facing bust in loros, holding globus cruciger, 3.74g (Sear 1671; DO 18; BCI 866), *scuff mark on reverse, otherwise good extremely fine* £700-900

Ex Porphyra Collection; European Ambassador Collection, Morton & Eden 115 (2022), 387.



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Theophilus (829-842), semissis, Syracuse, c. 829-830, *ΘΕΟ - FILOS BA, crowned facing bust in chlamys, holding cross potent, *rev.*, ΘΕΟ - FILOS BA, crowned facing bust in loros, holding globus cruciger, 1.81g (Sear 1671; DO 18; BCI 866), *faint traces of overstriking on obverse, good very fine* £400-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG 479 (2020), 261; El Medina Collection.



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Theophilus (829-842), solidus, Syracuse, c. 831-840, ΘΕΟ - FILOS, crowned facing bust in chlamys, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, ΘΕ - OFILOS, crowned facing bust in loros, holding cross potent, 3.79g (Sear 1670; DO 24; BCI 876), *extremely fine* £600-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; Morton & Eden 108 (2020), 295; Sotheby's, 10 May 1978, 186.



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Theophilus (829-842), semissis, Syracuse, c. 831-840, ΘΕΟ - FILOS, crowned facing bust in chlamys, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, ΘΕΟ - FILOS, crowned facing bust in loros, holding globus cruciger, 1.84g (Sear 1673; DO 26; BCI 877), *good extremely fine* £500-700

Ex Porphyra Collection; Bertolami 109 (2022), 721.



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Theophilus (829-842), tremissis, Syracuse, c. 831-842, ΘΕΟ - FIΛAOS, crowned facing bust with emaciated face, in chlamys, holding globus cruciger, *rev.*, ΘΕ - OFIΛAOS, crowned facing bust with emaciated face, in loros, holding cross potent, 1.84g (Sear 1678 var. (L in inscription replaced with Λ); DO 27b; Anastasi 561; BCI 878b), *extremely fine* £400-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Gorny & Mosch 280 (2021), 768.



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Michael III (842-867), with Theodora, solidus, Constantinople, c. 843-56, $\text{IhS}\chi\text{S X} - \text{RISTOS} \star$, facing bust of Christ with cross behind head, holding book of Gospels in left hand and raising right hand in benediction, *rev.*, $+ \text{MIXAHL S } \Theta\text{E} - \text{OdORA}$, crowned busts facing of Michael on the left, wearing chlamys, and Theodora on right, wearing loros; cross above, 4.46g (Sear 1687; DO 2; Füeg 2.B; BCC 1063), *almost extremely fine and very rare* £6,000-8,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 5 (2019), 575. Theodora, Michael III's mother and regent, was a strong supporter of the veneration of religious icons and played an important role in restoring the use of icons in the Byzantine Empire in 843, bringing the period of Byzantine Iconoclasm to an end. Michael III became emperor at the age of two and ruled under his mother's protection and regency. In 856, when Michael was old enough to rule independently, he began to distance himself from his mother's influence and took greater control over the empire. In 858, he had Theodora forced into a monastery. Michael III also oversaw several important military victories against the Arabs, strengthening the Byzantine Empire's position in the East. However, his reign ended abruptly in 867, when Basil I and his supporters assassinated him, allowing Basil to seize the Byzantine throne and establish the Macedonian dynasty. Michael III was unfairly given the nickname "the Drunkard" by near-contemporary chroniclers of the Macedonian dynasty.



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Michael III (842-867), miliaresion, Constantinople, c. 856-66, $\text{IhS}\chi\text{S XRIS} - \text{T}\chi\text{S NICA}$, cross potent on three steps, *rev.*, $+ \text{MIXA} / \text{HL EC } \Theta\text{E}\chi / \text{PISTOS } \text{bA} / \text{SILE}\chi\text{S RO} / \text{MAION}$, 2.10g (Sear 1691; DO 6; BCC 1066), *some corrosion on reverse rim, good very fine* £200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos Obolos 18 (2021), 885; Trausnitz Collection; Künker 133 (2007), 9298.

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Michael III (842-867), miliaresion, Constantinople, c. 866-67, $\text{IhS}\chi\text{S XRIS} - \text{T}\chi\text{S NICA}$, cross potent on three steps; pellet below, *rev.*, $+ \text{MIXA} / \text{HL PISTOS} / \text{ME}\chi\text{SAS } \text{bA} / \text{SILE}\chi\text{S RO} / \text{MAION}$, 1.72g (Sear 1692; DO 7; BCC 1067), *slight double striking on reverse, extremely fine* £500-600

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 14 (2020), 1609.



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Michael III (842-867), with Theodora, electrum semissis, Syracuse, 842-56, $\text{MI} - \text{XAHL } \Theta$, crowned facing bust, in chlamys, holding patriarchal cross on globus, *rev.*, $\text{MIX} - \text{AHA } \Theta$, crowned facing bust, in loros, holding patriarchal cross on globus, 1.55g (Sear 1694; DO 9; BCI 883), *about extremely fine* £400-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos Obolos 18 (2021), 884; Trausnitz Collection; Gorny & Mosch 118 (2002), 2530.

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Basil I, the Macedonian (867-886), with Constantine, miliaresion, Constantinople, 868-79, $\text{IhS}\chi\text{S XRI} - \text{ST}\chi\text{S NICA}$, cross potent on three steps; pellet below, *rev.*, $+ \text{bASI} / \text{LIOS CE} / \text{CONSTAN} / \text{TIN PISTV} / \text{bASILIS} / \text{ROMEO}$, 2.79g (Sear 1708; DO 7; BCC 1072), *minor marks, small edge bend, otherwise extremely fine* £250-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos 20 (2020), 437; Trausnitz Collection; Hirsch 206 (1999), 606.

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Basil I, the Macedonian (867-886), with Constantine, electrum semissis, Syracuse, 868-78, BAS-ILEIOC, crowned facing bust of Basil in loros and holding globus cruciger; in right field, pellet, *rev.*, CON-STANT, crowned facing bust of Constantine in chlamys and holding globus cruciger, 1.25g (Sear 1714 var. [without pellet]; DO 14a var. [without pellet]; BCI 894b), *extremely fine, a scarce variety* £300-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Gorny & Mosch 276 (2021), 722; Gorny & Mosch 249 (2017), 1058.



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Basil I, the Macedonian (867-886), follis, Syracuse, 868-78, [bASI]-AEIOC, crowned facing bust wearing loros, holding globus cruciger in right hand, *rev.*, large M with Θ below; [cross above], 0.90g (Sear -; DO -; BCI 897, as R5), *off centre but extremely fine, extremely rare and apparently only the third known example* £2,000-3,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma Byzantine Collection (2023), 359. Basil I was the founder of the Macedonian dynasty, one of the most important dynasties in Byzantine history. His reign strengthened imperial authority and ushered in a period of political, military, and cultural revival that continued under his successors. During his reign, Syracuse, a major Byzantine city and the capital of Sicily, was captured by the Aghlabids in 878 under Jafar b. Muhammad al-Tamimi after a prolonged siege, marking the definitive loss of Byzantine control over the city. The fall of Syracuse also brought an end to Byzantine coin production at one of the Empire's most important western mints. The coins struck at the Syracuse mint under Basil I are generally regarded as the final Byzantine issues produced there. Although Michael IV briefly recaptured Syracuse in 1040, Byzantine control was short-lived, and the Norman forces supporting the expedition eventually turned against the Byzantines. This exceptionally rare issue is the last follis to bear the M value mark, denoting 40 nummi, a denomination introduced in Anastasius I's monetary reform of AD 498 (see for instance lot 45 in this sale). Only three examples are recorded, with the present specimen distinguished by the exceptionally clear rendering of the third and fourth syllables of the emperor's name. This type was first published by Peter Donald in Spink's Numismatic Circular, 1987, p. 255. A second example appeared in the Roma sale XXIII (2022), lot 1197.



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Leo VI, the Wise (886-912), with Constantine VII, solidus, Constantinople, 908-912, +IhS XPS REX RESNANTIVM, Christ seated facing on throne with curved back, holding book of Gospels and raising right hand in benediction, *rev.*, LEON ET CONSTANT AΥC ROM, full-length figures of Leo VI and Constantine VII, each wearing loros and holding a globus cruciger and between them they hold a patriarchal cross, 4.38g (Sear 1725; DO 2; Füeg 3.C; BCC 1085), *slight edge bend at 12.00, otherwise extremely fine and very rare* £7,000-10,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Placidia Collection, Sincona 37 (2017), 380; and Bank Leu 22 (1979), 445. Leo VI was notably unfortunate in his marriages and faced considerable difficulties in securing a legitimate male heir. The Orthodox Church strongly disapproved of repeated marriages, and a fourth marriage was considered uncanonical; nevertheless, Leo married four times, driven by his determination to secure the succession. His fourth wife, Zoe Karbonopsina, bore him Constantine in 905, and in 908 the young prince was crowned co-emperor as Constantine VII. This solidus, struck in the final years of Leo's reign presents the emperor alongside his young son. The unusually prominent depiction of Constantine, who was still a small child, clearly emphasizes the continuity of the imperial dynasty and Leo's success in securing a male heir.



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Leo VI, the Wise (886-912), with Constantine VII, miliaresion, Constantinople, 908-912, ΙΗΣΟΥ ΧΡΙ - ΣΤΗΣ ΝΙΚΑ, cross potent on three steps; pellet below, *rev.*, +LEON CE / CONSTANTI / Ν' EN Χ. Ω EV / ΣΡΒΙΣ ΒΑΣΙ / ΛΙ' ROM, 2.75g (Sear 1727; DO 4; BCC 1086), *minor marks, good very fine* £400-600

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 14 (2020), 1613.

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Leo VI, the Wise (886-912), follis, Constantinople, +LEON ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ROM', facing bust holding akakia, *rev.*, + LEON / EN ΘΕΟ ΒΑ / ΣΙΛΕΥΣ Ρ / ΟΜΕΟΝ, 6.54g (Sear 1729; DO 8; BCC 1084), *dark patina, extremely fine* £150-200

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma Byzantine Collection (2023), 362.

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Leo VI, the Wise (886-912), with Alexander, follis, Constantinople, +LEON Σ ΑΛΕΧΑΝΔΡΟΣ, the two emperors enthroned facing, holding labarum between them, *rev.*, +LEON / Σ ΑΛΕΧΑΝ / ΔΡΟΣ ΒΑΣΙΛ' / ΡΟΜΕΟΝ, 9.63g (Sear 1730; DO 6; BCC 1087), *dark patina, extremely fine* £100-150

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 131 (2023), 887.



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Alexander (912-913), miliaresion, Constantinople, 11 May 912 – 6 June 913, ΙΗΣΟΥ ΧΡΙ - ΣΤΗΣ ΝΙΚΑ, cross potent on three steps; at centre of cross, medallion with facing bust of Christ; below steps, pellet, *rev.*, +ALEX / ΑΝΔΡΟΣ ΕΝ / Χ.Ω ΑΥΤΟCΡ, / ΠΙΣΤΟΣ ΕΥ / ΣΕΒ, ΒΑΣΙ / Λ, ROM, 2.83g (Sear 1738; DO 3; BCC 1089), *light toning, good extremely fine and of the highest rarity* £12,000-18,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 115 (2022), 1104. Alexander was the son of Basil I and the brother, or probably half-brother, of Leo VI. He was created co-emperor in 879 by his father and continued in this role throughout the reign of Leo VI but there was great animosity between them and on Leo's death Alexander became the senior Augustus despite Leo's own son Constantine (VII) being the more appropriate choice (despite his young age). Alexander's reign lasted barely thirteen months and his coins (which make no mention of his co-emperor Constantine) are today extremely rare. Indeed, the miliaresia are rarer than the solidi and the present example appears to be the finest known in private hands. Coin Archives lists only two others, one marred by graffiti and the other pierced, and the Hunt Collection could only manage a broken example. His coinage was innovative and his miliaresia introduce for the first time the emperor's title *autocrator* as well as the medallion of Christ at the intersection of the arms of the cross.

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Constantine VII (913-959), Porphyrogenitus, with his mother Zoe, solidus, Constantinople, 6 February 914, +IhS XPS REX RECNANTICM*, Christ seated facing on throne with curved back, holding book of Gospels and raising right hand in benediction, *rev.*, CONSTANT' CE ZWH EN X.W b' R', half-length figures of Constantine and Zoe, both crowned and facing, Constantine in chlamys and Zoe in loros; they hold a patriarchal cross between them, 4.43g (Sear 1740; DO 2; Füeg 2; BCC 1090a, *this coin*; Lygo p. 174, *this coin*), *some scuffs on obverse and small scratch in the field to right of Constantine, otherwise extremely fine and extremely rare* £20,000-30,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG 106 (2017), 890. Constantine VII Porphyrogenitus was born in 905 and became emperor at the age of seven after the death of his father, Leo VI. His mother, Zoe Karbonopsina, was excluded from the court by Constantine's uncle, Alexander, but returned to power after his death in 913, eventually becoming regent for her son. In 919, her position was eclipsed by Romanus I Lekapenos, whose daughter Helena later married Constantine. Zoe was subsequently removed from the court and retired to a monastery. This coin belongs to the period of Zoe's regency, when she appears alongside her young son Constantine VII.



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Constantine VII, Porphyrogenitus (913-959), with Romanus I, solidus, Constantinople, 920-21, +IhS XPS REX RECNANTICM*, Christ seated facing on throne with curved back, holding book of Gospels and raising right hand in benediction, *rev.*, CONSTANT' CE ROMAN' AVCC' b', 4.37g (Sear 1741; DO 3; Füeg 3; BCC 1093), *slightly short of flan, otherwise almost extremely fine and very rare* £2,000-3,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Placidia Collection, Sincona 37 (2017), 386.



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Constantine VII, Porphyrogenitus (913-959), with Romanus I, solidus, Constantinople, 921-23, +IhS XPS REX RECNANTICM*, Christ seated facing on throne with curved back, holding book of Gospels and raising right hand in benediction, *rev.*, ROMAN' ET CONSTANT' AVCC' b', crowned busts facing of Romanus I in loros, on the left, and Constantine in chlamys, on the right, holding between them patriarchal cross, 4.37g (Sear 1746; DO 4; Füeg 4; BCC 1094), *very fine and very rare* £800-1,200

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos Obolos 18 (2021), 895; Trausnitz Collection; purchased from Athena Münzhandlung, 4 October 1983.

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Constantine VII Porphyrogenitus (913-959), with Romanus I and Christopher Lecapenoi, solidus, Constantinople, 923-931, +IHS XPS REX REYNANTIYM*, Christ enthroned facing, *rev.*, ROMAN' ET XRISTOFO' AYC b, facing busts of Romanus I and Christopher, holding between them patriarchal cross, 4.31g (Sear 1745; DO 7; Füeg 7.c; BCC 1098c), *very fine*
£400-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Kölner Münzkabinett 113 (2020), 456.

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Constantine VII Porphyrogenitus (913-959), with Romanus I Lecapenos, solidus, Constantinople, 943-944, +IHS XPS REX REYNANTIYM, Christ enthroned facing, *rev.*, +CONSTANTINOS CE ROMAN' ENXΩb'R n, Romanus I and Constantine VII, standing facing, each holding a globus cruciger and patriarchal cross between them, 4.34g (Sear 1749 (Constantine VII and Romanus II); DO 10; Füeg 10.3; BCC 1103a), *about extremely fine*
£2,000-2,500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Placidia Collection, Sincona 37 (2017), 392; and Baldwin's (1980).

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Constantine VII Porphyrogenitus (913-959), with Romanus II, solidus, Constantinople, 945-946, +IHSXPS REX REYNANTIYM, Christ enthroned facing, *rev.*, CONSTANT CE ROMAN' AYC b' R', facing busts of Constantine VII and Romanus II, holding between them patriarchal cross, 4.38g (Sear 1750; DO 14; Füeg 14.5; BCC 1109), *obverse faint scrape to the right of Christ, reverse scuff mark, otherwise about extremely fine*
£700-1,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; European Ambassador Collection, Morton & Eden 115 (2022), 280.

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Constantine VII Porphyrogenitus (913-959), with Romanus II, solidus, Constantinople, 946-959, +IHSXPS REX REYNANTIYM, facing bust of Christ, *rev.*, CONSTANT' CE ROMAN' AYC b' R', facing busts of Constantine VII and Romanus II, holding between them patriarchal cross, 4.45g (Sear 1751; DO 15; Füeg 15; BCC 1110), *two small edge marks, about extremely fine*
£600-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 89 (2020), 598.



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Constantine VII Porphyrogenitus (913-959), with Romanus I and Christopher Lecapenoi, miliaresion, Constantinople, 921-931, ΙηΣΥΣ ΧΡΙΣΤΥΣ ΗΙΚΑ, cross potent on three steps, beneath globe; triple border, *rev.*, +ROMAHO' / COHSTAHT' / CE XPISTOF' / Eh XΩ EVSE / b' BASIL' R', inscription in five lines, triple border ornamented with eight equally spaced globules, 2.84g (Sear 1753; DO 17; BCC 1100), *extremely fine* £300-400

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 116 (2022), 1155.



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Constantine VII Porphyrogenitus (913-959), with Romanus I and Christopher Lecapenoi, miliaresion, Constantinople, 921-931, ΙηΣΥΣ ΧΡΙΣΤΥΣ ΗΙΚΑ, cross potent on three steps, beneath globe; triple border, *rev.*, +ROMAHO' / XPISTOFOR' / CE COHSTAHT' / Eh XΩ EVSE / b' BASIL' R', inscription in five lines, triple border ornamented with eight equally spaced globules, 2.78g (Sear 1754; DO 18; BCC 1101), *about extremely fine* £200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Artemide 59 (2022), 687.



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Constantine VII, Porphyrogenitus (913-959), with Romanus I and Stephen Lecapenoi, miliaresion, Constantinople, 931-945, ΙηΣΥΣ ΧΡΙΣΤΥΣ ΗΙΚΑ, cross potent on three steps, containing portrait of Romanus I, below left, R/Ω and right, M/A, *rev.*, +ROMAHO' / COHSTAHT' / STEFAHOS / CE COHSTAHT' / Eh XΩ b' R', inscription in five lines, above and below cross, 2.78g (Sear 1755; DO 20; BCC 1104), *about extremely fine* £200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; European Ambassador Collection, Morton & Eden 115 (2022), 404.



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Constantine VII, Porphyrogenitus (913-959), with Romanus I Lecapenos, miliaresion, Constantinople, 945-959, ΙηΣΥΣ ΧΡΙΣΤΥΣ ΗΙΚΑ, cross crosslet on three steps, beneath globe; triple border ornamented with sixteen globules, *rev.*, +COHST' / T' / ΠΙΟΡΦΥΡΟΣ' / CE ROMAHO' / Eh XΩ EVSEb' / b' RΩMEOH, inscription in five lines, triple border ornamented with sixteen globules, 3.00g (Sear 1757; DO 21; BCC 1111), *reverse scratches, otherwise about extremely fine* £150-200

Ex Porphyra Collection; Kölner 113 (2020), 454.



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Constantine VII, Porphyrogenitus (913-959), with Zoe, follis, Constantinople, 914-919, +COHSTANT' CE ZOH b', facing busts of Constantine VII and Zoe, holding between them patriarchal cross; *rev.*, +COHs / TAHTThO' / CE ZOH bA / SILIS RO / MEOH, inscription in five lines, 5.06g (Sear 1758; DO 22; BCC 1092), *good very fine* £80-120

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 131 (2023), 891.



285

Romanus II (959-963), in the name of Constantine VII, solidus, Constantinople, +IhSXPS REX RECNANTIYM, facing bust of Christ, *rev.*, blundered version of CONSTANT' CE ROMAN' A4CIR', facing busts of Constantine VII and Romanus II, holding between them patriarchal cross, 4.42g (Sear 1751 (Constantine VII); DO 15 (Constantine VII); Füeg 3.A.1; BCC 1109 (Constantine VII)), *extremely fine* £600-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 24 (2022), 717. This coin was previously attributed by Sear and DO to the reign of Constantine VII, as it shares the reverse type with the Constantine VII solidus (Sear 1751; DO 15). Füeg, however, reattributed the issue to Romanus II, the son of Constantine VII, based on the distinctive style of the Pantocrator on the obverse. Additional support for this reassignment comes from the blundered reverse legend, which would not have been countenanced in Constantine VII's lifetime.

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Nicephorus II, Phocas (963-969), with Basil II, solidus, Constantinople, 964-965, +IHSXIS REX RECNANTIIM, facing bust of Christ, *rev.*, NIKHΦOP, KAI BACIA AYT. R P, facing busts of Nicephorus II and Basil II, holding between them patriarchal cross, 4.24g (Sear 1777 [histamenon]; DO 2 [histamenon]; Füeg 2 [histamenon]; BCC 1116), *obverse graffiti, otherwise good very fine* £700-1,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; NAC 114 (2019), 1735. D'Andrea, Gennari-Torno Ginnasi (2021) place the replacement of the traditional *solidus* by the two denominations, *histamenon* and *tetarteron*, in the later part of Basil II's reign. Their chronology differs from the traditional attribution of this monetary reform which was given to Nicephorus II Phocas.



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Nicephorus II, Phocas (963-969), solidus, Constantinople, 965-969, +IHSXIS REX RECNANTIIM, facing bust of Christ, *rev.*, +ΘΕΟΤΟC bH Θ hICHF, DE'SP, facing busts of Virgin and Nicephorus II, holding between them patriarchal cross, 4.41g (Sear 1778 [histamenon]; DO 4.2 [histamenon]; Füeg 3.A.3 [histamenon]; BCC 1117), *good very fine* £1,000-1,200

Ex Porphyra Collection; NAC 114 (2019), 1737. D'Andrea, Gennari-Torno Ginnasi (2021) place the replacement of the traditional *solidus* by the two denominations, *histamenon* and *tetarteron*, in the later part of Basil II's reign. Their chronology differs from the traditional attribution of this monetary reform which was given to Nicephorus II Phocas.



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Nicephorus II, Phocas (963-969), miliaresion, Constantinople, 963-969, +IHSYS XRISTYS hICA*, cross crosslet on globus above two steps, at the centre of cross, medallion with facing bust of Nicephorus flanked by NI / CF, triple border ornamented with eight globules, *rev.*, +hICHF / Eh XΩ AVTO / CRAT' EVSEb' / bASILEVS / ΡΩΜΑΙΩ', inscription in five lines, above and below cross, triple border ornamented with eight globules, 2.64g (Sear 1781; DO 6; BCC 1118), *some marks, otherwise good very fine* £150-250

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos Obolos 18 (2021), 903; Trausnitz Collection; Gorny & Mosch 113 (2001), 6134.



289

John I, Tzimiskes (969-976), solidus, Constantinople, +IHSXIS REX RECNANTIIM, facing bust of Christ, *rev.*, +ΘΕΟΤΟC bOHΘ 'IΩ DESP, facing bust of John, Manus Dei above, holding long patriarchal cross and crowned by Virgin standing at right, MΘ above, 4.70g (Sear 1785 [histamenon]; DO 3 [histamenon]; Füeg 3 [histamenon]; BCC 1125), *obverse X graffiti, about extremely fine* £800-1,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Poulos Family Collection, Heritage 3076 (2019), 30368. D'Andrea, Gennari-Torno Ginnasi (2021) place the replacement of the traditional *solidus* by the two denominations, *histamenon* and *tetarteron*, in the later part of Basil II's reign. Their chronology differs from the traditional attribution of this monetary reform which was given to Nicephorus II Phocas.

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John I, Tzimisce (969-976), miliaresion, Constantinople, +IhS⁴S XRIST⁴S hICA*, cross crosslet on globus above two steps, at centre medallion with facing bust of John flanked by ICW / AN, triple border ornamented with eight globules, *rev.*, +IΩAh^h' / Eh XΩ AVTO / CRAT' EVSEb' / bASILEVS / RΩMAIΩ', inscription in five lines, above and below cross, triple border ornamented with eight globules, 2.68g (Sear 1792; DO 7b; BCC 1127), *obverse mark, otherwise about extremely fine* £200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma 75 (2020), 985.



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Basil II, Bulgaroktonos (976-1025), with Constantine VIII, solidus, Constantinople, 977, +IhSXIS REX RE⁴NANT^hM, facing bust of Christ, *rev.*, +bACIL' C, COhSTAhTI b'R', facing busts of Basil II and Constantine VIII, holding between them patriarchal cross, 4.13g (Sear 1801 [tetarteron]; DO 7 [histamenon]; Füeg 7 [tetarteron]; cf. BCC 1130d), *reverse scuffs, otherwise very fine* £1,000-1,500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 104 (2021), 1015. D'Andrea, Gennari-Torno Ginnasi (2021) place the replacement of the traditional *solidus* by the two denominations, *histamenon* and *tetarteron*, in the later part of Basil II's reign. Their chronology differs from the traditional attribution of this monetary reform which was given to Nicephorus II Phokas.



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Basil II, Bulgaroktonos (976-1025), with Constantine VIII, solidus, Constantinople, 977-989, +IhSXIS REX RE⁴NANTI⁴M, facing bust of Christ, *rev.*, +bACIL C COhSTAhTI b R', facing busts of Basil II and Constantine VIII, holding between them long patriarchal cross with bar on shaft, 4.40g (Sear 1796 [histamenon]; DO 2J [histamenon]; Füeg 2J [histamenon]; BCC 1132k), *extremely fine* £800-1,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Placidia Collection, Sincona 37 (2017), 410. D'Andrea, Gennari-Torno Ginnasi (2021) place the replacement of the traditional *solidus* by the two denominations, *histamenon* and *tetarteron*, in the later part of Basil II's reign. Their chronology differs from the traditional attribution of this monetary reform which was given to Nicephorus II Phokas.



293

Basil II, Bulgaroktonos (976-1025), with Constantine VIII, solidus, Constantinople, 989-1001, +IhSXIS REX R[E⁴NAN] T^hM, facing bust of Christ, *rev.*, +bACIL C COhSTAhTI b R', facing busts of Basil II and Constantine VIII, holding between them long patriarchal cross crosslet, 4.41g (Sear 1797 [histamenon]; DO 3A [histamenon]; Füeg 3A [histamenon]; BCC 1133g), *slightly wavy edge, otherwise extremely fine* £800-1,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; European Ambassador Collection, Morton & Eden 115 (2022), 412. D'Andrea, Gennari-Torno Ginnasi (2021) place the replacement of the traditional *solidus* by the two denominations, *histamenon* and *tetarteron*, in the later part of Basil II's reign. Their chronology differs from the traditional attribution of this monetary reform which was given to Nicephorus II Phokas.



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Basil II, Bulgaroktonos (976-1025), with Constantine VIII, solidus, Constantinople, 989-1001, +IhSXIS REX REYNANTIM, facing bust of Christ, *rev.*, +bACIL C COhSTAhTI b R, facing busts of Basil II and Constantine VIII, holding between them long patriarchal cross crosslet, 4.40g (Sear 1797 [histamenon]; DO 3F [histamenon]; Füeg 3F [histamenon]; BCC 1133o), *slightly wavy edge, otherwise about extremely fine* £1,000-1,500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 16 (2021), 3976. D'Andrea, Gennari-Torno Ginnasi (2021) place the replacement of the traditional *solidus* by the two denominations, *histamenon* and *tetarteron*, in the later part of Basil II's reign. Their chronology differs from the traditional attribution of this monetary reform which was given to Nicephorus II Phokas.



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Basil II, Bulgaroktonos (976-1025), with Constantine VIII, solidus, Constantinople, 1001-1005, +IhSXIS REX REYNANTIVM, facing bust of Christ, *rev.*, +bACIL C COhSTAhTI b R, facing busts of Basil II (with suspended crown above) and Constantine VIII, holding between them long patriarchal cross crosslet, 4.40g (Sear 1798 [histamenon]; DO 4A [histamenon]; Füeg 4A [histamenon]; BCC 1135b), *minor edge mark, otherwise extremely fine* £2,000-2,500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 29 (2024), 2645. Basil II had one of the longest reigns in Byzantine history and ruled during one of the empire's greatest periods of power. He was a highly successful military emperor, most notably defeating the Bulgarian Empire and strengthening Byzantine control in the Balkans. D'Andrea, Gennari-Torno Ginnasi (2021) place the replacement of the traditional *solidus* by the two denominations, *histamenon* and *tetarteron*, in the later part of Basil II's reign. Their chronology differs from the traditional attribution of this monetary reform which was given to Nicephorus II Phokas.



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Basil II, Bulgaroktonos (976-1025), with Constantine VIII, tetarteron, Constantinople, 1005-1025, +IhSXIS REX REYNANTIM, facing bust of Christ, *rev.*, +bACIL C COhSTAhTI b' R, facing busts of Basil II (with suspended crown above) and Constantine VIII, holding between them long patriarchal cross with X on shaft, 4.22g (Sear 1806; DO 15B; Füeg 15B; BCC 1138b), *minor edge mark, otherwise extremely fine* £800-1,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma 86 (2021), 1587. D'Andrea, Gennari-Torno Ginnasi (2021) place the replacement of the traditional *solidus* by the two denominations, *histamenon* and *tetarteron*, in the later part of Basil II's reign. Their chronology differs from the traditional attribution of this monetary reform which was given to Nicephorus II Phokas. Based on their chronology, this would have to be the earliest tetarteron nomisma ever produced.



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Basil II, Bulgaroktonos (976-1025), with Constantine VIII, miliaresion, Constantinople, 989-995, Eh TOVTΩ hICA T' bASILEIC CΩhST', facing busts of Basil II and Constantine VIII, between them cross crosslet on globus above four steps, *rev.*, +bASIL' / C CΩhSTAh' / ΠOPFVROS' / ΠICTV BAS' / ΡΩΜAΙΩ', inscription in five lines, above and below ornaments, 2.93g (Sear 1812; DO 20A; BCC 1143a, *this coin*), *about extremely fine* £300-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 7 (2020), 1955.



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Time of Constantine VIII (1025-1028), anonymous follis, Constantinople, +EMMA [NOV] HA, facing bust of Christ, *rev.*, +IhS'YS / XRIST'YS / bASILE'Y / bASILE, inscription in four lines, 10.44g (Sear 1818; DO A2.39; BCCD A3c), *brown patina with minor verdigris spots, otherwise extremely fine* £200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection.



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Romanus III, Argyrus (1028-1034), histamenon, Constantinople, 1028, +IhS XIS REX RECNANTihM, Christ enthroned facing, *rev.*, ΘCE bOHΘ RΩMAhΩ, Romanus standing facing, holding globus cruciger and crowned by Virgin standing at right, without nimbus, MΘ between them, 4.38g (Sear 1820; DO 1A; Füeg 1.B.6; BCC 1147b), *a few minor marks, good very fine* £700-900

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma 21 (2021), 1007; NAC 92 (2016), 1014; Gorny & Mosch 199 (2011), 869.



300

Romanus III, Argyrus (1028-1034), miliaresion, Constantinople, +ΠAΡΘENE COI ΠOΛVAINE, Virgin standing facing, holding infant Christ, *rev.*, OC HAPIKE ΠANTA KATOPΘOI, Romanus III standing facing, holding long patriarchal cross and globus cruciger, 2.91g (Sear 1822; DO 3; BCC 1150b), *extremely fine and rare* £4,000-6,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Savoca 97 (2021), 630. Romanos III Argyros was found dead in his bath on 11 April 1034, under circumstances that remain uncertain. Rumours circulated that his wife, Empress Zoe, had arranged his death with the assistance of Michael IV, whom she married the following morning, thereby making him emperor.

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Constantine IX, Monomachos, (1042-1055), histamenon, Constantinople, 1042-1046, +IhS XIS REX REϢNANTH̄M, Christ enthroned facing, *rev.*, +CΩhSTAhTh bASILEȲS RM, facing bust of Constantine IX holding sceptre and patriarchal cross on globe, 4.42g (Sear 1828; DO 1.A.2; Füeg 1.A.2; BCC 1153b), *tiny field scratch on reverse, extremely fine* £800-1,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Morton & Eden 108 (2020), 300. The reign of Constantine IX Monomachos marked a decisive acceleration in the debasement of the Byzantine gold coinage. After centuries of remarkable stability in weight and fineness, its gold content began to decline in the tenth century and fell sharply during the eleventh.



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Constantine IX, Monomachos, (1042-1055), histamenon, Constantinople, 1046-1049, +IhS XIS REX REϢNANTH̄M, Christ enthroned facing, *rev.*, +CΩhSTAhTh bASILEȲS RM, facing bust of Constantine IX holding labarum and globus cruciger, 4.44g (Sear 1829; DO 2.C; Füeg 2.C; BCC 1155b), *extremely fine* £800-1,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Künker 333 (2020), 1696.



303

Constantine IX, Monomachos, (1042-1055), histamenon, Constantinople, 1049-1053, +IhS XIS REX REϢNANTH̄M, Christ enthroned facing, *rev.*, +CΩhSTAhTh bASILEȲS [RM], facing bust of Constantine IX holding long cross and globus surmounted by pelted cross, 4.36g (Sear 1830; DO 3; Füeg 3.A.4.7; BCC 1156b), *extremely fine* £700-900

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG, Triton XXI (2018), 893.



304

Constantine IX, Monomachos, (1042-1055), tetarteron, Constantinople, 1049-1053, +IhS XIS REX bCCNANTH̄M, Christ enthroned facing, *rev.*, +CΩhSTAhTh bASILEȲS RM, facing bust of Constantine IX holding sceptre surmounted by trefoil and globus cruciger, 4.04g (Sear 1832; DO 5B; Füeg 5.B.1; BCC 1158a), *about extremely fine* £800-1,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma 21 (2021), 1009; Rauch 96 (2014), 678.

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Constantine IX, Monomachus, (1042-1055), tetarteron, Constantinople, 1053-1055, + IHS XIS REX RECNANTIH M', Christ enthroned facing, *rev.*, + CΩhSTAhTh bASILEY, facing bust of Constantine IX holding labarum and globus cruciger, 4.05g (Sear 1833; DO 6.2; Füeg 6.B; BCC 1159a), *extremely fine (with NGC card as AU, strike 5/5, surface 4/5)* £600-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; William Oldknow Collection, Goldberg 120 (2021), 1201.



306

Constantine IX, Monomachus, (1042-1055), miliaresion, Constantinople, + ΔΕΠΙΟΙ ΝΑ ΩΖΟΙC, Virgin orans standing facing, *rev.*, + EVCEBH MONOMA [XO] N, Constantine IX standing facing, holding long cross and sword, 2.17g (Sear 1834; DO 7B; BCC 1161a), *slightly wavy flan, otherwise very fine* £250-350

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos 16 (2020), 1253.



307

Constantine IX, Monomachus, (1042-1055), 2/3 miliaresion, Constantinople, Η ΒΑΧΕΡΝΙΤΙΚΑ, Virgin orans standing facing, *rev.*, ΘΚΕΡ, Θ / ΚΩΝCΤΑΝ / ΤΙΝΩ ΔΕC / ΠΙΟΤΗ ΤΩ / ΜΟΝΟΜΑ / -Χ-, inscription in six lines, above ornament, 1.50g (Sear 1835; DO 8A; BCC 1162b), *minor edge file mark, good very fine and rare* £800-1,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Savoca 91 (2020), 867.



308

Theodora, Porphyrogenita (1055-1056), tetarteron, Constantinople, 1055-1056, facing bust of Christ wearing nimbus, *rev.*, + ΘΕΟΔΩΡΑ ΑΥΤΟΥ, facing bust of Theodora holding jewelled sceptre and globus cruciger, 4.01g (Sear 1838; DO 2; Füeg 2.Y; BCC 1164b), *extremely fine and rare* £2,500-3,500

Ex Porphyra Collection; European Ambassador Collection, Morton & Eden 115 (2022), 432. Theodora Porphyrogenita (born in the purple), a title signifying birth to a reigning emperor, was a member of the Macedonian imperial house and held imperial office for much of her life as co-ruler. In the final phase of her career, she took the throne as sole ruler, becoming the last sovereign of the Macedonian dynasty and bringing to an end one of the most distinguished and enduring dynasties in Byzantine history.



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Theodora, Porphyrogenita (1055-1056), 2/3 miliaresion, Constantinople, 1055-1056, [H ΒΛΑΧΕΡ] ΝΙΤΙΚΑ, Virgin orans standing facing, *rev.*, +ΘΚΕ / ΒΟΗΘΕΙ / ΘΕΟΔΩΡΑ / ΔΕCΠΟΙΝΗ / ΤΗ ΠΟΡΦΥ / ΡΟΓΕΝΝ' / -ΤΩ-, inscription in seven lines, 1.13g (Sear 1839; DO 3; BCC 1165), edge flawed, *about extremely fine and extremely rare* £800-1,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG 120 (2022), 1010.



310

Michael VI, Stratioticus (1056-1057), tetarteron, Constantinople, facing bust of the Virgin orans, *rev.*, +ΜΙΧΛΗΛ ΑΥΤΟΚΡΑΤ', Michael VI standing facing, holding long cross and akakia, 4.00g (Sear 1841; DO 2; Füeg 2; BCC 1167), *extremely fine and rare* £8,000-10,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Savoca 133 (2022), 530. Michael VI became emperor in 1056 after being chosen by Empress Theodora. Conflict with the military aristocracy led to a revolt led by Isaac I Comnenus. After being defeated at the Battle of Petroe in 1057, Michael VI was forced to abdicate. The Virgin Mary of Blachernae (Blachernitissa), associated with the Church of Blachernae in Constantinople, was widely used in coins of the Macedonian dynasty. On the reverse, Michael VI's coins bear the title "Autokrator" (Αὐτοκράτωρ), meaning "self-emperor," distinguishing them from coins of other Byzantine emperors of the same name.



311

Isaac I, Comnenus (1057-1059), histamenon, Constantinople, +ΙΗΣ ΧΙΣ RCX RCSNANTΙΗΜ, Christ enthroned facing, *rev.*, +ΙCΑΑΚΙΟC ΒΑCΙΑΕVC ΡΩΜ, Isaac I standing facing, holding labarum and sword in scabbard, 4.40g, (Sear 1844; DO 1; Füeg 1; BCC 1169b), *obverse die crack, otherwise about extremely fine* £700-900

Ex Porphyra Collection; The New York Sale (2021), 170.



312

Isaac I, Comnenus (1057-1059), histamenon, Constantinople, +IhS XIS RCX RCSNANTlHM, Christ enthroned facing, *rev.*, +ICAAKIOC BACIAEVC PQM', Isaac I standing facing, holding sword and scabbard, 4.42g, (Sear 1843; DO 2; Füeg 2.B.X; BCC 1170a), *extremely fine* £700-900

Ex Porphyra Collection; Sincona 41 (2017), 258.



313

Constantine X, Ducas (1059-1067), histamenon, Constantinople, 1059-1062, +IhS XIS RCX RECNANTlHM, Christ enthroned facing, *rev.*, +KΩN RAC O ΔΟΥKAC, Constantine X standing facing, holding labarum and globus cruciger, 4.17g (Sear 1847; DO 1; Füeg 1.A; BCC 1173), *extremely fine* £500-700

Ex Porphyra Collection; Placidia Collection, Sincona 37 (2017) 445; also ex Schenk-Behrens, Essen, 1971.



314

Constantine X, Ducas (1059-1067), tetarteron, Constantinople, facing bust of the Virgin orans, *rev.*, KΩN RACIA O ΔVK, facing bust of Constantine X standing holding globus cruciger and akakia, 4.00g (Sear 1849; DO 3; Füeg 3.B; BCC 1175), *minor edge filing, good very fine (with NGC card as Ch VF, strike 5/5, surface 3/5, edge scuff)* £1,000-1,500

Ex Porphyra Collection; William Oldknow Collection; Goldberg 120 (2021), 1207.



315

Constantine X, Ducas (1059-1067), 2/3 miliaresion, Constantinople, +ΘKE ROHΘI, Virgin orans standing facing, *rev.*, +ΘKE RO / HΘEI KΩN / CTANTINΩ / ΔECPIOΘH / TΩ ΔYKA, inscription in five lines, 1.68g (Sear 1851; DO 6; BCC 1178b), *slightly bent flan, about extremely fine* £800-1,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 14 (2020), 1638.

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Constantine X, Ducas (1059-1067), 1/3 miliaresion, Constantinople, facing bust of the Virgin orans, *rev.*, ΘΚΕ, R, Θ, / ΚΩΝ ΔΕC / ΠΙΟΤΗ ΤΩ / ΔΟΥΚΑ, inscription in four lines, 0.67g (Sear 1852A; DO 7A; BCC 1179, *this coin*), *pierced, otherwise very fine and excessively rare*

£600-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos 19 (2021), 1077.



317

Romanus IV, Diogenes (1068-1071), with Eudocia, Michael VII, Constantius and Andronicus, histamenon, Constantinople, +ΡΩΜΑΝ' ΕΥΔΟ [ΚΙΑ], Christ standing facing crowning Romanus IV and Eudocia *rev.*, ΚΩΝ ΜΙΧ ΑΝΔ, Constantius, Michael and Andronicus standing facing on footstools, 4.36g (Sear 1859; DO 1; BCC 1185b), *slightly double striking on obverse, otherwise extremely fine*

£1,000-1,500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Sarmas Collection, Roma XXI (2021), 1020.



318

Romanus IV, Diogenes (1068-1071), with Eudocia, Michael VII, Constantius and Andronicus, histamenon, Constantinople, +ΡΩΜΑΝ ΕΥΔΟΚΙ [Α], Christ standing facing crowning Romanus IV and Eudocia *rev.*, ΚΩΝ ΜΙΧ ΑΝΔ, Constantius, Michael and Andronicus standing facing, below dotted exergual band, 4.31g (Sear 1861; DO 2; BCC 1186a; Lygo p. 229, *this coin*), *very fine*

£600-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; Morton & Eden 93 (2018), 19.



319

Romanus IV, Diogenes (1068-1071), 2/3 miliaresion, Constantinople, bust of Christ facing *rev.*, +ΚΕ• / Ρ, Θ ΡΩΜΑ / ΝΩ ΔΕCΠΟ / ΤΗ ΤΩ ΔΙΟ / ΓΕΝΕΙ, inscription in five lines, 1.21g (Sear 1864; DO 6; BCC 1189a), *flan crack, otherwise very fine and rare*

£300-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 20 (2022), 2989.

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320

Romanus IV, Diogenes (1068-1071), 2/3 miliaresion, Constantinople, facing bust of Virgin holding before her the infant Christ, *rev.*, +ΘΚΕ / R, Θ ΡΩΜΑ / ΝΩ ΔΕCΠ [O] / TH TΩ ΔΙΟ / ΓΕΝΕΙ, inscription in five lines, 1.00g (Sear 1865; DO 5; BCC 1188a), *slightly wavy flan, very fine* £150-250

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 112 (2022), 927.



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Michael VII, Ducas (1071-1078), histamenon, Constantinople, Christ enthroned facing, *rev.*, +M [IX] AHA RACIA O Δ, bust of Michael VII facing, holding Labarum and globus cruciger, 4.44g (Sear 1869; DO 1; BCC 1192), *obverse X graffiti, otherwise about extremely fine* £300-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma 63 (2019), 1138.



322

Michael VII, Ducas (1071-1078), with Maria, electrum tetrarteron, Constantinople, [+ΘΚΕ] ΡΟΗΘ, facing bust of Virgin holding before her the infant Christ, *rev.*, +ΜΙΧΗΛ Σ ΜΑΡΙΑ, busts of Michael VII and Maria standing facing holding between them long cross, the shaft is ornamented with an X and a pellet-in-crescent, 4.00g (Sear 1872; DO 5; BCC 1197c), *few marks, good very fine (with NGC card as Ch VF, strike 4/5, surface 3/5, scratches)* £400-600

Ex Porphyra Collection; William Oldknow Collection; Goldberg 120 (2021), 1213.



323

Michael VII, Ducas (1071-1078), miliaresion, Constantinople, +ΘΚΕ ΡΟΗΘΕΙ ΤΩ CΩ ΔΟΥΑ, Virgin orans standing facing, *rev.*, +ΜΙΧΗΛ ΒΑCΙΑ Ο ΔΥΚ, Michael VII standing facing, holding long cross and sword in scabbard, 1.96g (Sear 1873; DO 7B.1; BCC 1199b), *good very fine* £500-700

Ex Porphyra Collection; Iconodule Collection; CNG 24 (2021), 1197.



324

Michael VII, Ducas (1071-1078), 2/3 miliaresion, Constantinople, facing bust of Virgin holding before her the infant Christ, *rev.*, +ΘΚΕ / ΒΟΗΘΕΙ / ΜΙΧΑΗΛ / ΔΕCΠΟΤΗ / ΤΩ Δ8ΚΑ, inscription in five lines, 1.28g (Sear 1876; DO 8; BCC 1200b), *edge damage, fine to very fine* £150-200

Ex Porphyra Collection; European Ambassador Collection, Morton & Eden 115 (2022), 448.



325

Nicephorus III, Botaniates (1078-1081), electrum histamenon, Constantinople, Christ enthroned facing on a backless throne, *rev.*, +ΝΙΚΗΦ ΔΕCΠ [Τ] Ω Ρ [ΟΤΑΝΙ] ΑΤ, Nicephorus III standing facing holding labarum, ornamented with X on shaft, and globus cruciger, 4.01g (Sear 1881; DO 3B.7; BCC 1213b), *good very fine* £200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Jack A. Frazer Collection, CNG 465 (2020), 598; Berk BBS 24 (1983), 58.



326

Nicephorus III, Botaniates (1078-1081), electrum histamenon, Constantinople, Christ enthroned facing, *rev.*, +ΝΙΚΗΦ ΔΕCΠ ΤΩ ΡΟΤΑΝΙΑΤ, Nicephorus III standing facing holding labarum and globus cruciger, 4.35g (Sear 1882; DO 2; BCC 1212b), *a few marks, good very fine* £300-400

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos 17 (2020), 839.



327

Nicephorus III, Botaniates (1078-1081), electrum tetarteron, Constantinople, facing bust of Christ, *rev.*, +ΝΙΚΗΦ ΡΟC ΤΩ ΡΟΤΑΝΙΑΤ, Nicephorus standing facing holding labarum, ornamented with X on shaft, and globus cruciger, 3.84g (Sear 1884; DO 5c; BCC 1216b), *flan crack, obverse double struck, otherwise good very fine* £400-600

Ex Porphyra Collection; European Ambassador Collection, Morton & Eden 115 (2022), 452.



328

Nicephorus III, Botaniates (1078-1081), with Maria, miliaresion, Constantinople, EN TOVTΩ NIKΑ [TE] NIKHΦOP KAI MAPIA, facing busts of Nicephorus III and Maria, between them cross crosslet on globus above four steps, with X at center of the cross and pellet within crescent on shaft, *rev.*, NIKHΦOP / KAI MAPIA / ΠICTOΙ RA / CILEIC ΠΩ / MAIΩN, inscription in five lines, 1.62g (Sear 1886; DO 6; BCC 1217b), *about very fine* £400-600

Ex Porphyra Collection; Trausnitz Collection, Nomos Obolos 18 (2021), 941; Gorny & Mosch 134 (2004), 3279.



329

Nicephorus Basilacius (1078), follis, Thessalonica, facing bust of Christ, *rev.*, jewelled patriarchal cross on two steps, with X at centre, on the sides, [C] / B and [N] / B, 6.28g (Sear 1890; DO 2b (Nicephorus Bryennius); BCE 1041b (Nicephorus Bryennius)), *overstruck on a Constantine X follis, very fine and very rare* £800-1,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma Byzantine Collection (2023), 374. The attribution of the follis is debated, with some scholars identifying it as an issue of Nicephorus Bryennius of an uncertain mint and others attributing it to Nicephorus Basilacius of the mint of Thessalonica.



330

Alexius I, Comnenus (1081-1118), electrum histamenon, Constantinople, 1082-1087, pre-reform coinage, Christ enthroned facing, *rev.*, +ΑΛΕΞΙΩ ΔΕCΠΟΤ ΤΩ [KM], facing bust of Alexius I holding sceptre surmounted by pelleted star and globus cruciger, 4.31g (Sear 1893; DO 2.b.2; BCCD 5c), *a few marks, reverse better, otherwise good very fine* £200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 24 (2022), 3545.



331

Alexius I, Comnenus (1081-1118), silver tetarteron, Constantinople, 1082-1087, pre-reform coinage, Christ enthroned facing, *rev.*, +ΑΛΕΞΙΩ ΔΕCΠΟ [T T] Ω K [M], facing bust of Alexius I holding cruciform sceptre and globus cruciger, 4.00g (Sear 1895; DO 6b; BCCD 8b), *three flan cracks, otherwise good very fine* £600-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 118 (2022), 1133.

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Alexius I, Comnenus (1081-1118), silver tetarteron, Constantinople, 1087-1092, pre-reform coinage, +EMMA [N] OVHA, Christ standing facing, *rev.*, +ALEXIO ΔE [CΠIOT] TΩ KOMNHΩ, Alexius I standing facing holding cruciform sceptre and globus cruciger, 3.44g (Sear 1896; DO 7.1; BCCD 9), *significant delaminations, otherwise, very fine and rare* £400-600

Ex Porphyra Collection; Artemide LVII (2022), 671.



333

Alexius I, Comnenus (1081-1118), silver histamenon, Thessalonica, 1082-1087, pre-reform coinage, +KE RΘ AΛEΞ, facing bust of Christ, *rev.*, ΔI / MI / T [P] / I - Δ / EC / Π / T / H, Saint Demetrius and Alexius I standing facing, holding patriarchal cross between them, 4.32g (Sear 1905; DO 5a; BCCD 14c), *very fine* £200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Trausnitz Collection, Nomos Obolos 18 (2021), 943.



334

Alexius I, Comnenus (1081-1118), silver tetarteron, Thessalonica, 1082-1087, pre-reform coinage, facing bust of Virgin Mary, on her breast, nimbate head of the infant Christ facing, *rev.*, +ALEΞ [IΩ] ΔΠIOT TΩ K, facing bust of Alexius I holding jewelled sceptre and globus cruciger, 3.64g (Sear 1906; DO 8.4; BCCD 16a), *dark patina, otherwise about extremely fine* £400-600

Ex Porphyra Collection; European Ambassador Collection, Morton & Eden 115 (2022), 455.



335

Alexius I, Comnenus (1081-1118), hyperpyron, Constantinople, 1092-1118, post-reform coinage, +KE ROHΘEI, Christ enthroned facing, *rev.*, A / ΛE / EIO / ΔEC / ΠO / TH - TΩ / KO / MNH / NΩ, Alexius I standing facing, wearing jewelled chlamys, holding labarum and globus cruciger, Manus Dei above, 4.37g (Sear 1912; DO 20c; BCCD 21), *a few minor marks, otherwise about extremely fine* £700-900

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos 13 (2019), 722.



336

Alexius I, Comnenus (1081-1118), hyperpyron, Constantinople, 1092-1118, post-reform coinage, +KE ROHΘEI, Christ enthroned facing, *rev.*, A / ΔΕ / ΞΙΩ / ΔΕC / ΠΟ / TH - TΩ / KO / MNH / NΩ, Alexius I standing facing, wearing chlamys with large jewels, holding labarum and globus cruciger, Manus Dei above, 4.26g (Sear 1913; DO 20g; BCCD 21d), *reverse graffito, good very fine* £600-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; El Medina Collection, CNG 479 (2020), 278.



337

Alexius I, Comnenus (1081-1118), electrum aspron trachy, Constantinople, 1092-1118, post-reform coinage, Virgin enthroned facing, holding before her, nimbate head of the infant Christ facing, *rev.*, A / ΔΕ / ΞΙΩ / ΔΕC / ΠΟ / T - TΩ / KO / MN / N, Alexius I standing facing, holding jewelled sceptre and globus cruciger, 4.29g (Sear 1915; DO 22.2; BCCD 23a), *two flank cracks, otherwise extremely fine* £500-700

Ex Porphyra Collection; European Ambassador Collection, Morton & Eden 115 (2022), 456.



338

Alexius I, Comnenus (1081-1118), billon aspron trachy, Constantinople, 1092-1107, post-reform coinage, Christ enthroned facing, *rev.*, +ΑΛΕΞΙΩ ΔΕC, facing bust of Alexius I holding cruciform sceptre and globus cruciger, 4.40g (Sear 1918; DO 25.a; BCCD 25a), *very fine*; together with, **John II, Comnenus (1118-1143), Aspron Trachy**, Thessalonica, 1118-1143, Virgin enthroned facing, holding before her, nimbate head of the infant Christ facing, *rev.*, ΙΩ / ΔΕC / ΠΟΤ / ΤΩ / ΠΟΡ - ΦΥ / ΡΟ / ΓΕ / ΝΗ / Τ, John II standing facing, holding labarum and akakia, 3.68g (Sear 1952; DO 11; BCCD 69a), *some deposit, about very fine* (2) £150-200

Ex Porphyra Collection; (first) Savoca 128 (2022), 531; (second) Nomos Obolos 23 (2022), 962.



339

Alexius I, Comnenus (1081-1118), billon tetarteron, Constantinople, 1092-1118, post-reform coinage, facing bust of Christ wearing nimbus, *rev.*, +ΑΛ ΔΕ, facing bust of Alexius holding labarum and globus cruciger, 4.50g (Sear 1920; DO 33; BCCD 28), *good very fine* £250-350

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG 537 (2023), 586.

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Alexius I, Comnenus (1081-1118), hyperpyron, Thessalonica, 1092-1118, post-reform coinage, +KE ROHΘEI, Christ enthroned facing, *rev.*, A / ΔE / EI / Ω / ΔEC / ΠO / T – T / Ω / K / MNH / N / Ω, Alexius I standing facing, holding labarum and globus cruciger, Manus Dei above, 4.35g (Sear 1924; DO 20h; BCCD 32b), *minor reverse graffiti, otherwise good very fine* £250-350

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 88 (2020), 904.



341

John II, Comnenus, (1118-1143), hyperpyron, Constantinople, 1118-1122, Christ enthroned facing, *rev.*, +ΙΩ ΔΕCΠOTH, half length figures of John and Virgin facing holding long patriarchal cross between them, Manus Dei above emperor, 4.31g (Sear 1938; DO 1a.2; BCCD 53), *a few faint marks, good very fine* £400-600

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos Obolos 16 (2020), 1262.



342

John II, Comnenus, (1118-1143), hyperpyron, Constantinople, 1122-1137, Christ enthroned facing, *rev.*, ΙΩ / ΔEC / ΠO / TΩ / Π – ΦV / PO / ΓE / NH / T, John II standing facing, holding labarum and akakia, being crowned by Virgin standing at right, 4.35g (Sear 1939; DO 2.3; BCCD 54), *good very fine* £400-600

Ex Porphyra Collection; Sincona 41 (2017), 267.



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John II, Comnenus (1118-1143), electrum aspron trachy, Constantinople, 1118-1122, Christ enthroned facing wearing nimbus, *rev.*, ΙΩ / ΔEC / ΠO / TH - Θ / ΞI / 9Ω / Π, John II and Saint George standing facing, holding between them patriarchal cross, 4.54g (Sear 1941; DO 8b; BCCD 56e, *this coin*), *two flan cracks and minor marks, otherwise good very fine* £200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma 63 (2019), 1139.

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John II, Comnenus (1118-1143), electrum aspron trachy, Constantinople, 1122-1143, Christ enthroned facing wearing nimbus, *rev.*, ΙΩ / ΔΕC / ΠΟ / ΤΗ - Θ / ΞΓ / ΡΩ / Π, John II and Saint George standing facing, holding between them patriarchal cross on three steps, 4.28g (Sear 1942; DO 8d; BCCD 57b), *obverse slightly double struck, otherwise nicely toned, about extremely fine* £300-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Kölner Münzkabinett 113 (2020), 477; Dr. Busso Peus Nachf, 420 (2017), 1169.



345

John II, Comnenus (1118-1143), hyperpyron, Thessalonica, 1137-1143, KE ROHΘEI, Christ enthroned facing, *rev.*, ΙΩ / ΔΕ / Π / Τ / Η, John II standing facing, being crowned by Virgin standing at right, 4.45g (Sear 1949; DO 7A; BCCD 67a), *a few minor marks, otherwise about extremely fine* £300-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Künker 68 (2021), 433.



346

Manuel I, Comnenus (1143-1180), electrum aspron trachy, Constantinople, 1143-1152, EMMA N8HA, facing bust of Christ, *rev.*, +MAN8HA ΔΕCΠΟΤΗ, Manuel I standing facing, holding labarum and akakia, being crowned by Virgin standing at right, 4.15g (Sear 1957; DO 2A; BCCD 81d), *about extremely fine* £400-600

Ex Porphyra Collection; Trausnitz Collection, Nomos Obolos 18, (2021), 946.



347

Manuel I, Comnenus (1143-1180), electrum aspron trachy, Constantinople, 1152-1160, Christ enthroned facing on a backless throne, *rev.*, ΜΑΝ8ΗΑ ΔΕCΠΟΤΗ, Manuel and Virgin standing facing, holding patriarchal cross between them, 4.57g (Sear 1958; DO 3; BCCD 82c), *about extremely fine* £400-600

Ex Porphyra Collection; European Ambassador Collection, Morton & Eden 115 (2022), 465.



348

Manuel I, Comnenus (1143-1180), electrum aspron trachy, Constantinople, 1160-1164, Christ standing facing, with star on either side, *rev.*, MAN8HA - Θ / ΘΕ / Ο / Δ / Ω / Ρ / OS, Manuel I and Saint Theodore standing facing, both holding sword and patriarchal cross on globus base between them, 4.63g (Sear 1959; DO 4b; BCCD 83b), *extremely fine* £400-600

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos Obolos 16 (2020), 1264.



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Manuel I, Comnenus (1143-1180), electrum aspron trachy, Constantinople, 1164-1167, EMMA N8HA, facing bust of Christ, *rev.*, MA / [N] 8 / [H] Λ / ΔΕC / ΠΟ / Τ - Ο / ΠΟ / ΦVP / ΓΕΝ / NH / T, Manuel I standing facing, holding labarum and akakia, Manus Dei on right, 4.25g (Sear 1960; DO 6; BCCD 83b), *of a rusted die, small central crack, otherwise good very fine* £350-450

Ex Porphyra Collection; European Ambassador Collection, Morton & Eden 115 (2022), 467.

350

Manuel I, Comnenus (1143-1180), electrum aspron trachy, Constantinople, 1167-1183, Christ enthroned facing, *rev.*, MAN8HA ΔΕ [C] ΠΙOT [H], Manuel I standing facing, holding labarum and globus cruciger, being crowned by Virgin standing at right, 4.41g (Sear 1961; DO 2a.2; BCCD 85b), *extremely fine* £250-350

Ex Porphyra Collection; European Ambassador Collection, Morton & Eden 115 (2022), 468. Manuel I, regarded as the last great Byzantine emperor, presided over one of the most powerful periods of Byzantine political and military influence. Remarkably, some of his coin types appear to have remained in production after his death, possibly as late as 1182/1183, during the reign of his son Alexius II. Since no coins bearing Alexius II's name are currently known, it is possible that his reign continued to issue coinage in types inherited from his father.



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Manuel I, Comnenus (1143-1180), billon aspron trachy, Constantinople, 1152-1160, Christ enthroned facing, *rev.*, MAN8HA ΔΕC [ΠΙOTH], Manuel I standing facing, wearing jewelled loros, holding cruciform sceptre and globus cruciger, 5.22g (Sear 1963; DO 11b; BCCD 87b), *minor verdigris spots on obverse, otherwise extremely fine* £80-100

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 102 (2021), 844.

352

Manuel I, Comnenus (1143-1180), electrum aspron trachy, Thessalonica, 1167-1183, Virgin enthroned facing, holding before her, nimbate head of the infant Christ facing, *rev.*, MAN8 [HA ΔΕCΠΙΟ] TH- Θ / Δ / H / M / H / TP [I / O / S], Manuel I and Saint Demetrius standing facing, holding labarum on long shaft between them, 4.06g (Sear 1974; DO 9; BCCD 102a), *wavy edge, good very fine* £300-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Burgan Numismatique/Maison Florange (2021), 154. Manuel I, regarded as the last great Byzantine emperor, presided over one of the most powerful periods of Byzantine political and military influence. Remarkably, some of his coin types appear to have remained in production after his death, possibly as late as 1182/1183, during the reign of his son Alexius II. Since no coins bearing Alexius II's name are currently known, it is possible that his reign continued to issue coinage in types inherited from his father.

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Andronicus I, Comnenus (1183-1185), billon aspron trachy, Constantinople, Virgin standing facing, holding before her, nimbate head of the infant Christ facing, *rev.*, ΑΙΔΡΟΪΙΚΟC [ΔΕCΠΟΤΗC], Andronicus I standing facing, holding labarum and globus cruciger, being crowned by Christ standing at right, 2.94g (Sear 1985; DO 3a; BCCD 113d), *slightly weak on obverse, good very fine* £600-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 15 (2021), 2573.



354

Isaac Comnenus, Usurper of Cyprus (1185-1191), tetarteron, secondary mint, Christ enthroned facing, *rev.*, ΙCΑΑΚΙΟC ΔΕCΠΟΤΗC, Isaac standing facing, holding cruciform sceptre and akakia, being crowned by Virgin standing at right, 3.09g (Sear 1998; DO 10a; BCCD 157), *fine* £250-350

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG 489 (2021), 632, NAC 114 (2019), 1783. Isaac Comnenus was a Byzantine prince whose mother, Irene, was a granddaughter of Emperor John II Comnenus and a niece of Emperor Manuel I Comnenus. Around 1184, he rebelled against the Byzantine Empire and established himself as the independent ruler of Cyprus. His regime, marked by heavy taxation and arbitrary rule, proved deeply unpopular until his capture by Richard the Lionheart during the Third Crusade in 1191. During his reign, Isaac issued coinage from a principal mint, most likely located at Nicosia, the island's capital. In addition, one or more secondary mints may have operated elsewhere on the island, with Famagusta and possibly Limassol generally regarded as the most likely locations.



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Isaac II, Angelus (1185-1195), electrum aspron trachy, Constantinople, Virgin enthroned facing, holding before her, nimbate head of the infant Christ facing, *rev.*, ΙCΑΑΚΙΟC ΔΕC - X / ΑΡ - X / Μ, Isaac II standing facing holding cruciform sceptre and akakia, being crowned by Archangel Michael standing at right, 3.89g (Sear 2002; DO 2; BCCD 121), *slightly wavy edge, otherwise extremely fine* £400-600

Ex Porphyra Collection; Hess-Divo 334 (2018), 202.

356

Isaac II, Angelus (1185-1195), billon aspron trachy, Constantinople, Virgin enthroned facing, holding before her, nimbate head of the infant Christ facing, *rev.*, ΙCΑ / ΑΚΙ / ΟC - ΔΕC / ΠΟ / ΤΙ / C, Isaac II standing facing holding cruciform sceptre and akakia, Manus Dei on right, 3.73g (Sear 2003; DO 3; BCCD 122a), *minor verdigris spots and a small flan crack, otherwise good very fine* £150-250

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG 521 (2022), 520.



357

Alexius III, Angelus-Comnenus (1195-1203), electrum aspron trachy, Constantinople, 1195-1197, +KE ROHΘEI, Christ enthroned facing on a backless throne, *rev.*, [ΑΛΕΖΙΟC ΔΕCΠ - Θ ΚΩΝCΤΑΝΤΙ], Alexius III and Saint Constantine standing facing, each holding cruciform sceptre and labarum between them, 4.42g (Sear 2009; DO 2c; BCCD 129), *about extremely fine*
£600-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; Hess-Divo 334 (2018), 203.



358

Alexius III, Angelus-Comnenus (1195-1203), electrum aspron trachy, Constantinople, 1197-1203, Christ enthroned facing on a backless throne, *rev.*, [ΑΛΕΖΙΩ ΔΕCΠ] ΤΩ ΚΟΜΝ, Alexius III and Saint Constantine standing facing, each holding cruciform sceptre and labarum between them, ornamented with Δ on shaft, 4.66g (Sear 2010; DO 2; BCCD 103c), *extremely fine*
£300-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; European Ambassador Collection, Morton & Eden 115 (2022), 472.

Latin Rulers of Constantinople

359

Latin Rulers of Constantinople (1204-1261), copper trachaea (8), Constantinople, comprising Christ enthroned, *rev.*, standing emperor, 2.00g (Sear 2022; BCLE 2), *about extremely fine*; Virgin enthroned holding head of infant Christ, *rev.*, emperor enthroned, 1.11g (Sear 2023; BCLE 3); *holed and clipped, about extremely fine*, Virgin orans, *rev.*, emperor and St. George, 4.58g (Sear 2034; BCLE 14), *very fine*; Christ standing, *rev.*, emperor standing, 3.38g (Sear 2035; BCLE 15), *very fine*; bust of Christ, *rev.*, Archangel Michael, 1.36g (Sear 2036; BCLE 16), *clipped, very fine*; Christ seated, *rev.*, Virgin orans, 1.69g (Sear 2038; BCLE 18), *clipped, extremely fine*; St. Peter, *rev.*, Virgin orans, turned to right, 3.76g (Sear 2039; BCLE 19), *holed, fine to very fine*; Virgin orans, *rev.*, SS Peter and Paul embracing, 3.24g (Sear 2040; BCLE 20), *good very fine* (8)
£400-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 115 (2022), 1122, 1125, 1126, 1127, 1128; Naumann 117 (2022), 1148, 1151; Naumann 121 (2022), 873.

360

Latin Rulers of Constantinople (1204-1261) and Thessalonica (1204-1224), copper trachaea (9), comprising Constantinople (7), Virgin orans, *rev.*, SS Peter and Paul embracing, 2.18g (Sear 2040/2051; BCLE 20), *clipped, fine*; facing figure of saint, *rev.*, emperor seated on square-backed throne, 3.27g (Sear 2042; BCLE 22), *very fine*; cross, *rev.*, standing emperor, 3.14g (Sear 2043; BCLE 24), *extremely fine*; bust of Virgin, *rev.*, standing emperor, 1.00g (Sear 2044; BCLE 26), *very fine*; Virgin enthroned, *rev.*, emperor enthroned, 1.52g (Sear 2046; BCLE 29), *about very fine*; Christ enthroned, *rev.*, SS Helena and Constantine, 0.60g (Sear 2049; BCLE 49), *very fine*; cross, *rev.*, standing emperor, 1.83g (Sear 1054; BCLE 47), *extremely fine*; Thessalonica (1), Christ enthroned, *rev.*, SS Helena and Constantine, 2.12g (Sear 2057; BCLE 57), *about extremely fine*; and uncertain issue, trachy, facing bust of a bearded saint, *rev.*, standing figure of emperor, 1.57g, *possibly unpublished, very fine* (9)
£400-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 115 (2022), 1130, 1131, 1132; Naumann 118 (2022), 1152, 1153 (as Thessalonica), 1154; Naumann 126 (2023), 1068; Leu 20 (2022), 3062; Leu 24 (2022), 3555.

The Empire of Nicaea



361

Theodore I, Comnenus-Lascaris (1208-1222), electrum aspron trachy, Nicaea, 1208-1212, Christ enthroned facing, *rev.*, [ΘΕΟΔΩΡΟΣ ΔΕΚΠΙΟΤ Θ ΘΕΟΔΩΡΟΣ], Theodore I and Saint Theodore standing facing, each holding sword and star-topped shaft between them, 4.28g (Sear 2064 (Magnesia); DO 2.3 (Magnesia); BCLE 68), *minor flan crack, otherwise about extremely fine* £400-600

Ex Porphyra Collection; Oslo Myntgalleri 21 (2020), 511; CNG 374 (2016), 629. Although this issue has long been attributed to the mint of Magnesia following DO and Sear, BCLE proposes a revised attribution to Nicaea. Since DO dates the type to c. 1208–1212 and places the transfer of the imperial mint from Nicaea to Magnesia in 1212, BCLE argues that the issue was most probably struck at Nicaea.



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John III, Ducas-Vatatzes (1222-1254), hyperpyron, Magnesia, 1227-1232, +KE ROHΘEI, Christ enthroned facing wearing nimbus, *rev.*, [ΙΩ ΔΕΚΠ], half length figures of John III and Virgin facing holding long patriarchal cross between them, Manus Dei above emperor, 4.05g (Sear 2072; DO 1.a; BCLE 78), *good very fine* £300-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Tauler & Fau 80 (2021), 617.



363

John III, Ducas-Vatatzes (1222-1254), hyperpyron, Magnesia, 1232-1254, Christ enthroned facing on a backless throne, *rev.*, [Ι]Ω / [Δ]Ε / [C]Π - Π[O] / Φ[V] / P[O], John III standing facing, holding labarum on long shaft and akakia, being crowned by Virgin standing at right, 4.48g (Sear 2073; DO 6.b; BCLE 81a), *minor marks, good very fine* £400-600

Ex Porphyra Collection; Gorny & Mosch 273 (2020), 668.

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John III, Ducas-Vatatzes (1222-1254), billon aspron trachy, Magnesia, 3.26g (Sear 2110; DO 1.1; BCLE 130); **tetarteron**, Magnesia, 2.71g (Sear 2119; DO 61; BCLE 141); **billon aspron trachy**, Thessalonica, 3.23g (Sear 2129; DO 9; BCLE 298); together with **Theodore I, Comnenus-Lascaris (1208-1222), billon aspron trachy**, Nicaea, 2.73g (Sear 2061; DO 5; BCLE 69), *fine to very fine* (4) £300-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; (first) Naumann 118 (2022), 1158; (fourth) 1155; (second) Naumann 126 (2023), 1072; (third) Naumann 115 (2022), 1135.



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Theodore II, Ducas-Lascaris, (1254-1258), billon aspron trachy, Magnesia, 1254-1255, Ο ΑΓΙΟC ΘΕΟΔΩΡ, Saint Theodor standing facing, holding long spear and shield, *rev.*, ΘΕΟΔΩΡΟΣ ΔΕΚΠΙΤΗ Ο ΔΚ, Theodore II standing facing holding labarum on long shaft and globus cruciger, 3.45g (Sear 2143; DO 11a; BCLE 152b); together with **John III, Ducas-Vatatzes (1222-1254), billon aspron trachy**, Magnesia, 1221-1254, Ο ΕΜ Ν, facing bust of Christ, T / Φ / Δ8 / Κ, John III and Saint Tryphon standing facing, holding a lis topped long shaft between them, 3.27g (Sear 2144 (Theodore II); DO 1.1 (addenda, Theodore II); BCLE 130), *both very fine* (2) £300-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; (first) Nomos Obolos 25 (2022), 838; (second) Naumann 117 (2022), 1207.

The Empire of Thessalonica



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Theodore, Comnenus – Ducas (1224-1230), electrum aspron trachy, Thessalonica, 1224-1225, IC - XC, IC – AK, Christ enthroned facing wearing nimbus, *rev.*, [ΘΕΟΔΩΡΟΣ ΔΗΚΑ] - Ο ΑΓΙΟΣ ΔΙΜΗΤΡΙΟΣ, Theodore Comnenus and Saint Demetrius, holding sword, standing facing, holding long shaft with a cross within circle top between them, ornamented with Δ on shaft, 3.28g (Sear 2158; DO 1a.2; BCLE 195b), *minor flan crack, extremely fine and very rare* £3,000-4,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Gorny & Mosch 273 (2020), 670. Theodore Comnenus-Ducas, Despot of Epirus, conquered Thessalonica in 1224 and established the Empire of Thessalonica, extending his authority over much of northern and central Greece. His growing power was brought to an end in 1230 when he was defeated and captured by Ivan Asen II of Bulgaria at the Battle of Klokotnitsa, after which he was taken into captivity and rule passed to his brother, Manuel Comnenus-Doucas



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Theodore, Comnenus – Ducas (1224-1230), billon aspron trachy, Thessalonica, 1227, Δ / * - Δ / *, Christ enthroned facing wearing nimbus, *rev.*, [ΘΕΟΔΩΡΟΣ ΔΕΚΠΙΟΤ]- Ο ΑΓΙΟΣ ΔΙΜΗΤΡΙΟΣ, Theodore Comnenus standing facing, holding cruciform sceptre and akakia, being crowned by Saint Demetrius, standing at right, holding sword, 3.53g (Sear 2162; DO 5b; BCLE 201c, *this coin*), *very fine*; together with **Manuel I Comnenus – Ducas (1230-1237), billon aspron trachy**, Thessalonica, 1236-1237, bust of Virgin orans standing facing, *rev.*, ΜΑΝΗΛΙΑ [ΔΕΚΠΙ ΔΙΜΗΤΡΙΟΣ], Manuel I Comnenus and Saint Demetrius standing facing, holding globus cruciger between them, 0.80g (Sear 2185; DO 5.4; BCLE 226), *about very fine (2)* £300-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; (first) Nomos Obolos 23 (2022), 971; (second) Naumann 112 (2022), 936.



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John I Comnenus – Ducas (1237-1242), billon aspron trachy, Thessalonica, Saint Theodore standing facing, holding long spear and shield, *rev.*, ΙΩΑΝ [ΔΕΚΠΙΤ] Ο ΑΓΙΟΣ, John I Comnenus standing facing, holding labarum and akakia, being crowned by Saint Demetrius, standing at right, holding sword, 2.76g (Sear 2188; DO 2.1; BCLE 228a, *this coin*), *minor flan crack, good very fine and rare* £800-1,200

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG Triton XXIV (2021), 1199; CNG 286 (2012), 446.



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John I Comnenus – Ducas (1237-1242), billion aspron trachy, Thessalonica, patriarchal cross on step, *rev.*, John I Comnenus and Saint Demetrius standing facing, holding between them castle, 0.97g (Sear 2213; DO 27; BCLE 264), *good very fine and very rare* £250-350

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 116 (2022), 1207.

The Restored Byzantine Empire



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Michael VIII, Palaeologus (1258-1282), hyperpyron, Constantinople, bust of the Virgin Mary within city walls with six groups of towers, sigla A/A, *rev.*, M / ΔE / TI – O Π / Λ, Michael kneeling, being presented by Archangel Michael to Christ seated facing, holding scroll, sigla :, 4.17g (Sear 2242; DO 11; PCPC sigla 14), *weak in places, good very fine* £400-600

Ex Porphyra Collection; Dr. A.V. Collection, Bayern, Gorny & Mosch 261 (2019), 1034.

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Michael VIII, Palaeologus (1258-1282), hyperpyron, Philadelphia, Virgin Mary within city walls with six groups of towers, sigla Π / E, *rev.*, Michael kneeling, being presented by Archangel Michael to Christ seated facing, holding scroll, sigla ⋄ / ⋄, 4.19g (Sear 2242 (Constantinople); DO 17; PCPC sigla 83), *extremely fine and clear for the issue* £300-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma XXI (2021), 1059; Naumann 84 (2019), 614.



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Michael VIII, Palaeologus (1258-1282), silver trachy, Magnesia, 1259-1260, Virgin enthroned facing, holding before her, nimbate head of the infant Christ facing, sigla Θ / B, *rev.*, Michael VIII and Archangel Michael standing facing, 1.96g (Sear 2246 (Constantinople); DO 27; PCPC 8 p.19), *good very fine and very rare* £1,000-1,200

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma Byzantine Collection (2023), 378.



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Michael VIII, Palaeologus (1261-1282), trachy, Constantinople, bust of Christ facing, sigla ⋄ / ⋄, Michael VIII and Archangel Michael standing facing, holding labarum between them, 1.34g (Sear 2261; DO 57; PCPC 22 p.20); together with **trachy**, Constantinople, facing bust of Archangel Michael, *rev.*, Michael VIII and Saint Demetrius standing facing, holding labarum between them, 2.66g (Sear 2268; DO 73; PCPC 29.1), *both good very fine* (2) £100-150

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 118 (2022), (first) 1168; (second) 1169.

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Michael VIII with Andronicus II, Palaeologoi (1272-1282), trachy, Constantinople, facing bust of Virgin orans, *rev.*, Michael VIII and Andronicus II, standing facing holding between them labarum, 2.08g (Sear 2320; DO 204; PCPC 56), *a few flan cracks, otherwise good very fine* £300-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 101 (2021), 926.



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Andronicus II Palaeologus, (1282-1328), hyperpyron, Constantinople, 1282-1294, Virgin orans within city walls with six groups of towers, sigla B / X and ⋄ / ⋄, *rev.*, ANΔPO / NIKOC / EN XΩ / ΔΕCΠO / T', Andronicus II kneeling before Christ, 3.91g (Sear 2326; DO 229-230; PCPC 91A, sigla 27; LPC 34.1), *good very fine* £300-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos Obolos 13 (2019), 731.

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Andronicus II with Michael IX, Palaeologoi (1295-1320), hyperpyron, Constantinople, 1295-1303, Virgin orans within city walls with six groups of towers, sigla I / I, *rev.*, ANΔP – MXAH, Christ standing facing, blessing Andronicus II and Michael IX, 3.78g (Sear 2396; DO 235; PCPC 127.1, sigla 1; LPC 62.1), *slightly double struck on obverse and with some marks on reverse, otherwise about extremely fine for issue* £250-350

Ex Porphyra Collection; NAC 114 (2019), 1786.



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Andronicus II with Michael IX, Palaeologoi (1295-1320), basilikon, Constantinople, BOHΘEI KYPIE, Christ enthroned facing, *rev.*, ANΔPONIKOC – MIXAHA ΔECΠ, Andronicus II and Michael IX standing facing holding labarum between them with wreath on shaft, 2.04g (Sear 2402; DO 509-511; PCPC 134; LPC 66.6), *minor marks, otherwise good very fine, with complete legends* £250-350

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma 75 (2020), 1002.

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Andronicus II with Andronicus III, Palaeologoi (1325-1334), hyperpyron, Constantinople, Virgin orans within city walls with four groups of towers, *rev.*, ANΔIN – ANΔINI, Christ standing facing, blessing Andronicus II and Andronicus III, 2.90g (Sear 2461; DO 493-503; PCPC 185, sigla 6 (?); LPC 108.1), *a few marks and flan cracks, otherwise good very fine* £200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos Obolos 15 (2020), 1015.



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Andronicus III with John V Palaeologoi and Anna of Savoy (1341-1391), hyperpyron, Constantinople, 1341-1347, [AN Δ] P ONI KOC ΔE, Christ standing on right, blessing Andronicus III kneeling before him, *rev.*, ANNA, Anna and John V standing facing, each holding a sceptre, 4.13g (Sear 2466; DO 942; PCPC 190, sigla 1; LPC 116.1), *a few marks and several flan cracks, otherwise good very fine and scarce* £600-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma 78 (2020), 1983.

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John V, Palaeologus (1341-1391), basilikon, Constantinople, 1341, ΙΩΑΗΗ ΟΚ Ο ΠΑΛΑΕΟ, John V standing facing, holding labarum and globus cruciger, above, Christ with his arms outstretched, *rev.*, ΤΙΜΑ ΓΟΑ ΑΝΔΡΟΝΙΚ, Saint Demetrius holding cross and Andronicus III standing facing, 1.18g (Sear 2474 (Andronicus III); DO 944; PCPC 199 (Andronicus III); LPC 120.7), *very fine and lightly toned, very rare* £1,000-1,500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Iconophilos Collection, Nomos Obolos 19 (2021), 1107.



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John V, Palaeologus (1341-1391), basilikon, Constantinople, 1341-1347, ΑΝΝ [Α] - ΙΩ - ΕΝ [ΧΩ], Anna and John V standing facing, each holding sceptre, John is holding akakia between them, *rev.*, Christ enthroned facing, 0.84g (Sear 2503; DO 1079ff; PCPC 277; LPC 132.2), *light pitting, good very fine* £300-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos Obolos 27 (2023), 825.



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John V, Palaeologus (1341-1391), basilikon, Constantinople, 1341-1347, ΑΝΝΑ - ΙΩΕΝΧΩ, Anna and John V standing facing, holding long cross between them, *rev.*, Christ enthroned facing, 1.04g (Sear 2504; DO 1176ff; PCPC 278; LPC 132.3), *edge loss, otherwise very fine and rare* £200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 98 (2021), 1050.



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John V, Palaeologus (1341-1391), stavraton, Constantinople, 1379-1391, facing bust of Christ, sigla lis/lis, *rev.*, +ΙΩΔΕ [CΠΙΟΤΙC O] ΠΑΛΑΕΟΛΟΓΟC – ΚΕ ΑΥΤΟΚΡΥΤΘΚΡΤΠΙΚΘ, facing bust of John V, 8.29g (Sear 2510; DO 1278ff; PCPC 306; LPC 154.2), *about extremely fine for issue with clear inscriptions* £1,500-2,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Leu 16 (2021), 4042. John V Palaiologus ruled during a period of severe political, military, and economic decline, marked by increasing Ottoman pressure and growing dependence on Western powers. In the summer of 1367, he reformed the coinage by introducing the silver stavraton, which replaced the increasingly debased gold hyperpyron as the empire's principal high-value coin.



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John V, Palaeologus (1341-1391), with John VI Cantacuzenus, basilikon, Constantinople, 1347-1353, ΚΝΤΚΝ – ΕΟ, John V and John VI standing facing holding labarum and akakia between them, *rev.*, Christ standing facing within mandorla, 1.06g (Sear 2528; DO -; PCPC 287; LPC 140.3; Bendall, "Another new silver basilikon of John V and VI, 1347-1352", NumCirc CVI/3 (April 1998) 2), *extremely fine and rare* £1,500-2,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Iconodule Collection, Nomos Obolos 15 (2020), 1027. A pair of obverse and reverse iron dies of this issue was sold by Nomos 35 (15 June 2025), 798 described as "a highly important set of contemporary counterfeiters' (?) dies". The catalogue suggested that they probably produced the examples sold in CNG MBS 63 (2003), 1740, and CNG 112 (2019), 697.

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John V, Palaeologus (1341-1391), with John VI Cantacuzenus, basilikon, Constantinople, 1347-1353, ΙΩΕ / ΧΩ - Ο / ΠΑ, John V nimbate on horseback holding a cruciform sceptre, sigla B / Α, *rev.*, ΙΩΕ / ΧΩ - Ο / ΠΑ, John VI nimbate on horseback holding a cruciform sceptre, sigla Ε / Φ, 1.06g (Sear 2532; DO -; PCPC 292; LPC 144.7), *hairline flan crack, otherwise extremely fine, sharp, well centred and very rare* £2,500-3,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Nomos Obolos 17 (2020), 849.



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John VI Cantacuzenus, (1353-1354), basilikon, Didymoteichon (?), Christ enthroned facing, sigla Β / ΦΡ, *rev.*, ΩΤ (ΗΜ) Δ - Γ [ΑΟ] Ω - Ο ΚΤΚΖ, Saint Demetrius holding cross and John VI standing facing, 0.70g (Sear 2542; DO 1206; PCPC 303; LPC 150.3), *slightly weak on centre, otherwise about extremely fine and extremely rare* £2,500-3,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; Iconodule Collection CNG Triton XXIV (2021), 1205.



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John VI, (1353-1354), with Matthew Cantacuzenoi, half basilikon, Didymoteichon (?), 1355, Saint Michael holding sceptre and sword, above city walls, blessed by standing figure of John Prodromos to right, X / Μ above, TP monogram between the figures, *rev.*, ΑC [...] - ΚΤ [...], Matthew standing facing holding cross tipped sceptre, 0.48g (Sear 2543; DO accession number BZC.2006.17; PCPC 304), *edge flawed, good very fine and excessively rare with only five examples known* £4,000-5,000

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG Triton XXIV (2021), 1206. Matthew Asen Cantacuzenus, eldest son of Emperor John VI Cantakouzenus, was proclaimed co-emperor in 1353 by his father amid renewed civil war with John V Palaiologos and crowned in February 1354. He ruled semi-autonomously in Thrace until 1356 and abdicated in 1357. His previously unknown coin is unusual in depicting Matthew alone, without his senior imperial colleague, and has therefore been plausibly dated to 1355, when he was at war with John V following his father's abdication. Its mint is uncertain, but Didymoteichon has been proposed, as it lay within Matthew's territory during this period.



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Manuel II, Palaeologus (1391-1425), stavraton, Constantinople, facing bust of Christ, sigla C / lis, *rev.*, +ΜΑΝΟΒΗΛΑ [...] - ΑΥΤΟΚΡΑΤΟΡ ΠΑΛΑΕ [...], inscription retrograde, facing bust of Manuel II, 8.96g (Sear 2548; DO 1305; PCPC 332.1, sigla 3; LPC 160.1), *good very fine with clear inscriptions for issue* £400-600

Ex Porphyra Collection; Gorny & Mosch 286 (2022), 4810.

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Manuel II, Palaeologus (1391-1425), stavraton, Constantinople, 1403-1425, facing bust of Christ, sigla • lis / • KII, *rev.*, ΠΑΛΕΟΛΟΓ [...] – ΗΘΗ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥ ΤΟΝ ΠΟΜ [...], facing bust of Manuel II, sigla • / •, 8.96g (Sear 2549; DO 1402, *same dies*; PCPC 332.8, sigla 12; LPC 160.1), *obverse some deposits, otherwise good very fine* £500-700

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG 481 (2020), 657.



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Manuel II, Palaeologus (1391-1425), half stavraton, Constantinople, 1403-1425, facing bust of Christ, sigla Christogram / Φ, *rev.*, +MANOVHΛ BA [...] VCO ΠΑΛΟΑ, facing bust of Manuel II, sigla • / •, 3.38g (Sear 2551; DO 1433-4, *same dies*; PCPC 334.10, sigla 25; LPC 160.2), *minor flan cracks, about extremely fine for issue* £600-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG 481 (2020), 658.



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Manuel II, Palaeologus (1391-1425), one-eighth stavraton, Constantinople, facing bust of Christ, sigla C / Π, *rev.*, MAN – OVHΛ, facing bust of Manuel, sigla •/•; 0.64g (Sear 2553; DO 1543ff; PCPC 335.4/5, sigla 63; LPC 16.5), *very fine* £100-150

Ex Porphyra Collection; European Ambassador Collection, Morton & Eden 115 (2022), 509.



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John VII, (1399-1402), with Manuel II, Palaeologoi, half stavraton, Constantinople, facing bust of Christ, sigla C / Π, *rev.*, +ΙΩΑΝΙΣ ΒΑΣ [ΙΑΕΥC O] ΠΑΛΕΟΛΟΓΟ, facing bust of John VII, sigla •/•; 3.72g (Sear 2562; DO 1331-1333 (same dies); PCPC 346.6, sigla 63), *slightly weak in places, otherwise good very fine and very rare* £600-800

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma 86 (2021), 1606. John VII briefly ruled Constantinople in 1390 after usurping the throne from his grandfather, John V Palaiologus. Deposed by his uncle, Manuel II Palaiologus, he was later reconciled with the imperial court and served as regent (1399–1403) during Manuel II's absence, overseeing the defence of Constantinople against the Ottomans. Afterward, he was sent to govern Thessalonica as an appanage, where he remained until his death in 1408.



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John VIII, Palaeologus (1421-1448), stavraton, Constantinople, facing bust of Christ, sigla lis / K, *rev.*, +ΙΩΑΝΗC [...] – XΑΡΙΘ ΒΑCΙ [...] ΜΕΟΝV, facing bust of John VIII, sigla •/•; 6.30g (Sear 2564; DO 1636-1638; PCPC 348.1, sigla 1; LPC 172.1), *nicely toned, good very fine* £300-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 87 (2020), 821.



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John VIII, Palaeologus (1421-1448), half stavraton, Constantinople, facing bust of Christ, *rev.*, +ΙΩΑΝΗC ΔΕCΠΙΟΘΗC ΤΟ ΠΑΑ, facing bust of John VIII, sigla •/•; 3.38g (Sear 2565; DO 1771-1780; PCPC 349.12, sigla 18; LPC 172.2), *minor flan cracks, otherwise very fine* £300-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; MacKay Collection of Byzantine Gold and Silver, CNG 492 (2021), 524; D.N.W. 36 (2016), 1092.

Politikon Coinage



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Politikon coinage, Andronicus III, Palaeologus (1328-1341), billon tornese, Constantinople, +ΠΟΛΙΤΙΚΟΝ, facing bust of Virgin, *rev.*, ΑΝΔ – Ο Α, saint Demetrius holding cross and Andronicus III standing facing, 0.57g (Sear 2570; DO 885; PCPC 355; LPC 180.1), *porous flan with a minor crack, otherwise very fine and rare* £150-250

Ex Porphyra Collection; CNG 484 (2021), 1016.



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Politikon coinage, Anonymous (1320-1350), billon tornese, Constantinople, +ΠΟΛΙΤΙΚΟΝ, cross pattée, *rev.*, Castle with two towers, cross flanked by two pellets above, 0.56g (Sear 2578; DO 1209-1214; PCPC 362; LPC 184.7), *good very fine and rare* £500-700

Ex Porphyra Collection; Iconodule Collection, CNG Triton XXIV (2021), 1204.

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Andronicus I, Gidon, (1222-1235), aspron trachy, Trebizond, Virgin orans standing facing, star on left, *rev.*, IC / O / X / A / Λ - + / K / H / TH / C, Christ Chalkites standing facing, 2.56g (Sear 2148 (uncertain Nicaea); DO 1 (anonymous of Nicaea); BCLE 328e; Bendall 2015, 2), *good very fine and rare* £400-600

Ex Porphyra Collection; Trausnitz Collection, Nomos Obolos 18 (2021), 978.



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Manuel I, Megas Comnenus (1238-1263), aspron trachy, Trebizond, 1238-1240, Virgin enthroned facing, holding before her, nimbate head of the infant Christ, *rev.*, M / N / HA - O / K [M / N], Manuel I standing facing wearing loros, holding labarum and akakia, star in right field, Manus Dei above, 2.87g (Sear 2600; BCLE 343; Retowski 1-10; Bendall 2015, 19), *partly weak, otherwise extremely fine and very rare* £300-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Roma 91 (2021), 1294.



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Manuel I, Megas Comnenus (1238-1263), asper, Trebizond, 1240-1263, O / A / Γ / I / O - EV / Γ E / NI / O, Saint Eugenius standing facing, holding long cross, pellet over right shoulder, *rev.*, M / N / IA - K / Λ - O / K / N, Manuel I standing facing, wearing loros, holding labarum and akakia, pellet over right shoulder, Manus Dei above, 2.87g (Sear 2601; BCLE 344 var.; Retowski 51; Bendall 2015, 20), *good very fine* £200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Trausnitz Collection, Nomos Obolos 18 (2021), 979.

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Manuel I, Megas Comnenus (1238-1263), asper, Trebizond or Tripolis, 1240-1263, @ / EV / Γ - O / TP / Π O / TC, Saint Eugenius standing facing, holding long cross, *rev.*, M / N / HA / O - K / M / N, Manuel I standing facing, wearing loros, holding labarum and globus cruciger, Manus Dei above, star in lower left, 2.86g (Sear 2602; BCLE 350b, *this coin*; Retowski 214; Bendall 2015, 26, *this coin*), *good very fine* £150-250

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 122 (2022), 1164.



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John II, Megas Comnenus (1280-1297), asper, Trebizond, @ / EV / Γ E - NI / O / C, Saint Eugenius standing facing, holding long cross, *rev.*, IΩ / O / KO / MN - N / O / C, John II standing facing, wearing loros, holding labarum and globus cruciger, Manus Dei above, 2.85g (Sear 2611; BCLE 359a; Retowski 67; Bendall 2015, 35a, *this coin*), *good very fine* £300-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; Trausnitz Collection, Nomos Obolos 18 (2021), 980; Künker 35 (1997), 650.

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Alexius II, Megas Comnenus (1297-1330), asper, Trebizond, Ⓢ / EV / Γ – N, Saint Eugenius seated on horse marching right, holding long cross, fleur below, B in front of horse, *rev.*, A / ΔE – M, Alexius II seated on horse marching right, holding pearled sceptre, fleur below, B in front of horse, 2.19g (Sear 2619; BCLE 376b; Retowski 24; Bendall 2015, 52), *good very fine*
£150-200

Ex Porphyra Collection; Künker 68 (2021), 445.



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Andronicus III, Megas Comnenus (1330-1332), asper, Trebizond, NI, Saint Eugenius seated on horse marching right, holding long cross, *rev.*, ΔP / AЧ – M, Andronicus III seated on horse marching right, holding tripartite sceptre, 1.94g (Sear 2620; BCLE 379b; Retowski 3; Bendall 2015, 54), *very fine*
£100-150

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 119 (2022), 865.



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Manuel II, Megas Comnenus (1332), asper, Trebizond, Ⓢ / EV – N, Saint Eugenius seated on horse marching right, holding long cross, *rev.*, Δ / M – M, Manuel II seated on horse marching right, holding tripartite sceptre, 2.09g (Sear 2621; BCLE 380b; Retowski -; Bendall 2015, 55), *very fine*
£150-200

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 123 (2022), 955.



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John III, Megas Comnenus (1342-1344), trachy, Trebizond, Saint Eugenius standing facing, holding long cross, *rev.*, ΙΩ / B John III standing facing, holding tripartite sceptre, 1.24g (Sear 2624; BCLE 385; Retowski 1; Bendall 2015, 61), *very fine*
£150-250

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 114 (2022), 1134.



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Michael, Megas Comnenus (1344-1349), asper, Trebizond, Ⓢ / N, Saint Eugenius seated on horse marching right, holding long cross, star below horse, *rev.*, X / MI – M, Michael seated on horse marching right, holding tripartite sceptre, star below horse, 1.47g (Sear 2625; BCLE 386; Retowski 3; Bendall 2015, 62), *very fine*
£200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 101 (2021), 934.



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Alexius III, Megas Comnenus (1349-1390), asper, Trebizond, Ⓢ / EVT, Saint Eugenius seated on horse marching right, holding cruciform sceptre, B below, *rev.*, A / ΔEO – M, Alexius III seated on horse marching right, holding tripartite sceptre, B below, 1.72g (Sear 2628; BCLE 390; Retowski 14; Bendall 2015, 66), *about extremely fine*
£300-500

Ex Porphyra Collection; European Ambassador Collection, Morton & Eden 115 (2022), 515.



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Manuel III, Megas Comnenus (1390-1417), asper, Trebizond, Ⓢ / ΕΓ – Ν, Saint Eugenius seated on horse marching right, holding cruciform sceptre, star below and B to lower right, *rev.*, Μ / ΑΟ – Μ, Manuel III seated on horse marching right, holding tripartite sceptre, star below and B to lower right, 1.11g (Sear 2637; BCLE 399d, *this coin*; Retowski 6; Bendall 2015, 75), *good very fine* £100-150

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 122 (2022), 1171.

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Alexius IV, Megas Comnenus (1417-1429), asper, Trebizond, 1417-1429, Ⓢ / V – ΜΝ, Saint Eugenius seated on horse marching right, holding cruciform sceptre, Y below, *rev.*, Α / Ε – Μ, Alexius IV seated on horse marching right, holding tripartite sceptre, Y below, 0.82g (Sear 2641; BCLE 406; Retowski 18; Bendall 2015, 79a), *good very fine* £200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 110 (2021), 1302.



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John IV, Megas Comnenus (1429-1459), asper, Trebizond, Ⓢ / ΕVΤ, Saint Eugenius seated on horse marching right, holding cruciform sceptre, star below and B to lower right, *rev.*, ΙΩ / Ο ΜΓ – ΚΜ, John IV seated on horse marching right, holding tripartite sceptre, star below, 0.82g (Sear 2642; BCLE 409c, *this coin*); Retowski 3; Bendall 2015, 80i, *this coin*), *very fine and scarce* £200-300

Ex Porphyra Collection; Naumann 122 (2022), 1172. This may be the last coin type struck by a Byzantine state. Although the Byzantine Empire fell in 1453, the Empire of Trebizond, the last Byzantine state to survive, endured until 1461. John IV Megas Comnenus was the last emperor of Trebizond known to have issued coinage, making his final issues among the latest Byzantine coins ever struck.



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Cabinet: a mahogany coin cabinet by Turton (280mm wide x 290mm high x 255mm deep), with double panelled doors, lock and key, containing 20 trays with recesses for coins of varying sizes, *in very good condition* £300-400

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