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Alexius I – pre-reform coinage (1081-1092)

Thessalonica follis (1081-1092)



DOC 18; 6.29 gms; EBCC 34.1; 434.94



DOC 19; 3.16 gms; EBCC 34.2; 733.01

Alexius I – post-reform coinage (1092-1118)

The coronation issues (1092)

Constantinople billon trachy



DOC 24; 3.08 gms; EBCC 34.3; 328.90

Constantinople lead half tetarteron



DOC Pb.32; 3.76 gms; EBCC 34.5; 336.90

Thessalonica lead half tetarteron



DOC Pb. 37; 5.28 gms; EBCC 34.6; 338.90

Thessalonica tetarteron (1092-1118)



DOC 39; 4.61 gms; EBCC 34.4; 450.94

Uncertain mint tetarteron or half tetarteron



DOC Pb.42; 5.05 gms; EBCC 34.7; 337.90

John II (1118-1143)



Constantinople billon trachy; DOC 9  
3.89 gms; EBCC - ; 204.87



Thessalonica billon trachy; DOC 11  
3.52 gms; EBCC - ; 329.90

Manuel I (1143-1180)



Constantinople tetarteron; DOC 15  
3.56 gms; EBCC - ; 2311.18



Thessalonica tetarteron; DOC 19  
2.66 gms; EBCC - ; 2330.18

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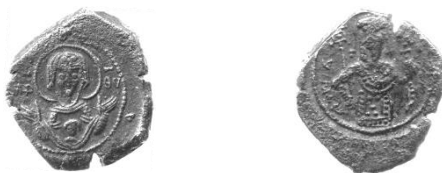
Andronicus I (1183-1185)



Constantinople billon trachy; DOC 3  
3.98 gms; EBCC - ; 225.83



Constantinople tetarteron; DOC 5  
4.91 gms; EBCC - ; 281.89



Thessalonica tetarteron; DOC 6  
3.34 gms; EBCC 34.8; 278.89

The Gabrades at Trebizond (1075-1140)

Bendall, S., *The Mint of Trebizond under Alexius I and the Gabrades*, Numismatic Chronicle, Vol. XVII (1977), pp. 126-136 and plates 6 and 7.



B. Issue 5; DOC 5.2-3  
2.25 gms; EBCC 34.9; 812.02



B. Issue 6; DOC - (p. 430 and pl. XXV, 6)  
4.85 gms; EBCC - ; 2576.19.



B. Issue 9; DOC 9.1-2  
4.58 gms; 220; EBCC - ; 2579.19

Isaac Comnenus usurper on Cyprus (1184-1191)



Nicosia tetarteron; DOC (7)  
3.03 gms; EBCC 34.10; 1609.12



Secondary mint tetarteron; DOC 10  
3.07 gms; EBCC 34.11; 2065.14



Secondary mint tetarteron; DOC 10  
2.73 gms; EBCC - ; 2108.16

Isaac II Angelus (first reign; 1185-1195)



Constantinople billon trachy; DOC 3a  
4.92 gms; EBCC - ; 260.88



Constantinople tetarteron; DOC - ;  
3.48 gms; EBCC - ; 2536.18

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Constantinople tetarteron; DOC - ;  
3.42 gms; EBCC - ; 2278.17



Constantinople tetarteron; DOC 4, 4a-b- ;  
3.32 gms; EBCC - ; 2607.20

EBCC 34.3: Modern fakes of this coin exist in large numbers – almost certainly pressure casts.

281.89 and 260.88: The present whereabouts of these coins is not known.

Notes on post-EBCC coins

2576.19: This attribution is provided by Bendall who cites one coin from the Corinth excavations and three others. The attribution was generally accepted including in DOC volume 4. In the 2008 volume of NC, Wolfgang Schultz proposed, quite persuasively, a reattribution to Antioch in the few years following the Crusader conquest. Schultz listed 13 examples including six from the excavations at Corinth. I have retained Bendall's attribution partly because of its inclusion in DOC. The reverse legend is thought to stand for "The light of Christ gives light to everyone", part of the Orthodox liturgy.

2579.19: Bendall examined four specimens – all from different dies. There are, in addition, the two specimens at Dumbarton Oaks.

2536.18 and 2278.17: A Tetarteron of Isaac II Angelus and the Presentation of the Protecting Veil of the Theokotos, in *Mélanges numismatique et d'archéologie de Byzance offerts à Henri Pottier*, *Travaux du cercle d'études numismatiques* 20, European Center for Numismatic Studies, Brussels, 2019.