

29. Constantine V (741-775).

Constantinople; 40 nummi.

D. O. Class 1 (circa 741-748).  
**Θ**NCON **Σ**CAN**Τ**IN**Υ**.

Bust facing, beardless, wearing crown and chlamys and holding globus cruciger and akakia.

**M** between **X/X/X** and **N/N/N**, officina letter beneath.

29.1.\*  
 Officina **B**.  
 D. O. 6b.  
 3.39 gms. 150.  
 1475.10.<sup>1</sup>



D. O. Class 3 (751-769). No obverse legend.

Constantine V and Leo IV facing, bearded and beardless, each wearing crown and chlamys.

Bust of Leo III, wearing crown and loros and holding cross potent; all above **M** between **X** and **N**, **A** beneath.

29.2.  
 D. O. 11.  
 1.70 gms. 180.  
 17.83.<sup>2</sup>



D. O. Class 4 (769-775). No obverse legend.

Constantine V and Leo IV enthroned facing, each wearing crown and chlamys and holding akakia.

Bust of Leo III, wearing crown and loros and holding cross potent; all above **M** between **X** and **N**, **A** beneath.

29.3.  
 D. O. 13.  
 3.01 gms. 200.  
 209.88.



Constantinople; 20 nummi.

D. O. Class 1 (circa 741-748).  
**Θ**NCON **Σ**CAN**Τ**IN**Υ** (largely illegible).

Bust facing, beardless, wearing crown and chlamys and holding globus cruciger and akakia.

**K** between **X/X/X** and **N/N/N**, officina letter (**A**) beneath.

29.4.  
 D. O. 9.  
 1.31 gms. 180.  
 1985.13.<sup>3</sup>



D. O. Class 4 (769-775). No obverse legend.

Constantine V and Leo IV enthroned facing, each wearing crown and chlamys and holding akakia.

**K**, with pellet in left field, between **X/X/X** and **N/N/N**.

29.5.\*  
 D. O. 14.  
 2.39 gms. 180.  
 349.90.<sup>4</sup>



Syracuse; 40 nummi.

D. O. Class 1 (751-775).

Constantine standing facing, bearded, wearing crown and chlamys and holding akakia; between ΚΩΝΣ and ΔΕCΠ.

Reverse; Leo III standing facing, bearded, wearing crown and chlamys and holding akakia; between ΛΕΟΝ and ΔΕCΠ.

29.6.  
D. O. -, Sp. 330A.  
3.52 gms. 180.  
359v.90.<sup>5</sup>



Reverse; Leo IV standing facing, beardless, wearing crown and chlamys and holding akakia; between ΛΕΟΝ and ΔΕCΠ.

29.7.  
D. O. -, Sp. 331.  
2.36 gms. 180.  
492.95.



D. O. Class 2 (751-775).

Constantine and Leo IV standing facing, bearded and beardless, each wearing crown and chlamys and holding akakia; between Κ and ΛΕΟΝ.

Leo III standing facing, bearded, wearing crown and chlamys and holding cross potent on base; between ΛΕΟΝ and ΔΕCΠ.

29.8.  
D. O. 19a, Sp. 333.  
3.70 gms. 180.  
489.95.



29.9.  
D. O. 19a, Sp. 333.  
3.59 gms. 180.  
49.84.



29.10.\*  
D. O. 19c, Sp. 333.  
2.10 gms. 180.  
490.95.



Syracuse; 20 nummi.

D. O. 20 (751-775). No obverse legend.

Facing busts of Constantine and Leo IV, bearded and beardless, each wearing crown and chlamys.

Facing bust of Leo III, bearded, wearing crown and loros and holding cross potent on base; Λ below.

29.11.\*  
Sp. 336.  
1.40 gms. 180.  
1378.08.



## REFERENCES AND GENERAL NOTES

29.1. The last appearance of the second officina. It is worth noting the imaginative suggestion once made by Henry Weller that the reverse stands for ΧΡΙCΤΟC ΝΙΚΕ three times repeated, even if this is unlikely.

29.5. The last Constantinople half follis.

Syracuse.

The folles with single figures on both obverse and reverse (D. O. Class 1) are hard to distinguish from those of Leo III. Here (29.6-7), the legend on the right of the obverse, usually ΝΕΟV, is read as the scarcer variant ΔΕCΠ. The attribution of the first coin seems sound as the figure on the reverse is

bearded. It is possible that the second belongs to Leo III. See D. O., Volume 3, Part 1, p. 311, footnote to 18.1.

29.10. Delicate style. The obverse legends are entirely off-flan.

29.11. The precise form of a supposed exergual legend on the obverse, and its meaning, are uncertain. See D. O. Volume 3, Part 1, p. 314, footnote to no. 20.

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<sup>1</sup> Morton and Eden auction, 11-12 June 2008, ex lot 1296, Carroll F. Wales collection.

<sup>2</sup> B. A. Seaby, July 1983.

<sup>3</sup> Numismatica Ars Classica, Zurich, auctions 73-75, 18 November 2013, lot 689.

<sup>4</sup> Munz Zentrum auction, 26 April 1989, lot 1687.

<sup>5</sup> S. Bendall, November 1990.