# A Short (and rough) Guide to Byzantine Names for SCA personae

This is a listing of names that may be useful for constructing Byzantine persona. Having said that, please note that the term 'Byzantine' is one that was not used in the time of the Empire. They referred to themselves as Romans. Please also note that this is compiled by a non-historian and non-linguist. When errors are detected, please let me know so that I can correct them. Additional material is always welcomed. It is a work in progress and will be added to as I have time to research more books. This is the second major revision and the number of errors picked up is legion. If you have an earlier copy throw it away now. Some names of barbarians who became citizens are included. Names from 'client states' such as Serbia and Bosnia, as well as adversaries, can be found in my other article called *Names for other Eastern Cultures*. In itself it is not sufficient documentation for heraldic submission, but it will give you ideas and tell you where to start looking.

The use of (?) means that either I have nothing that gives me an idea, or that I am not sure of what I have. If there are alternatives given of 'c', 'x' and 'k' modern scholarship prefers the 'k'. 'K' is closer to the original in both spelling and pronunciation.

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Baron, OP, Strategos tous notious okeanous, known to the Latins as Hrolf

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# **Family Names**

The family name ends in 'us', 'as', 'os' or 'es' if the person is male and 'a' or 'ina' if female. Thus Alexius Comnenus' daughter is Anna Comnena. Sometimes a series of surnames would be put together to show genealogy by birth or marriage (eg Theodora Branaina Komnene Laskarina Cantacuzene Palaiologos, BL4). This was more common in later periods and much more common with females than males. Originally surnames were often taken from an adjective or common word, but could be from a Latin or other barbarian name. When talking of the whole family, in the plural, an 'oi' is used, thus Akrtoi or Comnenoi.

Acritas: see Akritas

Areobindus (Αρεόβινδος): Flavius A, Consul in 506

Agapetas (Άγαπητός): John IX, 12<sup>th</sup> century Patriarch, (AC521)

Akindynos (ἀκίνδυνος): Gregory Γρηγόριος 14<sup>th</sup> century monk (BL69)

Akritas or Acritas (Ακρίτας): Basil Digenis A, soldier and hero of an epic poem, Digenis Akritoi, see Akritoi (L221)

Akropolites (Άκροπολίτης), George A, megas logothetes (BM246); his son Constantine 13th century scholar (BL42)

Alakaseus: John A, patrician & military leader of Alexius I (AC303)

Alyates: Theodore A, general at Manzikert (AC409)

Amenas: Michael A (BM585)

Ammonathas: Apa A, monophystite priest (BP8)

Ampelas: 12<sup>th</sup> century general (AC455)

Anargyrus: Cosmas & Damian saints (BL93)

Anemas: Michael A, 12<sup>th</sup> century rebel (AC382)

Angelus (Άγγελος) (fem Angelina) Isaac II, 1185-1195; Alexius III, 1195-1203, Alexius IV, 1203-1204

Anicia: Juliana A, patrician (BM203)

Antiochi: rebel family (AC382)

Apion: country family founded by Theodore (W), family records date 488-625 (W); prominent patrician family in Egypt 6-7<sup>th</sup> centuries, Flavius Strategius A (BM464)

Apocaucus: see Apokaukos

Apokaukos or Apocaucus: John (BL86) Alexius, megas doux (BM223)

Argyrus: (Αργυρός) (BM 145) Romanus Ρωμανός III, 1028-1034 (BM145)

Aristenos (Άριστηνός): Alexios A 9<sup>th</sup> century jurist and commentator on canon law, (PL562)

Armenopoulos: see Harmenopoulos

Armatus: Flavius A, 5<sup>th</sup> century magister militum (BM243)

Artemius (Α ρτέμιος): Anastasius II A, Emperor 713-15 (BP13)

Asenes (Ασάνης) (fem Asenina): Eirene Asenina Cantacuzene, Bulgarian Princess and Empress 13471354 (BL71). John III Asen was 13c Tsar of Bulgaria

Asidenus (ἀ σιδηνός), Sabbas A, 13<sup>th</sup> century sebastokrator (BM107)

Aspietes: Michael 12<sup>th</sup> century general (BM129) Asticus: Fulvius, 4<sup>th</sup> century governor of Asia

(BM461)

Attaleiates (ἀ τταλειάτης): Michael A, 11<sup>th</sup> century judge (PL584)

Autoreianus (Αυτωρειανός): Michael IV, Patriarch of Constantinople (BM444) Arsenios I A, 13<sup>th</sup> century Patriarch (BL33)

Balsamon (Βαλσαμῶν): Theodorus B (Θεόδωρος), 12<sup>th</sup> century canonical commentator & Patriarch of Antioch (PL600, PL562)

Baradaeus (other spellings include Al Baradai, Burdoho, Burdeono, Burdeana, or Burdeaya): Jacob 6<sup>th</sup> century Monophysite leader (AC465)

Bardanes (Βαρδάνης): Philippicus B, Emperor 711-

Barsymes (Βαρσύμης): Peter B, 6<sup>th</sup> century consul

Basilacius: George 12<sup>th</sup> century general (BM585)

Basilides (Βασιλείδης): magister (BM630)

Beccos: see Bekkos

Bekkos or Beccos: John XI, 13<sup>th</sup> century Patriarch (BL38)

Berhoiotes: George, megas diermeneutes (BM440) Bessarion (Βησσαρίων): Basilios B 15<sup>th</sup> century cleric from Trebizond who became a Latin Cardinal (BP128)

Blastares: Matthew, 14th century monk, legal commentator, and opponent of reconciliation (MoL

Boilas: Eustathius 11<sup>th</sup> century magnate (PL572)

Botaneiates or Botaniates (Βοτανειάτης): Nicephorus III, 1078-81 (BM65)

Botaniates: see Botaneiates

Boutoumites (Βουτουμίτης): Manuel, doux of Alexius I (AC271) (BM56)

Branaina: Theodora, nun (BL4)

Branas (Βραν**α** ς): Alexius, 12<sup>th</sup> century general (BM48)

Briennius or Bryennius (Βρυέννιος): Nicephorus, the Younger, husband of Anna Comnena

Bringas (Βρίγγας): Michael VI B Gerontas 1056-7 (BM137)

Bryennius: see Briennius

Burtzes: Michael, 10<sup>th</sup> century general (AC481) Byzantios (Βυζάντιος): Stephanos, Στέφανος 6<sup>th</sup> century geographer (BM160)

Cabasilas: seeKabasilas

Caloethus: Nicholas, grammatikus (BM441)

Camytzes or Kamytzes (Καμύτζης): Manual, protostrator 1201 (BM106); Eustathius C, 12<sup>th</sup> century general (AC408)

Cantacuzenus or Kantakouzenos (Καντακουζηνός): John VI, Emperor 1347-1354 (BM161); Matthew K, Emperor 1353-1357 (W)

Castamonites: Nicetas, 12<sup>th</sup> century rebel (AC382)

Cecaumenus: Catacalon C, 11<sup>th</sup> century archon (AC289, PL608)

Cephalas (Κέφαλος): Constantine, 11<sup>th</sup> century anthologist (BM 106)

Cerularius: Michael I Patriarch of Constantinople 11<sup>th</sup> century (PL589)

Chalintzes: Nicetas, 11<sup>th</sup> century diplomat (AC357)

Cheilas: Nikephorus, 15<sup>th</sup> century courtier (BP138)

Choerosphactes (Χοιροσφάκτης): Leo C, 9<sup>th</sup> century envoy (L194)

Choniates (Χωνιάτης): Nicetas, doux (BM435)

Chortasmenos: John C, 15<sup>th</sup> century theologian (BP139)

Choumnos (Χοῦ μνος) (fem Choumnaina): Eirene-Eulogia Choumnaina Palaiologina, 14<sup>th</sup> century Princess and Abbess (BL59)

Chrysoberges (Χρυσοβέργης): Andrew C, 15<sup>th</sup> century Latin convert (BP143), Louka C, 12<sup>th</sup> century Patriarch (L231)

Chrysokokkes: George C, 15<sup>th</sup> century scholar (BP129)

Chrysoloras: Manuel or Emmanuel C, 15<sup>th</sup> century theologian & teacher (BP139)

Cinnamus (Κίνναμος, Κίναμος or Σίνναμος): John,  $12^{th}$  century writer (BM38)

Climacus (Κλίμακος): John C, 7<sup>th</sup> century theologian and saint, sometimes called John of the Ladder Κλίμαξ (PL623)

Comnenus: see Komnenos

Constantine: Tiberius II, 578-582 () Contostephanus: see Kontostephanos Critopoulo: Chostantin (BM538)

Curcuas: see Kourkouas

Curticius: Michael 10<sup>th</sup> century admiral & rebel (AC382)

Cydones: see Kydones

Dabatenus: D, 11<sup>th</sup> century doux of Trebizond (AC386) (BM438)

Dalassena: *thalassocrator* under Alexius I (AC270); maiden name of Anna, mother of Alexius I (PL573)

Dandalo: Enrico, Patriarch of Grado (BM334); nephew doge of Venice ()

Daphopates: Theodorus, secretary to Romanus I (PL618)

Daphnomeles (Δαφνομήλης): Eustathios, 11<sup>th</sup> century strategos (AC304)

Diogenes (Διογένης): Romanus IV, 1068-1071 (BM124), Adralestos D, diplomat (AC418)

Domentianus: craven 7th century commander in Egypt (HK155)

Doukas (Δούκας) (fem Doukaina): surname taken from the title dux; Helena D, Queen of the Two Sicilies 1258-1266 (BL11), her father despot of Epiros (BL12); Constantine X D, basilicus 1059-1067 (BM159); Alexius V D, basilicus 1204;

Dragasēs (m) /Dragasē (f): Greek form of Dragaš, taken as dynastic name by Constantine XI, the last Emperor (W), Elenē D, his mother, Serbian princess and wife of Manuel II Palaiologos (taken from 15<sup>th</sup> century miniature).

Ducas (fem Ducaena): see Doukas

Eirenikos: Theodore II, Patriarch of Constantinople (BM444)

Eroticus: Manuel 10<sup>th</sup> century prefect (AC335)

Eudocia, Eudokia or Eudoxia: Aelia E, augusta, wife of Theodosius II (BM201); Licinia E, augusta, wife of Valentinian III (BM201)

Eudoxia: see Eudocia

Eugenikos (Ευγενικός): Mark (of Ephesus) E, 15<sup>th</sup> century theologian (BP135), nickname became a family name.

Euphorbenus: George, soldier of Alexius I (AC271)

Exazenus: rebel ducas (AC390)

Ferro: brothers (BM230)

Flaccilla: Aelia, augusta, first wife of Theodosius I (BM491)

Gabalas (Γαβαλᾶ ς): John & Leo, brothers and  $13^{th}$  century rulers of Rhodes (BM525)

Gabras (Γαβρ $\tilde{\mathbf{a}}$  ς): Theodore, governor of Trebizond and rebel (AC350)

Garidas (Γαριδ**α** ς): Eustratius, 11<sup>th</sup> century Patriarch (AC521)

Gemistos (Γεμιστός): Georgius, 15<sup>th</sup> century scholar, later called Plethon (BP130)

Genesius (Γενέ σιος): Joseph, 10<sup>th</sup> century historian, may not be a real person (BM224)

Harmenopoulos or Ārmenopoulos (Αρμενοπουλο): Constantine H, 14<sup>th</sup> century jurist (MoL241)

Herakleios or Heraclius (Ἡράκλειος): Flavius H, Emperor 610-641 (BM17) (L152) Heraclonas (Ἡράκλειος): Constantinos H, Emperor 641 under H (BM 625)

Holobolos: Manuel 13-14<sup>th</sup> century writer & translator (BL36)

Humbertopoulos: Constantine, general of Alexius I (AC298)

Hyaleas: Nikephorus, 12<sup>th</sup> century soldier (AC390) Hyrtakenos (Υρτακηνός): Theodore, 14<sup>th</sup> century scholar (BL56)

Iasitas: Michael I, brother-in-law John II (W)

Ingerina (Ιγγερίνα): Eudokia was mistress to Michael III & wife of Basil I (PL574)

Justin(us) (Ἰ ουστίνος): Emperor Flavius J I, 518-527 (BM177); Emperor Flavius J II, 520-578 (BM177); both reigned under family name

Justinian (Ἰ ουστινιανός): Flavius Petrus Sabbatius J I, Emperor 527-565 (BM7)

Kabasilis or Cabasilis: Alexander, 12<sup>th</sup> century general (AC408)

Kabasilas or Cabasilas: Nicholas, 14<sup>th</sup> century theologian and saint (BL93)

Kalamodios: 12<sup>th</sup> century money lender (BM245)

Kalekas (Καλέκας): John XIV K, 14<sup>th</sup> century Patriarch (BL86)

Kalliergis: Zacherias was 15<sup>th</sup> century refugee & printer of Greek texts (BL105)

Kallistos: K I, 14<sup>th</sup> century Patriarch (BL78)

Kamateros or Camaterus (Καματηρός): John X, Patriarch of Constantinople (BM444)

Komnenos or Comnenus (Κομνηνός): Isaac I, 1057-1059 (BM 137); Alexius I, 1081-1118 rest of dynasty to 1185; Adrian Komnenos son-in-law of Constantine X (W).

Kamytzes: see Camytzes

Kaspax (Κά σπακος): Nikephorus (?), admiral (AC346)

Kokkinos (Κόκκινος): Philotheos K, Patriarch 1354-55 & 56 (BL2)

Kommene: Helena Cantacuzene K, Empress of Trebizond 15<sup>th</sup> century (BL120)

Kontostephanos or Contostephanus (Κοντοστέφανος): Issac, 11<sup>th</sup> century admiral (AC388)

Kourkouas or Curcuas (Κουρκούας): John, 10<sup>th</sup> century general & catepan of Italy (PL592)

Ktenas: 10<sup>th</sup> century protospathios (BM186)

Kydones or Cydones (Κυδώνης): Demetrios, 15<sup>th</sup> century Latin convert & chancellor under 3 Emperors (BP143)

Kymineianus: Eustathius, Drungarius under Alexius I (AC304)

Kyrdiniates: Nicholas, 11<sup>th</sup> century Patriarch (AC499) Lagudes: (PL611)

Lampenos: Alexios, 14<sup>th</sup> century poet (?) (BL56)

Lascaris (Λάσκαρις) (fem Laskarina): Theodore I, basilicus 1204-1222; Theodore II, basilicus 1254-1259; John IV, basilicus 1258-1261

Laurentius (Λαυρέντιος): see Lydas: John

Lebournes: George, 12<sup>th</sup> century general (AC455)

Lecapenus or Lekapenos (Λακαπήνος): Romanus I, basilicus 920-944; Basil L, the eunuch parakoimōmenos c960 (W)

Limenius: 4<sup>th</sup> century prefect (BM 388)

Longibardus: John, grammarian (AC495)

Lydas ( $\Lambda \upsilon \delta \delta \varsigma$ ): 'the Lydian' John Laurentius 'L', writer, the real surname is usually ignored (BP12)

Makrembolitissa (Μακρεμβολίτισσα): Eudocia M, wife of Romanus IV, Empress 1067-1068 (L225)

Macroducas: Constantine, 11th century (BM128)

Malalas (Μαλάλας): John, historian, his surname is possibly Syriac for orator (BP12)

Maleinus (Μαλεΐνος): Eustathius M was a magnate under Basil II (PL568)

Mangaphas (Μαγκαφᾶς): Theodore M, twice attempted to usurp the throne in the 12<sup>th</sup> century leading to his nickname *Morotheodoros* (Μωροθεόδωρος) or Theodore the Fool (BM438)

Maniakes or Maniaces (Μανιάκης): George M, known as Gygir in Scandanavian sagas, 11<sup>th</sup> century general & catepan of Italy (BM281)

Marcian: Flavian M, Emperor 450-457

Maurocatacalon: Gregory M, 11<sup>th</sup> century, worth 40,000 numismata in ransom (BM 267)

Mauropous (Μαυρόπους): John M, 11<sup>th</sup> century writer & poet, his surname means 'black-foot' (BM140)

Mavrozomes: Theodore M, 12<sup>th</sup> century strategos (BM128)

Mavrocatalon: Nicholas M, admiral (AC314) Melissenos (Μελισσηνός): Nikephorus M, 11<sup>th</sup> century rebel (BM428)

Mesopotamites: George M, 11<sup>th</sup> century doux of Philippopolis (BM431)

Metochites (Μετοχίτης): Theodore M, Megas Logothete in 1305, became a monk as Theoleptos (BL42)

Monachus: Epiphanius M, 9<sup>th</sup> century monk (W) Monasteriotes: Leo M, 12<sup>th</sup> century krites (BM587) Monomakhos (Μονομάχος): Constantine IX M,

basilicus 1042-1055 (BM137)

Moschus (Μόσχος): John M, wrote a Lives of the Saints in the 6<sup>th</sup> century, nickname The Abstemious (εγκρατείς)

Mouzalon (Μουζάλων) (f - Μουζαλώνισσα): family known from  $11^{th}$  to  $15^{th}$  century, George, husband of Theodora Raoulina (BL34)

Musurus (Μουσοῦ ρος):  $15^{th}$  century refugee family (BL107)

Nazianzen: (of Nazianzus) Gregory, wrote a collection of sermons 11<sup>th</sup> century (PL557) named after an earlier theologian (?)

Nepos: Julius, last Western Emperor (BM405)

Nikephoros or Nicephorus (Νικηφόρος): Gregoras N, 14<sup>th</sup> century historian etc, coined the phrase "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned" (BL50)

Nicerites: Leo, 12<sup>th</sup> century general & eunuch (AC408)

Nicomachi (Νικόμαχος): consular family

Nikerites: Leon, 12<sup>th</sup> century *mega dux* of Cyprus (BL105)

Notaras (Νοταράς): Anna N Palaiologina, refugee daughter of the last Megas Doux (BL96)

Opsaras: John O, 11<sup>th</sup> century magnate (BM191)

Ouranus (Οὺ ρανός): Nikephorus O, doux & writer (BM610)

Pachymeres (Παχυμέρης): George P, 13-14<sup>th</sup> century writer (BM47)

Paidianites: Anna P 12<sup>th</sup> century (BM584)

Pakourianus or Bakouriani (Πακουριανός): great Georgian immigrant family (PL584) Apasios P, 11<sup>th</sup> century soldier (BP92); Gregory, his brother (W)

Palaeologus (Παλαιολόγος): Michael VIII P, basilicus 1261-1282 (BM114)

Palaiologina: Theodora Angelina P, mother of Michael VIII Palaeologus (W)

Palamas (Παλαμάς): Gregory P, 14<sup>th</sup> century saint (BL68)

Panaretos (Πανάρετος): Michael P, 14<sup>th</sup> century Trebizond historian (BL122)

Panukomites: Nicetas P, diplomat, (AC370)

Pegonites: Niketas P, 11<sup>th</sup> century commander (W) Pepagomenos (Πεπαγωμένος): Demetrios P, 13<sup>th</sup> century doctor (W)

Pepagomenos (Πεπαγωμένος): Demetrios P, 15<sup>th</sup> century courtier (BP138)

Petraliphas (Πετραλ[ε]ίφας): originally Norman, became noble, Theodora Petraliphaina (Πετραλίφαινα) became wife of the Despot of Epiros (BL15)

Petzeas: 12<sup>th</sup> century general (AC372)

Philes: Manuel P, 14<sup>th</sup> century court poet (BL56)

Philanthropenos (Φιλανθρωπηνός): Alexios Doukas P, admiral and megas doux,  $13^{th}$  century ()

Philanthropenos (Φιλανθρωπηνός): Alexios P the Younger, rebel general 13<sup>th</sup> century, son of above (BL46)

Philokales or Philocales (Φιλοκάλης): Eumathios P, 12<sup>th</sup> century strategos (AC362) & dux of Cyprus (AC353)

Phocas (Φωκα ς): Nikephorus II P, basilicus 963-969 (BM104), Komentiolus P, 7<sup>th</sup> century, brother of

Flavius P (BM415); Flavius P, Emperor 602-610, known by his family name (W) (f) Phokaina (Φώκαινα),

Photias: Patriarch 858-867 (W)

Placidia: Galla P, 5<sup>th</sup> century regent of the West (BM365)

Plakanos: Leo P (BM584)

Planoudes (Πλανούδης): Maximus P, 13<sup>th</sup> century court poet (BL40)

Plethon (Πλήθων): see Gemistos

Probus: 6<sup>th</sup> century senator (BM202)

Plousiadenos: John P, 15<sup>th</sup> century priest & composer (BL99)

Prodromos (Πρόδρομος): Theodore P, 12<sup>th</sup> century poet, nickname Ptochoprodromus

(Πτωχοπρόδρομος) 'Poor Prodromus' (BP104-5)

Psellus (Ψελλός): Michael P, 11<sup>th</sup> century author (PL603)

Pulcheria: Aelia P, Augusta and later wife of Theodosius III (BM365)

Pyrrhos: Theophanes P, 7<sup>th</sup> century Patriarch (?) (BM584)

Rangabè (Ραγκαβές) Michael I R, basilicus 811-813 Raoul fem Raoulaina (Ραούλαινα): Theodora was a 13<sup>th</sup> century scholar, twice widowed & became a nun (Eulogia), the family was originally Norman (BL33)

Romaios: Eustathius R, judge early 11<sup>th</sup> century (PL561)

Rizocopus: John R, 8<sup>th</sup> century patrician and exarch of Ravenna (BM669)

Skleras or Sclerus: Bardas S, general and rival of Basil II (PL556); Maria Scleraina: famous lover of Constantine IX (PL576)

Scylitzes (Σκυλίτζης): John S, 11<sup>th</sup> century historian (BM103)

Servopoulos: John S, 15<sup>th</sup> century scholar & refugee in England (BL99); Frankoulis S, 15<sup>th</sup> century refugee (BL99)

Sgouros (Σγουρός): Leo S, 13<sup>th</sup> century independent ruler of Morea (BM437)

Skaliarius: Seljuk convert and general (AC409)

Scylitzes (Σκυλίτζη): John, author (PL560)

Solomon: John S, 12<sup>th</sup> century senator & rebel (AC382)

Sophianos: Paul S, 15<sup>th</sup> century courtier (BP138) Spandounes: Matthew S, 15<sup>th</sup> century refugee family

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Sphrantzes (Φραντζής): George S, last logothete & historian (BL96)

Stethatus (Στηθα τος): Nicetas S,  $11^{th}$  century theologian (PL612)

Strategopoulos (Στρατηγόπουλος): Alexios S, 13<sup>th</sup> century general, probably a Komnenos by birth (BL18)

Stypiotes: Michael S, 10<sup>th</sup> century soldier (AC474) Synadenos (Συναδηνός): John S, 11<sup>th</sup> century kouropalates (W); Euphrosyne (F) Synadene, 14<sup>th</sup> century nun (W)

Syrgiannes: possibly Mongol descent; John S, 13<sup>th</sup> century megas domestikos (W)

Tarchaniotes (Ταρχανειώτης): Catacalon T, son of Joseph (BM581); Joseph T, general under Alexius I (AC299); Gregory T, 10<sup>th</sup> century catepan of Italy (W)

Taronites: John T, 11<sup>th</sup> century sebatos (BM431) Tarsites: John T, 12<sup>th</sup> century scholar (BL105)

Trytherus or Trithurios: Theodore T, 7th century treasurer & commander under Heraclius in Syria (HK81) (L199)

Tornikes: George T, 12<sup>th</sup> century priest (PL627) Tornikios (Τορνίκιος): Leo T, 11<sup>th</sup> century rebel (BM137)

Tzamblakon: Demetrios T, 14<sup>th</sup> century megas stratopedarkhes (BM212)

Tzetzes (Τζέτζης): John T, 12<sup>th</sup> century writer (BM507)

Tzimisces (Τζιμισκής): John I T, basilicus 969-976 (BM104)

Tzintzloukes: Andronicus, general (AC353)

Tzipoureles: 12<sup>th</sup> century general (AC455)

Tzourillas: John T, Bogomile preacher (PL639)

Vatatzes (Βατάτζης): John III V, basilicus 1222-1254 (BM129)

Verinus or Verina: Aelia wife of Leo I (BM491)

Vlastos (Βλαστός): 15c refugee family (BL107), family can be noted from the 1<sup>st</sup> century, arms Gules, three plates 2 & 1, argent.

Xanthopoulus (Ξανθόπουλος): Nicephorus Callistus (Κάλλιστος) X, 14<sup>th</sup> century writer & theologian (BM444)

Xerus: Bardas (BM585) (?)

Xylokarabes: Mark X, 15<sup>th</sup> century Patriarch (BL117)

Xphias (Ξιφίας): Nikephorus X, 11<sup>th</sup> century Strategos of Philippopolis (L193)

Zautzes (Ζαούτζης): Stylanus Z, 10<sup>th</sup> century commander of the Mikra Hetaireia (BM302)

Zeno (Zήνων): Flavius Z, Emperor 474-476 (BM200)

Zonaras (Ζωναρᾶς): John Z, 12<sup>th</sup> century historian & commentator on canon law (PL562)

### **Male First Names**

Abramius: possibly the 12<sup>th</sup> century saint (BP2)

Achmet (Αχμέτ): ibn Seirim (υιός Σειρείμ), 8<sup>th</sup> century author working in Constantinople (PL564)

Acacius (Ακάκιος): son Archelus and 6<sup>th</sup> century general (W)

Adralestos (Ἄδραστος): Diogenes A, diplomat (AC418)

Adrian (Αδριανός): A Komnenos son-in-law Constantine X (W)

Aemilianus: Patriarch of Antioch 1062-75 (BM581)

Alexander (Αλέξανδρος): A Kabasilis, 12<sup>th</sup> century general (AC408); A Emperor 912-913 (BM197)

Alexandros: Metropolitan of Nicea (PL571)

Alexius / Alexios (ἀ λέξιος): A Aristenos 9<sup>th</sup> century jurist and commentator on canon law, (PL562) A I Komnenos, 1081-1118 (BM6); A Branas, 12<sup>th</sup> century general (BM48); A Strategopoulos, 13<sup>th</sup> century general, probably a Komnenos by birth (BL18)

Ammonios (ἄ μμώνιος): komes (BM 347)

Anastasius (Άναστάσιος): A II Artemius, Emperor 713-15 (BP13)

Andronicus / Andronikos (Ανδρόνικος): A I Komnenos 1183-1185 (BM88), A, 7th century Coptic Patriarch of Alexandria 616-22 (HK144) Anthemius (ἀνθέμιος): A of Tralles, architect of Constantinople for Justinian I (BM219), Prefect of the East under Constantine I (W)

Apasios: A Pakourianos Πακουριανός, 11<sup>th</sup> Georgian century soldier (BP92)

Apa: A Ammonathas, monophystite priest (BP8)

Appollos: 7<sup>th</sup> century hypodektes of Ammonios (BM347)

Arcadius (Αρκάδιος): Emperor 395-408 (BM17)

Archelaus (Αρχελάου): (BM 389)

Arsenios (Άρσένιος): A Autoreianos, 13<sup>th</sup> century Patriarch (BL33)

Artemios: general & saint (tb27)

Artavasdus (Άρταύασδος): Emperor 741-743 (W)

Athanasios (Αθανάσιος): A I, Patriarch 1289-93 & 1303-10 (BL2)

Atticus: Patriarch 406-25 (AC495),

Bacchus or Bakchos (Βάκχου): saint, possibly married to St Serge (MoL145)

Bardas (Βάρδας): B, brother of Basilissa Theodora & founder of Magnaura University (PL556); B Skleras, general and rival of Basil II (PL556)

Basil (Βασίλειος): several emperors, first is 867-886 B I the Macedonian (ὁ Μακεδών) (BM196), B Lekapenos, the eunuch parakoimōmenos c960 (W), B Digenis Akritas, soldier and hero of an epic poem, Digenis Akritoi, see Akritoi (L221)

Basilios (Βασίλειος): B Bessarion (Βησσαρίων): 15<sup>th</sup> century cleric from Trebizond who became a Latin Cardinal (BP128)

Basiliscus (Βασιλίσκος): Emperor 475-476 (BM398) Belisarius (Βελισάριος): 6<sup>th</sup> century general under Justinian (BM 165) (L90)

Benjamin: 7th century Coptic Patriarch of Alexandria (HK144)

Caecilianus: 4<sup>th</sup> century bishop of Carthage, became St Cyprian (BM331)

Callinicus (Καλλίνικος): C of Heliopolis 7<sup>th</sup> century inventor of Greek fire (AC517) (HK329); C patricus (BM410)

Calliparius: 11<sup>th</sup> century krites kai exisotes (BM 430) Candidus: 6<sup>th</sup> century bishop of Sergiopolis (BM261)

Catacalon: C Tarchaneiotes, son of Joseph (BM581); C Cecaumenus, 11<sup>th</sup> century archon (AC289, PL608)

Chostantin: Critopoulo, 15<sup>th</sup> century, an office in the mint (BM538)

Christodoulos (Χριστόδουλος): 11<sup>th</sup> century first Abbot of St John at Patmos (W)

Chrysobalantites (Χρυσοβαλαντίτης): Theophanes C, 10<sup>th</sup> century physician (W)

Comentiolus see Komentiolus

Constans (Κώνστας): C II, Emperor 641-668 (BM222)

Constantine (Κωνσταντίνος): C Akropolites (BL42), basilicus 668-85 (BM280); C Harmenopoulos, 14<sup>th</sup> century jurist (MoL241); C IX Monomakhos, basilicus 1042-1055 (BM137); Heraclonas (Ἡράκλειος): C Heraclonus, Emperor 641 under H (BM 625)

Cosmas (Κοσμάς): saint (BL93); C Indicopleustes, general, also trader and writer of an account of a journey to Malabar in 522 (BM656); C Patriarch under Alexius I; name also used by Bulgars

Cyril / Cyrillus (Κύριλλος): 9<sup>th</sup> century Saint and missionary (W)

Cyrus (Κύρος): to Arabs al-Muqawqis, 7th century Chalcedonian Patriarch of Alexandria (HK145), 8<sup>th</sup> century Patriarch and saint (W)

Damian (Δαμιανός): saint (BL93)

Daniel: 12<sup>th</sup> century Kievian abbot who wrote about Constantinople (BM112)

David (Δαβίδ): last Emperor of Trebizond 1458-1461 (W)

Demetrios or Demetrius (Δημήτριος): D saint, patron of Thessalonika (BL49); D Kydones, 15<sup>th</sup> century Latin convert & chancellor under 3 Emperors (BP143); D Pepagomenos, 13<sup>th</sup> century doctor (W); D Pepagomenos, 15<sup>th</sup> century courtier (BP138); D

Tzamblakon, 14<sup>th</sup> century megas stratopedarkhes (BM212)

Dionysios (Διονύσιος): 15<sup>th</sup> century bishop of Philippopolis and briefly Patriarch (BL117)

Dositheos: 15<sup>th</sup> century metropolitan of Trebizond (BP129)

Elias (Ἡλίας): (AC314)

Emmanual or Manual: E Chrysoloras, 15<sup>th</sup> century theologian & teacher (BP139)

Enrico: E Dandalo, Patriarch of Grado, uncle of the infamous Doge (BM334)

Epiphanius: protospatharios (BM268); E Patriarch 520-35 (W); E Monachus 9<sup>th</sup> century monk (W)

Eudaemon: (BM316) Eufasius (BM 329)

Eumathius or Eumathios (Εὐ μάθιος): E Philokales,  $12^{th}$  century strategos (AC362) & dux of Cyprus

(AC353)

Eustathius (Εὐ στάθιος): E Kymineianus, Grand Dungarius (AC363); E Daphnomeles, strategos under Alexius I (AC304); E Romaios, judge early 11<sup>th</sup> century (PL561); E Maleinus, magnate under Basil II (PL568); E Garidas, 11<sup>th</sup> century Patriarch (AC521)

Euthymius: 11<sup>th</sup> century monk & writer against the Bogomils (PL562)

Eutychius: also known as Sa<sup>c</sup>id ibn Batrīq, Christian Arab chronicler (HK92)

Evaristus: monk (PL569)

Falkon: 11<sup>th</sup> century landholder (PL602)

Felicianus: (BM380)

Festus: 6<sup>th</sup> century caput senatus (BM490)

Flavius: F Areobindus, Consul in 506 (W); F Armatus, 5<sup>th</sup> century magister militum (BM243); F Phokas, Emperor 602-610, known by his family name (W); F Heraclius, Emperor (as H) 610-641 (BM17) (L152); Emperor F Justin I, 518-527 (BM177); Emperor F Justin II, 520-578 (BM177); both reigned under family name; F Petrus Sabbatius Justinian I, Emperor 527-565 (BM7); F Zeno, Emperor 474-476 (BM200)

Fulvius: F Asticus, 4<sup>th</sup> century governor of Asia (BM461)

Frankoulis (Φραγκούλης): F Servopoulos, 15<sup>th</sup> century refugee (BL99)

Genesios: son of Falkon, 11<sup>th</sup> century, becomes a monk (PL602)

Gennadios (Γεννάδιος): G II Scholarios, Patriarch 1454-6 under Ottomans (BL9)

George (Γεῶργιος): G Akropolites, megas logothetes (BM246); G Chrysokokkes, 15<sup>th</sup> century scholar (BP129); G Emperor of Trebizond 1266-1280 (); G Euphorbenus, soldier of Alexius I (AC271); G

Gemistos, 15<sup>th</sup> century scholar (BP130); G Maniakes, 11<sup>th</sup> century general & catepan of Italy (BM281); G Mesopotamites, 11<sup>th</sup> century doux of Philippopolis (BM431); G Pachymeres, 13-14<sup>th</sup> century writer (BM47); G Sphrantzes, last logothete & historian (BL96); G of Pisida or G Psidias P 7<sup>th</sup> century poet (W)

Gregory, Gregorios or Gregoras (Γρηγόριος): G Akindynos 14<sup>th</sup> century monk (BL69); G Nikephoros, 14<sup>th</sup> century historian etc (BL50); G Palamas, 14<sup>th</sup> century saint (BL68); G 'the domestikos', 11<sup>th</sup> century composer (PL584), nephew of Alexius I (); G Tarchaniotes, 10<sup>th</sup> century catepan of Italy (W)

Habib: 6<sup>th</sup> century monophystite Bishop of Nekress (BP8)

Hilarion: 4<sup>th</sup> century saint (BP5)

Himerius (Ιμέριος): 10<sup>th</sup> century *protospatharios* (PL599)

Hypatius (Ὑπάτιος): H (BP18); H bishop of Ephesus (tb24); H of Gangra (W)

Isaac (Ισαάκιος or Ἰ σαάκ): several, I I Komnenos 1057-1059 (BM137); I Kontostephanos, 11<sup>th</sup> century admiral (AC388)

Isidore (Ισίδωρος): I of Meletus, one of the architects of Hagia Sophia (W); I 15<sup>th</sup> century heiromonk (BP139)

Jacob: (BM 317)

Joasaph: monastic name of Emperor John VI Cantacuzene (BL78)

John or Johannes (Ιωάννης): J IX Agapetas, 12<sup>th</sup> century Patriarch, (AC521); J X Kamateros. Patriarch of Constantinople (BM444); J Cinnamus, 12<sup>th</sup> century writer (BM38); J Climacus, 7<sup>th</sup> century theologian and saint (PL623); J, diakonos (BM656); J Kourkouas, 10<sup>th</sup> century general & catepan of Italy (PL592); J XIV Kalekas, 14<sup>th</sup> century Patriarch (BL86); J Mauropous, 11<sup>th</sup> century writer & poet (BM140); J Opsaras, 11<sup>th</sup> century magnate (BM191); J Plousiadenos, 15<sup>th</sup> century priest & composer (BL99); J Scylitzes, 11<sup>th</sup> century historian (BM103); J Solomon, 12<sup>th</sup> century senator & rebel (AC382); J Taronites, 11<sup>th</sup> century sebatos (BM431); J Tarsites, 12<sup>th</sup> century scholar (BL105); J Tzetzes, 12<sup>th</sup> century writer (BM507); J I Tzimisces, basilicus 969-976 (BM104); J III Vatatzes, basilicus 1222-1254 (BM129); J Alakaseus, patrician & military leader of Alexius I (AC303); J Synadenos, 11<sup>th</sup> century kouropalates (W); J Syrgiannes, 13<sup>th</sup> century megas domestikos (W)

Joseph (Ιωσήφ): J Tarchaniotes, general under Alexius I (AC299)

Joshua (Ἰ ησοῦ ς): J the Stylite,  $6^{th}$  century chronicler (BM174)

Karas: 12<sup>th</sup> century soldier (AC409)

Karoulos: Greek name of Charlemagne 7<sup>th</sup> century western barbarian ruler (L141)

Katarodon: 12<sup>th</sup> century soldier (AC454)

Komentiolus or Comentiolus (Κομεντίολος): K Phocus 7<sup>th</sup> century, brother of Emperor Flavius Phocas (BM415)

Kostas (Κωστας): 11<sup>th</sup> century nephew of a Gemma (PL572)

Koulean: 12<sup>th</sup> century Manichean preacher (AC467) Kousinos: 12<sup>th</sup> century Manichean preacher (AC467)

Kroummos: Bulgarian ruler Krum (L173)

Leo (Λέων): several Emperors, first is 457-474 (BM175), L Choerosphactes, 9<sup>th</sup> century envoy (L194); L Monasteriotes,12<sup>th</sup> century krites (BM587); L Nicerites, 12<sup>th</sup> century general & eunuch (AC408); L Sgouros, 13<sup>th</sup> century independent ruler of Morea (BM437)

Leonard: L of Chios, 15<sup>th</sup> century writer (BM545) Leontius (Λεόντιος): Emperor 695-698 (BM421), also 6-7<sup>th</sup> century bishop of Neopolis (W), 7th century general (HK150)

Libanius (Λιβάνιος): 4<sup>th</sup> century teacher of rhetoric (BM59)

Longinius (Λογγῖ νος): 5<sup>th</sup> century rebel (?) (BM194) Loukas (Λουκάς): L Chrysoberges: 12<sup>th</sup> century Patriarch (L231); L Notaras 15<sup>th</sup> century noble, first 'national martyr' of Greece (BL96)

Lysas: freedman of Annius Plocamus (BM277) Macarius: 4<sup>th</sup> century saint (BP2) name still used Macedonius (Μακεδόνιος): M II, Patriarch of Constantinople 496-511 (BM190)

Manuel (Μανουἡ λ): (BM 55) several emperors, first is 1143-1180; M Chrysoloras, 15<sup>th</sup> century theologian & teacher (BP139); M Philes, 14<sup>th</sup> century court poet (BL56); M Planoudes, 13<sup>th</sup> century court poet (BL40)

Marcellinus: 6<sup>th</sup> century chronicler (BP17)

Mare: monophystite monk (BP8)

Mark (Μάρκος): M (of Ephesos) Eugenikos, 15<sup>th</sup> century theologian (BP135); M Xylokarabes 15<sup>th</sup> century Patriarch (BL117)

Marianus: M Mavrocatacalón, 11<sup>th</sup> century soldier (AC302)

Maro: 5<sup>th</sup> century monophystite saint (BP1) Matthew (Ματθαίος): M Kantakouzenos, Emperor

1353-1357 (W)

Maurice (Μαυρίκιος): Emperor 582-602

Maximian: 5<sup>th</sup> century Patriarch under Justinian (W) Maximos (Μάξιμος): M Planoudes, court poet (BL40)

Melitas: scribe of Patriarch Gregory II (BL43)

Menas: 7th century Coptic martyr to Chalcedonian persecution (HK145); M. Patriarch 536-52 (W)

Methodius (Μεθόδιος) 9<sup>th</sup> century Saint and missionary (W)

Mezezius (Μιζίζιος): 7<sup>th</sup> century general, briefly held Sicily for himself (BM 421)

Michael (Μιχαήλ): several Emperors, M I Rangabè, basilicus 811-813 (BM197); M I Cerularius, Patriarch (PL589); M Panaretos, 14<sup>th</sup> century Trebizond historian (BL122); M Psellos, 12<sup>th</sup> century scholar, (BM137); M Stypiotes, 10<sup>th</sup> century soldier (AC474); M Curticius, 10<sup>th</sup> century admiral & rebel (AC382); M Iasitas, brother-in-law of John II (W); M Psellus, 11<sup>th</sup> century author (PL603) Moagaritos: early 8<sup>th</sup> century Egyptian connected with

the mint (BM361)

Modestos: Patriarch of Jerusalem 632-4 (BM472)

Monoastres: 12<sup>th</sup> century mercenary of unknown barbarian ancestry (AC306)

Mossele: Armenian, founded a monastery (PL583)

Narses: N Kamsarakan, 6<sup>th</sup> century eunuch & general (BM332)

Nathanael or Nathaniel: monastic name of Nicephoros Choumnas (BL65)

Neboulus (Νέβουλος): Bulgar general who defected to the Arabs during the crucial battle of Sebastopolis in 692 (BM 631)

Neon: archon (BM298)

Neophytos: 1153-4 Patriarch (BP93)

Nicephorus or Nikephoros (Νικηφόρος): N Bryennus, husband of Anna Comnena (W), N Xphias, 11<sup>th</sup> century Strategos of Philippopolis (L193): N Melissenos, 11<sup>th</sup> century rebel (BM428); N Ouranus, doux & writer (BM610); N II Phocas, basilicus 963-969 (BM104); N Callistus Xanthopoulus, 14<sup>th</sup> century writer & theologian (BM444); N Xphias, 11<sup>th</sup> century Strategos of Philippopolis (L193)

Nicetas or Nicetos (Νικήτας): N Castamonites, 12<sup>th</sup> century rebel (AC382); N? (PL612); N Chalintzes, diplomat (AC357); N Panukomites, diplomat, (AC370); N Stethatus, 11<sup>th</sup> century theologian (PL612); N Pegonites, 11<sup>th</sup> century commander (W)

Nicholas (Νικόλαος): N Kabasilas, 14<sup>th</sup> century theologian and saint (BL93); N Kyrdiniates, Patriarch under Alexius I (AC294)

Nikephoros (Νικηφόρος): (BL 50) Gregoras, historian Olympiodorus (Ὀλύμπιόδωρος): O of Thebes, 6<sup>th</sup> century pagan teacher & writer (BM192)

Pachomius or Pakhomius (Παχώμιος): 4<sup>th</sup> century saint & inventor of monasteries (BP2)(HK141)

Palladius (Παλλάδιος): chronicler (BP6)

Pamphronius: 6<sup>th</sup> century patrikios (BM407)

Panterius: soldier, helped repel Kievian Rus in 941 () Parasceviotes: jailer (AC499)

Paul (Παῦ λος): P Sophianos, 15<sup>th</sup> century courtier (BP138)

Peter (Πέτρος): P Barsymes, 6<sup>th</sup> century consul (BM243)

Petros (PL 572) nephew of a Gemma, 11c, Philaretus or Philaretos (Φιλάρετος): 8<sup>th</sup> century Patriarch of (?) (BM419)

Philippicus (Φιλιππικός): P Bardanes, Emperor 711-715 (W)

Philoromus: monk (BP8)

Philotheos (Φιλόθεος): P Kokkinos, Patriarch 1354-55 & 56 (BL2)

Pholos (Φόλος): 12<sup>th</sup> century Manichean preacher (AC467)

Photius (Φώτιος): 858-67 & 877-86 Patriarch and scholar, known as the Great (W)

Poemon: 5<sup>th</sup> century ropemaker and saint (BP6)

Procopius (Προκόπιος) of Caesarea (ὁ Καισαρεύς): 6<sup>th</sup> century historian (BP12)

Romanus (Ρωμανός): R I Lecampus 920-944; R III Argyrus 1028-1034 (BM145)

Sabbas ( $\Sigma \alpha \beta [\beta] \alpha \varsigma$ ): S Asidenus,  $13^{th}$  century sebastokrator (BM107); 6<sup>th</sup> century saint (BP5)

Sanutius: 7<sup>th</sup> century Coptic noble (dugs) in Egypt (HK163)

Sergius or Serge (Σεργίου): 10<sup>th</sup> century Patriarch (BP3); S saint, possible married to St Bakchos (MoL145)

Silvanus (Σιλουανός): saint (BP6)

Simeon (Συμεών): Stephanos' name as a monk (PL583)

Sissinius: S II, Patriarch 996-9 (PL595)

Sophronius (Σωφρόνιος): 7th century Patriarch of Jerusalem at Conquest (BP 39, HK90)

Staurikos (Σταυράκιος): 9<sup>th</sup> century, briefly Emperor on the death of Nikephoros (L180)

Stephanos (Στέφανος): S Byzantios, 6<sup>th</sup> century geographer (BM160); S, eunuch and admiral, later monk (PL583).

Strategius: Flavius S Apion, 6<sup>th</sup> century patrician (BM464)

Stylianus (Στυλιανὸς): fem is Styliane (AC495); S Zautzes, 10<sup>th</sup> century commander of the Mikra Hetaireia (BM302)

Symeon (Συμεών): S of Trebizond 15<sup>th</sup> century Patriarch (BL117)

Tarasios (Ταράσιος): iconodule, Patriarch 784-806 and saint (tb26)

Taticus (Τατίκιος): 11<sup>th</sup> century son of a slave & general (AC 343)

Terbelis: Bulgar ruler Tervel (L173)

Theodore (Θεόδωρος): T Balsamon, 12<sup>th</sup> century canonical commentator & Patriarch of Antioch (PL600, PL562); T Trithurios, 7th century commander under Heraclius in Syria (HK81), (L199) others (BM118 for 1204-1222), T Gabras, governor of Trebizond and rebel (AC350); T Hyrtakenos, 14<sup>th</sup> century scholar (BL56); T Maurozomes, 12<sup>th</sup> century strategos (BM128); T Prodromos, 12<sup>th</sup> century poet (BP104); T Trytherus, 7th century treasurer & commander under Heraclius in Syria (HK81)

Theodoret (Θεοδώρητος): T of Cyrrhus, 5<sup>th</sup> century hagiographer (BP5)

Theodosius (Θεοδόσιος): 408-450 (BM224); T Diakonis, 10<sup>th</sup> century poet (W)

Theoleptos: 13<sup>th</sup> century bishop of Philadelphia (BL61); T name taken by Theodore Metochites on becoming a monk (BL42)

Theopemptus (Θεοπέμπτους): logothete (BM658)

Theophanes (Θεοφάνης): 9<sup>th</sup> century saint (BL44); T Chrysobalantites, 10<sup>th</sup> century physician (W)

Theophano (Θεοφανο): nephew of John I (BM270)

Theophilus (Θεόφιλος): Emperor 829-867, last iconoclast (BM190)

Theophylact (Θεοφύλακτος): 11<sup>th</sup> century Archbishop of Achrida (BL46)

Theophylactos (Θεοφύλακτος): 8<sup>th</sup> century bishop (tb26)

Tiberius (Τιβέριος)(BM 175) several, II is 578-582 Vahan: V Trithurios: 7<sup>th</sup> century commanders under Heraclius in Syria (L199)

Victor: 6<sup>th</sup> century bishop (?) (BM317)

Vitus: (BM 245)

Z'ura: monophystite monk (BP7)

Zachariah or Zacharias: Z of Mitylene, writer (BM177), 7th century soldier in Egypt (HK155); Z Kalliergis was 15<sup>th</sup> century refugee & printer of Greek texts (BL105)

Zygobenus: monk (AC500)

#### **Female First Names**

Note that female names are much harder to document than male. There was a tendency for women to recorded as "wife of", "mother of", and even "widow of" unless they were very prominent in their own right. Note that, if a woman has a middle name it may be the family name of her grandfather.

Aelia (Αελλαι): A Eudocia, augusta, wife of Theodosius II (BM201); A Pulcheria, Augusta and later wife of Theodosius III (BM365)

Anastasia (Αναστασία): name taken as nun by Anna of Savoy, originally Giovanna, wife of Andronicus III (BL93)

Angelina (Αντζελινα): Theodora A Palaeologina, mother of Michael VIII Palaeologus (W)

Anna (Avvα): A Dalassena, mother of Alexius I (PL573), A Notaras, refugee, daughter of the last Megas Doux (BL96); A Paidianites, 12<sup>th</sup> century (BM584)

Ariadne (Αριάδνη): wife of Anastasius I (W)

Danelis (Δανιηλίς): 9<sup>th</sup> century magnate, awarded the honour of Basileomētōr for her support of Basil I (PL574, MoL235)

Despina (Δεσποινα): Maria D Palaiologina, illegitimate daughter of Michael VIII and wife of Abakha (Mongol) (L143)

Eirene see Irene:

Elenē: see Helena

Erythro (Ερυθρό): Greek name of Rotrud, daughter of Charlemagne and betrothed of Constantine VI in the 8<sup>th</sup> century (L138)

Eudokia or Eudocia (Ευδοκία): sister of Andronikos II (BL51), E Makrembolitissa, wife of Romanus IV, Empress 1067-1068 (L225), daughter of Heraklios

(L153), wife of Constantine X (); E Ingerina, mistress to Michael III & wife of Basil I (PL574)

Eugenia (Ευγενία): niece of Michael VIII (BL34), name taken as a nun by Irene Gattilusio (W)

Eulogia (Ευλογία): abbess & basilissa 14<sup>th</sup> century, said "Virtue comes more easily in well-appointed surroundings" (BL59)

Euprepia: 11<sup>th</sup> century sister of Constantine IX Monomachos (W)

Euphrosyne (Ευφροσύνη): daughter of Loukas Notaras (BL97), E Palaiologina, illegitimate daughter of Michael VIII and wife of Nogai (Mongol) (L143); E Synadene, 14<sup>th</sup> century nun (W)

Galla (Υάλλα): G Placidia, 5<sup>th</sup> century regent of the West (BM365)

Gemma: widow in Italy (PL569)

Glyceria (Υλύκισμα) (?): poor widow (PL583)

Helena (Ελενα): H mother of Constantine I (), H Dragasē, Serbian princess and wife of Manuel II Palaiologos and later nun (taken from 15<sup>th</sup> century miniature)

Hypomone (ὑ πομονή): (Patience) name taken by Helena Dragaš as a nun (W)

Irene (Ειρήνη): 780-792 (BM 80), I Gattilusio, 15<sup>th</sup> century wife of John VII Palaiologos, later nun (W); Palaiologina, formerly Yolanda of Montferrat, Empress 1288/9-1317 (BL48)

Juliana: J Anicia, patrician (BM203)

Kale (καλλονή) (?): 'Beauty', mother of Saint Thomaïs (PL600)

Licinia: L Eudoxia, augusta, wife of Valentinian III (BM201)

Loukia (Λουκὶ α): 11<sup>th</sup> century (PL602)

Macrina: sister of Gregory of Nyassa (tb19)

Maria (Μαρία): wife of Michael VII, in Serbian, Mara, (BL 110), M Despina Palaiologina, illegitimate daughter of Michael VIII and wife of Abakha (Mongol) (L143); M Scleraina: famous lover of Constantine IX (PL576)

Martina: wife of one Emperor Heraclius and mother of the next (HK157)

Melania or Melanie (μελαινα): M the Younger, 5<sup>th</sup> century desert mother (BM202)

Metrodora (Μητροδωρα): author of a medical book for women (PL618)

Olympias (Ολυμπίας) follower of John Crysostom (tb19)

Procopia: wife of Michael I (BM197)

Simonis (Σίμωνίζ): S Palaeologina, daughter of Andronikos II (BL5)

Styliane: feminine of Stylianus (AC495)

Syncletia: 4<sup>th</sup> century Desert Mother and Saint (BP2)

Thamar or Ithamar (Θαμαρ): daughter of Despot of Epiros, Princess of Taranto 1294-1309 (BL24)

Thecla (Θεκλα) the Augusta, mistess of Basil I (MoL239)

Theoctiste: (PL631)

Theodora (Θεοδώρα): regent T 1055-1056; T Angelina Palaeologina, mother of Michael VIII Palaeologus (W); T Petraliphaina became wife of the Despot of Epiros (BL15); T Raoulaina, 13<sup>th</sup> century scholar (BL33)

Theodule: name chosen as a nun by a Theodora (BL4)

Theophanu or Theophano (Θεοφανώ): wife of Romanus II (W)

Thomaïs (Θωμαϊς ): 9<sup>th</sup> century Saint from Lesbos (PL572)

Verina: 7<sup>th</sup> century Empress (BP18)

Zampea (BL 84) originally Isabella, lady-in-waiting to Anna of Savoy (BL84)

Zoë (Zωή): regent 1028-50 (BM226); Z Karbonopsina, wife of Leo VI (W)

# Castles, Villages, Towns and Cities

A place name could be used as a surname, thus John Damascene is also John of Damascus and a person associated with Attica would be Atticus.

Abydos ( $A\beta \nu \delta o \varsigma$ ): town on the Hellespont (AC 437)

Achyraus: town south of Constantinople, Turkic Balıkesir (BM110)

Acroenum (Ακροϊνόν): becomes Nicopolis after 740, now Turkic Afyonkarahisar (BM124)

Adana: town in Cilicia (AC365),

Adramyttium (ἀ δραμυττηνό): also known as Demetrias, seaport city in Samos, Turkic Edemrit (BM83, BL39, AC437)

Adrianopolis (Ανδριανούπολις): city in Macedonia /Pisidia, Turkic Adaras (M9)

Adrianopolis (Ανδριανούπολις) city in east Thrace, Turkic Edirne (BL73)

Aenus (Ai νος): town on the south-east coast of Thrace, Turkic Enos, now Enez (BM79)

Agathonike: village near Adriatic (AC306)

Aigialoi: port (AC453)

Aila: becomes Agaba, port in the Red Sea (RS33)

Akrokos (AC 455) village near Nicea, Akronion (AC 487) town in Iconium,

All (250) is a 25

Aleppo (M9) city in Mesopotamia, Arabic Halep

Alethina (AC 455) village near Nicea,

Alexandretta (BM415), Turkic Iskenderun

Alexandria (BM 174) city in Egypt

Alexiopolis: also known as Neocastron (AC 468), city build for converts from Manicheanism.

Altaluogo: see Ephesus

Amasia (M9) city in Armeniac, Turkic Amasya

Amastris (AC 446) town in Paphlagonia,

Amida: city (BP16), Turkic Diyarbakir, Kurdish Amed (L126)

Amira (AC 431) town in Lapara,

Amisus or Aminsos (BM49), Turkic Samsun

Amnia (BM 209)

Amorium (M9) city in Anatolia, Turkic Ümraniye

Amphipolis (BM 79)

Ampous or Ampoun (AC487) town in Iconium,

Turkic Ambanaz

Amasya (ἀμάσεια): capital of the Armeniac theme.

Anabarza (AC 431) city in Cilicia,

Anaea or Ania (BM49), Turkic Kadi Kalesi

Anastasiopolis: see Dara

Anazarbus (BM 104)

Anchialos: town in Thrace, Turkic Ankhialo, (BP106,

AC305), now Bulgarian Pomorie (L174)

Ancyra / Ankara, (BP 16) city in Bukellarian,

Andronopolis: see Dryinopolis

Andros (BM 601)

Anemurium (BM112), Turkic Anamur

Angelocastrum: see Choma

Ani (BM 212)

Antaeopolis (BM 354)

Antinoe: 7<sup>th</sup> century town in Middle Egypt (HK167) Antinopolis: 7<sup>th</sup> century capital of Middle Egypt

(HK159)

Antioch (M9) city in Mesopotamia, Arabic Antakya Antioch (BM117) city on the Meaender River, Turkic

Karapınar

Antioch (BM 110) city in Isauria

Antioch (BM54) city in Pisidia, Turkic Yalvaç

Antaras (AC 354) town Anydroi Pirogoi (BM 140)

Apamea: provincial capital in Syria (BP 16, HK69) also known as Celaenae (BM 127), Turkic Dinar

Aphrodisias: also known as Stauropolis (BM122)

Turkic Geyre

Aphrodito: town in upper Egypt (BM347), now Kũm

Ishqaw (HK341)

Apollinopolis Magna (BM 349)

Apollonos Ano (BM 350)

Apologos: Persian/Arab known as Ubulla, port on Tigris near Basra, first town encountered by Arabs

that made white bread (HK124)

Apros / Aprus (AC 326) town

Aramisos (AC 431) castle in Lapara,

Arcadiopolis: also known as Vorgoles or Bergula

(BM81) Bulgar Lüleburgaz

Archelais: see Coloneia

Argos (BM 79)

Argyrocatron (AC 365) port in Cilicia,

Armiro: see Halmyros

Arsamosata (M 9) city in Mesopotamia,

Artach (AC 430) town in Koele-Syria,

Ason (AC 316) town

Athens (M 9) city in Hellas,

Athyra (AC 319) town

Arta (BL 12) city in Epiros,

Artach (BM 104)

Aspona (BM 73)

Astipalia (BM 53)

Astytzium (BM433) possibly Turkic Kızkulesi

Athens (BM 57)

Athos (BM 210) monastery on Iberon

Athos (BM 201) monastery on Lavra

Atroa (PL 611)

Attalia: also known as Satellia or Setalia (M9) port-

city in Cibyrrhaeot, Turkic Antalya

Attica (BM 85)

Augustopolis (AC 487) town in Iconium, Turkic

Sülmenli

Aureus Mons (BM 73) city on the Danube

Avlona (AC 310) Dalmatian town

Babylon: major citadel on the Nile delta, Old Cairo was built near it (HK143), Arabic Qasr al-Shama

(HK151)

Bacchenus (AC 386) village,

Backovo: also known as Batzokova (PL 584) now in

Bulgaria, Bulgar Bachkovo

Balabista (AC 379) town,

Bari (M 9) city in Longibardia,

Bassianae (BM 73)

Batzokova: see Backovo

Bergula: see Arcadiopolis

Belgrada (BM 37) modern Belgrade or Beograd

Berrhoe: also known as Berra (BM 80), Turkic Stara

Zagora

Berrhoea (BM 260) in Syria

Berytus: see Beyrout

Beyrout or Berytus (M 8) town in Mesopotamia,

modern Beirut

Beroa (AC 431), Turkic Chalep, city in Cilicia,

Bizye (BM 79) Turkic Vize

Blachernae () Monastery of Constantinople and home

of famous icon

Bosporous (BM 50) town in Crimea

Bouleuteria (PL 580)

Brandiez: see Brundusium

Brundusium or Brandiez (BM 37) Turkic Braničevo

Buzaea (BP 3) village

Boüsa (AC 315) Dalmatian town

Brusa (M 9) city in Opsikion,

Brysis: also known as Urisio (BM 81)

Byzacena (BM289)

Caballa (BM 126) probably Turkic Gevele Dağ

Caesarea (M 9) city in Charsianon, Turkic Kayseri

Caffa: also known as Chafa (BM 46), Tukic Feodosiya

Calamus (BM 108)

Calaonorus or Coracaesium (BM 50), Turkic Alanya

Camacha (BM 609) Campania (BM 376)

Canbaluc: Latin from Mongol Oanbaliq, Beijing

(L168)

Candelloro: also known as Celenderis (BM 50),

Turkic Gilindire

Canina: (AC 408) town,

Caria: (BM 57)

Carthage: one of the greatest of Roman cities, in North

Africa (BM 289)

Cassandrea: (BM 88)

Castamenon: Turkic Kastamonu (BM40)

Castoria (BM 35)

Catania (BM 407)

Cataonia (BM 62)

Cavusin (PL 571)

Cedrea: Turkic Bayat (BM123)

Celaenae: see Apamea

Celenderis: see Candelloro

Ceos (BM 660)

Ceuta: town near Tangier, last Roman town in Africa (HK311)

Chaffa: see Caffa

Chalcedon: Turkic Kadiköy (BP7)

Chalcis: (BM261) also known as Chalkis (HK76), later Qinnasrin, town south of Aleppo (HK76)

Charax (BM 55) probably Turkic Çardak

Charsianon (PL 583) suburb of Constantinople

Chele (AC 307) village in Bithynia,

Cherson: also known as Kherson, (M9) city & theme on north shore of Black Sea,

Chiarenza or Glarentsa (BM 534), Turkic Killini

Chimara (AC 315) Dalmatian town

Chios (BM 51)

Chirovachi (AC 396) town in Dalmatia,

Chliara: city, Turkic Soma, now Kirkağaç (AC437)

Chliat: a stronghold on the north-west shore of Lake Van in Armenia, now modern Akhlat (L224)

Choma: also known as Angelocastrum: town, Turkic Homa (AC348)

Chonae: also known as Collossae (BM 55), Turkic Honaz

Chonios (AC 431) castle in Lapara,

Christoupolis (BM 212)

Chrysopolis (BM 658) in Bythnia, Turkic Üsküdar

Cibotos (BM 40)

Cius (BM 622)

Claudiopolis (BM 112), Turkic Bolu

Clysma: becomes Qulzum, port in the Red Sea near where Suez now is (RS33)

Collossae see Chonae

Coloneia: also known as Archelais (AC 387) fortified town, Turkic Aksaray

Colonia (BM 624) near Nicopolis, Turkic Şebinkarahisar

Constantia: town on Cyprus (BM415), Turkic Salamis Constantinople: city in Thrace, known as Miklagard to the Rus, often referred to in writing as New Rome (BM656)

Coracaesium: also known as Calaonorus

Corinth (BM 50) Corone (BM 52)

Corycus (BM 245)

Cotyaeum (BM 112), Turkic Kütahya

Cratia (BM 112), Turkic Gerede

Cypsella (BM 81)

Cyrrhus (Κύρρου): capital of the district of

Cyrrhestica (BM 623)

Cyzicus: city near Nicea (BP16) on south of Sea of Marmara (HK329)

Dadybra (BM 112), Turkic Iskilip

Damascus (M 9) city in Mesopotamia, Turkic Dimashk

Damatrys (BM 133)

Daonium (BM 83)

Daphni, () town and monastery in Greece

Dara: (BM 261), town in south-east Turkey, also known as Anastasiopolis, modern Oğuz (L259)

Dãthin: village near Gaza (HK73)

Decervion (BM 44) probably Turkic Celbianum Dekanos / Dekatera (AC 395) town in Dalmatia,

Dekapolis (MoL 239) town,

Demetrias: see Adramyttium

Demotika (AC 9) city in Macedonia,

Deure (AC 408) town in Dalmatia,

Develtus (BM 82), Turkic Bourgas

Diabolos (AC 404) town in Dalmatia,

Doux (AC 430) town in Koele-Syria,

Dorylaeum (M 9) city in Opsikion, Turkic Eskişehir Drama (BL 53) town in Eastern Macedonia, site of estate of Eirene Palaiologina,

Drizupara (BM 81)

Didymoteichon (BL 72) town in Thrace, Turkic Dimetoka

Docea (BM 557). Turkic Tokat

Durazzo (M 8) city in Dyrrachium,

Dryinopolis: also known as Andronopolis (BM 35), Turkic Argyrokastro

Dyrrachium: also known as Epidamnos, (AC310), Dalmatian town in theme of same name (M 9), Turkic Dürres

Edessa (BM 79) in Macedonia

Edessa (M 9) city on River Skirtos in Mesopotamia, Arabic Urfa

Eilisson (BM 281)

Elatea (BM 450)

Emesa (M 9) city in Mesopotamia,

Empythium (BM 208)

Ephesus: also known as Altaluogo or Hagios Theologos (M 9) city in Samos, Turkic Selçuk

Epibati (BL 79) town on the Bosporos,

Epidamnos: see Dyrrachium

Eriza (BM 108), Turkic Dere Köy

Euboia: also known as Negroponte (BM 51), Turkic Evvoia

Euchaita (BM 123), Turkic Avkat, now Mecitözü

Ezerum (BM 83)

Faustinopolis (BM 73)

Finica (BM 112), Turkic Finike

Focie: see Phocaea

Gabala (AC 365) port in Cilicia

Gaïta (BM 126), Turkic Akait

Galata (BL 76) town across the Golden Horn from Constantinople

Gangra (Γαγγρών) (BM 40), Turkic Çankırı Ganus (BM 274), Turkic Ganos, now Gaziköy Gaza: coastal city in Palestine (BM201, HK73)

Geranion (AC 395) town in Dalmatia,

Gerash: town in Syria, becomes Jerash (HK66)

Germaniceia: also known as Germanicea (AC 430)

town in Koele-Syria, Turkic Maraş Glabinitza (AC 409) town in Dalmatia,

Glarentsa: see Chiarenza

Göreme (PL 640) in Cappadocia, convent only?

Graecia (BM 38) in Romania

Graos Gala (BM 130)

Hadrianopolis: see Adrianopolis Hagios Theologos see Ephesus Hagios Macarious : see St M) Hagios Menas: see St M Hagios Metras: see St M

Halmyros: also known as Armiro (BM 52), Turkic

Almiros

Hebraike: also known as Heraclea town (AC342),

Pontic town (BM118), Turkic Ereğli Helenopolis (BM 63), Turkic Yalova

Helenopontus (BM 98)

Heleopolis (AC312) town in Egypt, Arabic On Heliopolis: in Syria, becomes Ba'alkak (HK66)

Heraclea (M 9) city in Bukellarian,

Heraclea: see Hebraike Heracleopolis (BM 354)

Hexamilium (BM 631), Turkic Evreşe

Hierapolis (BM 42) city in Phrygia, Turkic Pamukkale

Hierapolis (M 9) city in Syria Hiericho (AC 408) town

Hierissus (BM 86)

Homs: city in northern Syria (HK74)

Honorias (BM 98)

Iantium (BM 385), Turkic Meaux

Iconium: city in Anatolia, Turkic Konya (M9) (L97)

Ionia (BM 48)

Ioannina (BL 12) city in Epiros,

Isaura (BM 416) Isauria (BM 57)

Isinda (BM 108), Turkic Korkuteli

Iuliopolis (BM 73) Iviropoulos (BP 94) Jerusalem (BM 201)

Justinianopolis (BP 16) city

Kallioupolis (BL71), Turkic Gelibolu now Gallipoli,

port in Thrace,

Kabalion (AC 315) Dalmatian town Kaltzierin (AC 431) castle in Lapara

Kars (BM 212)

Kato Hexapolis (BM 624)

Kauka (AC 430) castle in Koele-Syria, Kedros / Kedrea, (AC 480) town,

Kelbianos (AC 438) city

Kherson: see Cherson Khimara (BM 35)

Khoirobakkhoi / Cherevach (BM 65)

Kibotos (AC 453/ AC 333) province and town

Koiloi (AC 445) port in Asia, Kokkinobaphos (PL 577) Kommermoeri (AC 431) town, Kosinitza (BL 117) town in Thrace, Kotoiraekia (AC 472) town near Nicea,

Krisis / Krisei (BL 40) suburb of Constaninople,

Laodicea (AC 348) town in Mesopotamia

Lacerium (BM 42), Turkic Dazkırı, now Baklan Ovası

Laconia (BM 57) Lagbe (BM 108) Lampe (AC 348) town

Lampascus (BM 74), Turkic Lapseki

Laodicea (BM 42), Turkic Ladik, now Denizli

Larada (BM 43), Turkic Karaman

Larissa / Sezer, (AC 319) town in Koele-Syria

Larissa (M 9) city in Hellas,

Latros (PL 617) Lavra (PL 580)

Lazica (BM 50) near Trebizond Lembos (BM 49) monastery

Leptis Magna: becomes Arabic Labla, city in

Tipolitania (HK207)

Leros (BM 53) Leucate (BM 589)

Leukia (AC 479) town near Nicea,

Lifetti (BM 46) probably Turkic Yevpatoriya

Limnae (BM 143), Turkic Hoyran, now Eğridir Gölü

Limnia (BM 116) Lipso (BM 53)

Longinias (AC 365) town in Cilicia,

Lopadion / Lopadium / Lupar (AC 453) town near

Nicea, Turkic Uluabat

Loulou (AC 430) castle in Koele-Syria

Lycaonia (BM 54) Lykandos (BM 55)

Macre (BM 83) in Lycia, Turkic Fethiye

Macre (BM 83) in Thrace Madytos (AC 445) port in Asia, Magnesia (BM 118), Turkic Manisa

Maina (BM 52)

Malvagia (BM 51), Turkic Monemvasia Mamistra (AC 365) town in Cilicia

Mandraklou (BM 68) Manzikert () village

Marash (AC 360) town in Cilicia, Marchapin (AC 365) port in Cilicia

Marcianopolis (BM 389)

Maresch (BM 42) probably Turkic Araç

Margus (BM 73)

Marycatus (BM 622) near Miletopolis

Mastura / Mastaura (PL561) town on the Meander River, Turkic Nazilli

Mavrocastro / Maocastro (BM 46), Turkic Akkerman,

now Cetatea

Mazamia (BM 143)

Medicion (PL 605)

Mekran (AC 431) village

Melitene (BM 239), Turkic Malatya

Meletus (Μιλήσιος) (W) Mesampeloi (AC 336) town

Mesanacta (BM 124), Turkic Ortaköy

Mesembria (M 8) town in Thrace, Turkic Nessebur

Mesanakta (AC 483) town in Iconium, Methone (BP 130) Pelopennesian port,

Miletus / Palatia / Balat (BM 49), Turkic Milet Mistra (BL 15) city in Lacodemia, silk production

Mnizus (BM 99) Moesia (BM 57)

Moesia Secunda (BM 404)

Monastir: city in Zab (Algeria) (HK212)

Mopses (AC 365) town in Cilicia, Mopsuestiae (AC 431) city in Cilicia, Mt Mauros (AC 430) town in Koele-Syria Mosynopolis (BM83), Turkic Messoune

Mylasa-Melanudium (BM122), Turkic Milas-Bafa

Mylos (AC 397) town in Dalmatia

Myra (BM 112)

Myriokephalon (BP110) Turkic Tzybritze,

Tzibrelitzemani or Cybrilcymani Nacolia (BM 140), Turkic Seyitgazi Naissus / Nit (BM 37), Turkic Niš Narbo (BM 246), Turkic Narbonne

Naupaktos (BL 27) harbour in Epirus, known as Lepanto to the Latins

Naxos (BM 53)

Negroponte: see Euboia

Nemara: fort on the western edge of the Syrian desert

(HK34)

Neocaesarea (BM40), Turkic Niksar

Neocastron: see Alexiopolis

Neopatras (BM 83)

Neopolis (Νεαπόλεως): city in Cyprus (tb24)

Neoutzikon (BM 432) Nerezi: see Scopia

Nicea or Nicaea (Νίκαια): city in Opsikion, Turkic

Iznik (M9)

Nicea or Nicaea (Νίκαια): in Thrace (BM81)

Nicodemia (AC 307) town, Turkic Izmit

Nicopolis (Νικόπολις): means 'city of victory', town south of Constantinople, former Acroenum, now

Turkic Afyonkarahisar (BM 80)

Nikiu: small town and bishopric in the Nile delta (BP 34, HK29)

Nymphaeon (AC438) city, Turkic Nif, modern

Kemalpaşa

Ochrida / Achrida / Lucretia (BM36), Turkic Okhrid

Oenaeum (BM133), Turkic Ünye

Olympia (BM 64)

Optatianae (BM 622) near Nicomedia

Opus (AC 323) town

Orcistus (BM140), Turkic Alikel

Oreus (BM 80)

Oxyrhynchus (Ὀξύρρυγχος): in Egypt 160km south of

Cairo, modern El-Bahnasa (BM 347)

Paipert (AC 350) town

Pales (AC 314)

Palmyra: city in the Syrian desert (HK66)

Pamphylia (BM 57)

Panasium (BM130), Turkic Banaz Ovası

Panephysis (BP 2) Panium (BM 79) Panopolis (BM 459) Parnassus (BM 99) Paros (PL 631) town Patara (BM 112)

Patmos (Πάτμος): one of the northernmost of the

Dodecanese, has a monastery of St John (BM53)

Patras (BL 15) city in Peloponnesus

Paurae (BM42), Turkic Bafra

Pegae (BM108) probably, Turkic Biga

Pegasios (AC 324) town Pelekanum (AC 325) area

Pelagonia (BL17) Macedonian town, Turkic Monastir

Pella: city in Jordan (HK78)

Pelusium: town on coast near Port Said (HK148),

Arabic Farama

Pergamon: also Pergamum, (AC438) city in Samos,

Turkic Bergama Peristera (BM 88) Peritheorium (BM 83) Pessinus (BM 622)

Petra: city in Nabatea east of the Negev (HK66)

Petrola (AC 397) town in Dalmatia, Pharsalus (M 9) city in Hellas,

Pherae (BM 89) monastery of Theotokos Kosmosotira

Pherme (BP 2)

Phersia (AC 430) town in Koele-Syria, Philadelphia (BL61), Turkic Alaşehir Philea (PL568) town on Black Sea,

Philippi (BM36)

Philippopolis (BL117) town & bishopric in

Macedonia, Bulgar Plovdiv

Philita (BM114)

Philomelion: also knowns as Philomelium (AC348)

town, Turkic Akşehir

Phocaea or Focie (BM49), Turkic Eski, now Yeni

Foça

Pithecas (BM12)

Plastra (AC431) town in Lapara,

Pliska (BM280) Podandus (BM104)

Poemanenon (AC453) town,

Polybotos (AC348) town, Turkic Bolvadın

Pontus (BM50) Pora (BM83) Porthmus (BM80)

Poutze (AC303) stronghold

Pracana (BM125) probably Turkic Alakapı Priene: also known as Sampson (BM61), Turkic

Samsun

Prilep (BM219)

Prusa (AC453) town near Nicea, Turkic Bursa

Prusias (BM118), Turkic Düzce

Ptelion (BM51) Pylae (BM49)

Qus: monastery in Upper Egypt (HK145)

Raetia Secunda (BM384) Ragusa (M8) town in Dalmatia,

Ras (BM525) Reake (BP5) village

Reggio (M8) town in Calabria

Registo: see Rhaedestus

Rhaedestus, Registo, Rudistio or Rodisto (BM46)

Turkic Tekirdağ

Rhages: Persian town of Rayy (HK176)

Rodisto: see Rhaedestus Rodosto (M8) port in Thrace, Romaïna (AC431) town in Lapara Rousia / Rusa (BM35) probably Keşan

Rudisto: see Rhaedestus

Sabratha: becomes Arabic Sabra, city in Tipolitania

(HK207)

Sagaudaous (AC474) village near Nicodemia, St Macarius: Coptic monastery in Wadi Natrun (HK164)

St Menas: becomes Mina after Conquest, town in the Nile delta (HK145)

St Metras: Coptic monastery in Alexandria (HK164)

Salamis (M9) town in Cyprus Salona (BM57), Turkic Split

Samnium (BM558) Samos (BM53)

Samosata (M8) town in Mesopotamia,

Sampson: see Priene

Santabaris (AC480) town, Turkic Bardakçi Sarai: (BM548) Arabic al-Sara, Turkic Sarra Sarbanos (AC431) castle in Lapara, Sardes (AC348) city in Thracesian Sardis (BM122). Turkic Sart

Sarsapin (AC431) town

Sasima (BM99), Turkic Gölcuk-Hasköy

Satellia: see Attalia

Savaria (BM384), Turkic Szombathely

Savia (BM384)

Scodra (BM37), Turkic Shköder Scopia: also known asNerezi (BM 89) Scythopoulos: city in Jordan (HK78)

Sebasteia: also Sebastea, city (BP16) in Sebastea

theme, Turkic Sivas Sebastopolis (BM631)

Sebeitla: city in southern Tunisia (HK207) Segermes: city south of Carthage (HK204)

Selucia or Isauriae (M9) city in Cilicia, Turkic Silifke

Selymbria (BM52), Turkic Silivri

Semlin: Kosovo (L229)

Serdica, Hesternit or Straliz (BM37), Bulgar Sofia

Sergiopolis (BM261) Serres / Serra (BM35) Sestus (BM478) Setalia: see Attalia

Sgenin (AC431) city in Cilicia, castle in Lapara, Side (BM317), Turkic Selimiye, now Eski Antalya

Sidera (BM83) in Thrace Singidunum (BM73)

Sinianda (BM149) possibly Turkic Kızılviran

Sinope (BM42), Turkic Sinop

Sinopoli, Sozopolis or Sinope (BM46) in Thrace Sirmium (BM73), Serbian Sremska Mitrovica

Sirogellis (BM81)

Sis (M9) town in Cilicia, Turkic Kozan

Siscia (BM378), Turkic Sisak

Smolena (BM88)

Smyrna (AC438) city in Samos, Turkic Izmir Solkhat or Sorghati (BM549), Turkic Staraya Krim Soudi (AC343)

Souetios (AC430) town in Koele-Syria,

Sozopolis (AC384) town?

Sozopolis (BM42) in Pisidia probably Turkic Uluborlu

Sozopolis (BM47) in Thrace, Bulgar Sozopol Sparta or Lacedemonia (BM52), Tukic Sparti

Spalatum: Split (L164) Stadia (BM122), Turkic Datça Stauropolis: see Aphrodisias

Sthlabotilin (AC431) castle in Lapara,

Sthlanitza (AC374) town

Stiva: see Thebes Stobi (BM79)

Strumitsa (BM88) monastery of Theotokos Eleousa

Studion: town (PL569). also known as Studium

(MoL241)

Studium: see Studion

Sugdaia or Saldadia (BM549), Turkic Sudak

Sura (BM261)

Syhe (C363) port in Cilicia,

Sykeon (BP1) city in Mesopotamia, Synnada (BM123), Turkic Şuhut Syracuse (M8) town in Calabria

Tabens: Coptic monastery in Alexandria (HK158)

Tadmor (M9) Taik (BM212) Tana (BM547)

Tantalus (BM126) probably Turkic Dandal

Tarsus (BP16) city

Tauchira: becomes Arabic Tokra, city in Cyrenaica

(HK206)

Tebenna (AC386) village,

Telchampson (AC431) castle in Lapara, Telouch (AC430) town in Koele-Syria

Tentyra (BM459)

Thebes or Stiva (BM51) Themisonium (BM108)

Theodosiopolis (BM212), Turkic Erzurum

Theotokos Petritzonitissa (BM89) monastery at

Batzokova

Thessalonika (M9) city in the theme of Thessalonika,

Thyateira (BM108)

Ticium (BM378), Turkic Pavia

Timgad: city west of Carthage near foot of Mt Aures

(HK map), founded by Trajan (SBS) Timoros (AC412) town in Dalmatia,

Trajanopolis (BM88)

Tralleis or Tralles (Τραλλιανός): town in the Thracesian theme, Turkic Aydın (BM129)

Trapezus: see Trebizond

Trebizond: also known as Trapezus or Tribusonda (M9) city in Chaldea, (AC386), Turkic Trabzon

Tribusonda: see Trebizond

Triglia (BM51) probably Turkic Tirilya

Trikkala (BM83)

Tripolis (BM118) in Lydia

Tripolis (BM56) in Syria, Arabic Tarabulus

Tripoliania (BM289) Troezen (BM80)

Troy: (BM62), Turkic Truva Tyana: (BM73), Turkic Niğde Tyre: city in Palestine (BM627) Tzurullum: (BM81), Turkic Çorlu

Tzybritze, Tzbrelitzzemani or Cybrilcymani (BM126),

Turkic Çivrilçimeni Tzykanisterin: (AC510) Urisio: see Brysis Usuze: (BM79) Varna: (BM46)

Vatopedi: Athonite monastery (PL579)

Venetia / Venice: provincial town in Italy (M8)

Vicina or Vezina: (BM46) probably Turkic Păcuiul lui

Soare

Viminacium: (BM73)

Vinnensis: (BM289) town and diocese

Volubilis: city on plains in Mauretania (HK212)

Vonitza: castle in Epiros (BL27) Vorgoles: see Arcadiopolis Xerigordos: town (AC312)

Xerolophos: hill and area in Constantinople (BL63) Zab: Arabic Zãb, region in Algeria around Aurès

(HK212)

Zadar: now Ladar in Croatia, 9<sup>th</sup> century capital of the

Dalmatian theme (L164)
Zagora or Zaorra (BM46)
Zapetra (M9) city in Lykandos
Zara (M8) town in Dalmatia
Zetunium (BM37)

# Themes (Θέμα), Districts, other nations etc

The same applies for the larger areas as for the towns. The locative was often added and could become a surname.

Achaia: province from the Hellespont into Greece, became the theme of Hellas (BM 57)

Aegean (M 9) = Insulae, 10c theme,

Aegyptos (BM 170) diocese Aetos (theme, AC 431)

Africa Proconsularis, area around Carthage, (BM167) diocese (BM165) prefecture or exarchate, (BM289)

Aigaion Pelagos (BM 651) theme

Akrilevo (AC 306) district in Balkans

Anatolia: 10<sup>th</sup> century theme in Asia (M9), in 7<sup>th</sup> century name for most of Turkey (HK map 1) Antares (AC 431) military district in Cilicia,

Antartes (AC 431) military district in Cilicia,

Arabia (BM 178) province

Armenia (Άρμενιάκων): 7-11<sup>th</sup> centuries, theme in Asia, sometimes divided into Armenia Prima, Secunda, Tertia, capital Amasya Å μάσεια (M9)

Asia (BM 57), theme

Aurès: mountains in western Algeria (HK212)

Balaneus (AC 431) military district in Cilicia,

Bithynia (AC 307) province

Borze (AC 430) military district,

Bukellarian (M 9) 10c theme in Asia, Bulgaria (BM 35) theme and kingdom

Byzacena: a western province in North Africa (HK202)

Calabria (M 9) 10c theme in Italy,

Cappadocia (M 9) 10c theme in Asia, sometimes

Cappadocia Prima and Secunda.

Carthagena (BM 405) Spain

Casiotis (AC 431) theme in Cilicia,

Cephallenia (M 9) 10c theme in Europe,

Chalcedon: modern Kadıköy (L69)

Chaldea (M 9) 10c theme in Asia,

Charsianon (M 9) 10c theme in Asia,

Cherson (M 9) 10c theme in Crimea,

Chrysopolis: modern Üsküdar (L69)

Cibyrrhaeot (M 9) 10c theme in Asia,

Cilicia /Seleucia / Kilikia (AC 358, M 9) theme in Asia.

Colonea (M 9) 10c theme in Asia,

Chrovatia: Croatia (L163)

Cyclades (BM 559) islands and apotheke

Cyprus / Cipri (M 9) 10c theme,

Cyrenaica: in 7<sup>th</sup> century North Africa west of Egypt (HK200)

Cyrrhestica (Κυρρηστική): district in north-west Syria, main towns Hierapolis Bambyce, Zeugma, Europus, Birtha?, Beroea (modern Aleppo), Batnae, and Cyrrhus

Dacia (BM 168) diocese

Diocleia: theme, becomes Serbian Duklja (L165)

Dyrrhachium / Dyrrhakion (M 9) 10c theme in Europe,

East (BM 168) prefecture

Epiros (Greek Despotate)

Gabala (AC 431) military district in Cilicia,

Galatia (BM 54) sometimes Galatia Prima and Secunda

Galliae (BM 289) diocese

Halys (BM 609) river = Kızıhrmak

Hellas ( $\dot{E}$  λλάδος): theme, south-east Greece and (until 8<sup>th</sup> century) the Peleponnese (M9)

Hellaspontus (BM 57) apotheke

Iconium (AC 487) province,

Illyricum (AC 379) province / prefecture,

Indus (BM 122) river in Dalaman

Italia (BM 167) prefecture

Kalymnos: island off the west of Asia Minor (HK324)

Kappadokia (BM 100) theme

Kathismatin (AC 431) district,

Khaldia (BM 184) theme

Kharsianon (BM 103) theme

Kibotos (AC 453/ AC 333) province and town

Kibyrrhaioton (BM 58) theme

Kilikia (BM103) see Cilicia

Koloneia (BM 184) theme

Koele-Syria (AC 430) province,

Kos: island off the west of Asia Minor (HK324)

Lapara (AC 431) theme,

Limnii (AC 431) theme,

Longbardia (M9) 10c theme in Italy,

Lybia Inferior (BM 179) district

Lybia Superior (BM 180) district

Lydia (BM 660) district

Lykandos (M 9) 10c theme in Asia,

Macedonia / Makedonia (M 9) 10c theme in Europe,

Marakes (AC 353) district

Marakeus (AC 431) military district in Cilicia

Mare Nostrum: Mediterraneum (HK325)

Meletene (BM 103) early theme

Mesopotamia: theme in Syria (M9)

Moesiae (BM 373) district and diocese

Monembasia (BP 130) Pelopennesian See,

Morea (Μωρέας): Despotate, centred at Mistra, after 1261 often used as a title for the Emperor's heir.

Neokastra (BM 131) theme

Nicopolis (Νικόπολις) theme in western Greece (M9)

Ohrid (or Ochrida) (PL 629, BL46) Bulgarian bishopric

Opsikion: theme in Asia, 10<sup>th</sup> century (M 9) 9<sup>th</sup>

(L178), also Osequium (BM621) Optimaton: 10<sup>th</sup> century theme in Asia (M9), 9<sup>th</sup> (L178)

Oriens (180) diocese

Pagras (AC 430) military district,

Palaestina Prima (BM 179) district

Palatza (AC 430) military district,

Paphlagonia (M 9) 10c theme in Asia,

Pedias (BM 98) district

Pelagonia (AC 404) district in Dalmatia,

Pelopennesus (Πελοπόννησος): the peninsula of Greece, theme from the  $8^{th}$  century, sometimes

known as the Morea (M9)

Philadelphia (BL 61) town & bishopric in Asia Minor,

Philippopolis (BL 117) town & bishopric,

Pisidia (Πισίδη): contains Termessus, Selge, Cremna, Sagalassos, Etenna, Antiochia, Neapolis, Tyriacum, Laodiceia, Katakekaumene and Philomelium (BP35)

Podandon (AC 431) theme,

Pontica (BM 163) diocese / theme

Prokonesses: island in the Sea of Marmara (HK332)

R(h)omania: district, Rumania (BM51)

Rhosia: Russia by 10<sup>th</sup> century later Rossiya (L153)

Samos (M 9) 10c theme in Asia,

Scutari (AC 306) district near Adriatic,

Sebastea (M 9) 10c theme in Asia, Seleucia / Seleukeia (BM 103) theme Servloi: Serbia 10<sup>th</sup> century (L164) Serres (BL 57) district in Macedonia,

Sosthenion (AC 323) district near Constantinople

Sparta (BM 52) Lacademonia = Sparti St Elias (AC 430) military district,

St Symeon, (M 9) 10c port of Antioch Strymon theme

ın Europe,

Taugast: Wei China, from Turkic Tabghach (L168) Terbounia: theme, becomes Serbian Travuni (L165) Thrace (M 9) 10c theme in Europe, Thracesian (M 9) 10c theme in Asia,

Thebais Inferior and Superior (BM 179) district

Thessalonike (BM 57) theme Thracia / Thrace (BM 51) theme

Tracheia (BM 98) district

Tres Provinciae (BM 329) Sicily, Sardina and Corsica

Valania (district AC 353) Voleron (BM 159) theme

Zeugitania: a central province in North Africa

(HK202)

Zoume (AC 431) theme,

# **Geographical Features**

Aegina (PL 593) island, Akheloos (BM 61) river

Arabia Petrae: 'stony Arabia' desert area now part of Jordan

Athyras (BM 66) river

Azala (AC 341), hill near Nicea

Baake (AC 307) lake near Philippopolis,

Balearic Islands (BM 399)

Caÿster (BM 62) = Küçük Menderes

Cephalonia /Cephallenia (BL 18) Adriatic island

Charzanes (AC 410) river in Dalmatia,

Chryse Pyle: Golden Gate (of Constantinople) (L73)

Cordissus: small river near Dara (L260)

Corfu (AC 360) Adriatic island,

Cos (AC 361) island

Crete /Creti (BM 51) island
Cyclades (BM 660) island group
Cyndus (BM 63) river at Tarsus
Cyprus / Cipri (BM 51) island
Danastris: Dneister River (L155)
Dibolis (AC 399) river in Dalmatia,
Dorylaeum (AC 341) plain near Nicea

Drakon (BM 63) river, becomes Kırk Geçid

Droa (BM 65) river, becomes Drava Drymon (AC 393) river in Dalmatia

Echinadian (BM 61) islands

Elissos (AC 393) river in Dalmatia, Euboea (AC 336) Greek island,

Euxine Sea (Black Sea)

Exo Teichos: Outer Wall, the furthest wall from Constantinople also known as the Proteichisma (L73)

Forty Martyrs (BM 124) lake = Akşehir Gölü

Halys (AC 356) river near Ancyra (see book for Turk)

Hypanis: Bug River (L155) Iberon (BM 210) island

Indus (BM 122) river = Dalaman Çayı

Iotabé: island and 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> century trade base at the mouth of the Sinus Aelanitieus, becomes Tinãn (RS28)

Kephalonia (AC 360) island?

Khābūr: river and part of the border with Sasanids

(HK70)

Kleisoura (BM 183): narrow pass

Lavros (BM 201) island Lemnos (BM 57) island

Lesbos (Λέσβος): island in the Aegean (BM588)

Leucas (AC 360) island?

Lychnis (AC 393) lake in Dalmatia,

Makron Teikos: 'Long Wall', 45km, needed a garrison of 10,000 (L91)

Meander / Maeandros / Maeander (PL 561) river =

Büyük Menderes

Mega Teichos: Great Wall of Constantinople (L72)

Melas (BM 66) river Nestos (BM 645) river

Onopniktes (BM 64) river (Parmenios?)

Patara (AC 361) island Peneios (BM 64) river

Petra (AC 409) mountain pass in Dalmatia,

Proteichisma: see Exo Teichos.

Pyle Regio: 'Gate of Rhegium' aka Pyle Rousiou 'Gate fo the Reds' now Mevlevihane Gate (Yeni

Mevlevihane Kapisis (L74) Pyle Rousiou: see Pyle Regio.

Rekhios (BM 64) river (possibly = Vardar) Rhodes / Rhodi (M 9) island in Cibyrrhaeot,

Rhodope (BM 645) province

Roda: an island in the Nile at Fustãt, renamed Jazirat al-sina<sup>c</sup>a (HK338)

Samos (AC 361) Aegean island,

Sangaris / Sangarios (AC 307) river in Bithynia = Sakarya

Sazonia: Saxonia in eastern Germany (L149)

Siberis (BM 64) river Simoesis (BM 62) river Sinus Aelanitieus: Bay of Aqaba in Red Sea (RS33)

Skamandros (BM 62) river = Menderes

Skirtos (BM 63) river Skopas (BM 64) river

Sperchios: river in Greece (L191)

Strymon (BM 83) river Tanais: Don River (L155)

Taormina: mountain in Sicily (L217)

Taurocomas (AC 305) mountains Tenedos (BL 78) island off Thrace,

Theodosianon Teichos: the Theodosian Wall of

Constantinople (L72)

Vardar (BM 65) river = Vardarios

Voleron (BM 159) theme Zacynthos (AC 360) island?

# Imperial Institutions, Offices and Ranks

There are a multitude of titles and ranks that were used to convey both real and symbolic honour in the Empire. This multitude meant that it was often impossible to tell exactly who outranked whom in precedence and honour. This was useful when there were more than one to be honoured and the Emperor wanted each to feel superior to the others. By what he said (which only the recipient might hear) each could think that they had the higher title. Per Wikipedia 'Byzantine Aristocracy and Bureaucracy' "In the 8th-11th centuries, according to information provided by the *Taktikon Uspensky*, the *Klētorologion* of Philotheos (899) and the writings of Constantine Porphyrogennetos, below the imperial titles, the Byzantines distinguished two distinct categories of dignities ( $\dot{a}$  ξίαι): the 'dignities by award' (διά βραβείων  $\dot{a}$  ξίαι), which were purely honorific court titles and were conferred by the award of a symbol of rank, and the 'dignities by proclamation' (διά λόγου  $\dot{a}$  ξίαι), which were offices of the state and were conferred by imperial pronouncement. The former were further divided into three subcategories, depending on who was eligible for them: different sets of titles existed for the 'Bearded Ones' (βαρβάτοι from Latin *barbati*, i.e. not eunuchs), the eunuchs ( $\dot{\epsilon}$  κτομίαι) and women. State officials usually combined titles from both main categories, so that a high official would be both 'magistros' (an 'awarded' title) and logothetes tou dromou (a 'proclaimed' office)." Any Latin title is an earlier one that is phased out in favour of a later Greek one.

Ab actis: Latin, in charge of acts, a clerk (BM181, B340)

Adiutores: Latin, originally law students attending to learn, aide, assistant, secretary (BM181, B370)

Agentes in rebus (ἀ γγελιαφόροι οτ μαγιστριανοί): 'agents for things', detached junior official on any special duty (BM 190) (L108)

Akolouthos (ἀ κόλουθος): 'Acolyte' or 'follower' the chief of the Varangian Guard from the 10<sup>th</sup> century (W)

Amiralios: Admiral, term comes into use towards the end of Empire as a deputy of the megas doux (W)

Anagrapheus (ἀ ναγραφεύς): commissioner appointed to codify laws and collect information (BM431)

Anthypatos (ἀ νθύπατος): 'proconsul', originally the highest rank for provincial governors, in the  $9^{th}$  century, became an honorific title. Disappeared by the end of the  $12^{th}$  century (BM185) (W)

Anthypatos (ἀ νθύπατος): proconsul (BM185)

Apoeparkhōn (ἀ ποεπάρχων or ἀ πὸ ἐ πάρχων), a translation of the Latin *ex praefectis* (BM 656)

Apo hypatōn: former consul (BM 194)

Apothēkarios/ apothecarious: keeper of a storehouse (BM242)

Apothēkē tōn basilikōn kommerkiōn: (BM 626) Apparitor: Latin, 'public servant' (BM 187) Argyros (Αργυρος): (?) (BM 197) tou bestiou / tōn stephanōn (BM 276)

Ārchēgētēs: alternatively hoplitarchēs, commander of all infantry in a large army from the 10<sup>th</sup> century (W)

Archon (ἄ ρχων): one term that can be translated as Prince (L147)

Archōn tēs kharagēs: (?) (BM 412)

Asekretis: early subordinate official in the Chancery (W)

Assessor: assistant judge (BM178)

Autokrator (αὑ τοκράτωρ): 'autocrat' 'self-ruler' one term used by Heraclius to describe himself (W)

Basileus (βασιλεύς): term for the Emperor and replaced Augustus or Augoustos. Female is basilissa (W)

Basileomētōr: (βασιλμητέρας) 'Mother of the Emperor', given to the magnate Danelis for her support (PL 574, MoL 235)

Basileopatōr (βασιλεοπάτωρ): 'Father of the Emperor' a title granted twice to father-in-laws; Stylianos Zaoutzes under Leo VI the Wise and Romanos I Lekapenos briefly as regent for Constantine VII (W)

Basilikos mandatōr (βασιλικός μανδάτωρ): 'imperial messenger' (W)

Bouleutes (βουλευτή ς): councillor of an organisation (BM190)

Cancellarius: Latin for Chancellor (BM 165, B379)

Castrensis sacri palatii: a servant (unknown level) in the Imperial household (BM203, B382)

Chartularius: see Khartoularios

Chartophylax (χαρτοφύλαξ): usually archivist of the Patriarch, but see also Khartoularios (MoL 241)

Chiliarchēs: alternatively taxiarchēs commander of an infantry regiment, usually 1,000 men (taxiarchia or chiliarchia) (W)

Circitor: a junior cavalry NCO tasked to makes rounds to check sentries (BM166)

Clarissimus, vir: Latin 'very famous man' and early Empire title given to Senators (BM 244, B390)

Collator: Latin, one who contributes to the state, taxpayer (BM332, B395)

Comes or komēs: literally 'companion', lower rank of nobles (BM178) (BM388). Many suffixes can be used to indicate an area where they work.

Comes domesticorum: Latin 'companion of the house' head of the Domestici, a trusted unit of Palace guards (BM187, B397)

Comes domorum: Latin, superintentant of Palace buildings (BM179, B397)

Comes sacri patrimonii per Italium: chief of the administration of the Emperor's patrimony in Italy (BM404, B397)

Comitatus: see Comes

Comitiva or comes sacrarum largitionum: early term for the chief financial officer (BM187, B397)

Consiliarius: Latin, counsellor, adviser (BM165)

Consularis: Latin, former consul (highest ruling magistrate) and sometimes governor of a province (BM165, B411)

Cubicularius or koubikoularios (κουβικουλάριος): Latin or Greek, Imperial chamber servant, eunuch (BM227, B419) or chamberlain of the bed-chamber (L64)

Cubiculum sacrum: Latin, chamber servant of a holy place (BM333)

Curator thesauri: Latin, keeper of the store or treasure (?) (BM411)

Curiales: Latin, 'office holders', members of a Municipal Council (L210, B422)

Curiosus: Latin, spy or scout, but become agentes in rebus (BM 608, B422)

Cursus clabularis: Latin, another name for the platys dromos (BM294, B422)

Cursus publicus: Latin, another name for the dēmosios dromos (BM294, B422)

Cursus velox: Latin, another name of the oxys dromos (BM295, B422)

Dekharkhēs: (?) (BM182)

Dēmosios dromos: 'public transport' (?) (BM294)

Despotēs (δεσπότης): despot or master (BM164), female 'despoina'. In the 12<sup>th</sup> century Manuel I Komnenos made it the highest awarded title.

Devotus or devotissimus: Latin, title given to a junior official referring to their devotion to the Emperor (BM243, B434)

Dioiketes: 'chief financial officer (?) (BM414)

Dishypatos (δισύπατος): 'twice consul', rare dignitary seen after the  $8^{th}$  century (W)

Domestikoi: domestic official, most officials with this title were eunuchs, even the military ones (BM 433)

Domestikos epi tes trapezes (δομέστικος τῆ ς βασιλικῆ ς τραπέζης): official responsible for attending to the imperial table and for banquets (W)

Domestikos tēs hypourgias (δομέστικος τῆς ὐ πουργίας): assistant of the domestikos epi tes trapezes (BM305)

Domestikos tōn optimatōn: (?) (BM312)

Domestikoi presentales: (?) (BM187)

Domestikos tōn skholōn: military commander of a Tagma, the Scholai (BM104)

Domestikos tou thematos: commander of the themes, one for Asia and one for Europe (W)

Domus Divina per Cappadocium: Latin, the Imperial property or household in Cappodocia (?) (BM55, B422)

Doux, Dux or Doukas (Δούκας), Dux or doux: Latin, leader or commander usually of a military district (BM165, B446)

Droungarios (δρουγγάριος): any of the senior naval commanders below Admiral, usually headed a fleet, one of the lowest ranks to carry a title (BM182)

Droungarios tōn ploïmōn (δρουγγάριος τοῦ [βασιλικοῦ ] πλοΐμου): Commander of the (Imperial) Fleet based around Constantinople (BM184)

Ducenarius: Latin, leader of two hundred (BM166)

Dux: see Doux

Dux et Augustalis: commander and emperor (BM170) Eidikon / isikon / eidikos, 'epi tou eidikou': 'one responsible for special affairs' an official in charge of monopolies, factories, storehouses and treasuries, an evolution of the comes rerum privatarum (BM192, B397)

Eparch (ἕ παρχος) (of Constantinople): urban prefect of Constantinople, keeps law and order, runs jails and the taxiōtai (W)

Ethnarchēs (ἐ θνάρχης): ruler of a barbarian tribe (W) Eudokimotatos: something to do with a village headman (?) (BM244)

Eusebestatē augousta: 'Most Pious Augusta' form of address for the Empress (W)

Exarkhos or exarchus (ἕ ξαρχος): governor of remote parts of the empire such as Italy or Africa (BM407)

Exceptor: Latin, scribe or minute taker, literally 'one who catches up' (BM181, B461)

Exercitus: Latin, the army (BM423, B462)

Exisōtēs: (?) (BM414)

Hetaireiarchēs (ἑ ταιρειάρχης): leaders of the barbarians who form guard units ('the Company'), such as the Chazaroi and the Pharganoi (W)

Hoplitarchēs: alternatively archēgētēs, commander of all infantry in a large army from the 10<sup>th</sup> century (W)

Horeiarios: official in charge of distributing food from the state granaries (W)

Hypatos ( $\mathring{\mathbf{U}} \pi \alpha \tau o \zeta$ ) literally 'highest' actually 'consul' (BM185) eventually became a temporary honorary title (W)

Hyperarithmoi (υπεράριθμος): supernumary (BM186) Hypeourgia basilikē: (?) (BMx)

Hyperprōtopansebastohypertatos: 'Above first all venerable above ruler' (W)

Hypostratēgos (υπόστρατηγού): 'under commander', second in command of an army (L236)

Kaisar (καῖ σαρ) or Caesar: often used for the heir to the throne (BM 164), gradually went down the list of precedence after despotēs and sebastokratōr. (f) kaisarissa.

Kanikleios (κανίκλειος): the keeper of the imperial inkstand, one of the senior officials of the imperial chancery (W)

Kastrensios: a chamberlain in the palace (W)
Katepanō (κατεπάνω): 'the one placed above', the
governor of a area combining two or more themes
(W)

Katholikos (καθολικός): 'universal', title of the Nestorian and Antiochan bishops, possibly also used for an early supervisor of accounts (BM377)

Kavallarios: Hellenized Latin, originally meaning a cavalry soldier, from the 12<sup>th</sup> century this became a minor court title (W)

Kellarios oikeiakos basilikos: (?) (BM305)

Kentarkhos: centurion, the senior one is the prōtokentarchos (BM182)

Kephale (κεφαλή): 'head', the governor of a small province, usually a town and its surrounding territory, although people were referred to by this name, it never became a formal title (W)

Khartoularios or Chartoularios (χαρτουλάριοι): although usually translated as Chartulary, started as mere clerks but by the 9<sup>th</sup> century a secretary or senior minister is the normal function. (BM181) See below for some of the different functions recorded:

Khartoularios tou arklōn (τῶν ἀ ρκλῶν): literally 'of the money box', senior financial official outside Constantinople (BM420) (W)

Khartoularios tou sakellion (τοῦ σακελλίου): in charge of the Sakellion treasury (BM318)

Khartoularios tou stablou (τοῦ στάβλου): secretary of stables, incharge of the Imperial stud farms and provisioning the baggage train (BM312)

Khartoularios tou tagmata (τῶν ταγμάτων): in charge of the pay and finances of the tagmatic troops (W)

Khartoularios tou thematos (τῶν θεμάτων): in charge of income from a theme (BM414)

Khartoularios tou vestiariou (τοῦ βεστιαρίου): in charge of the Vestiarion treasury (BM410)

Khrysepsēteion: something to do with gold (?) (BM259)

Khrys(o)epsētēs: something to do with gold (?) (BM427)

Khrysōnēs: something to do with gold (?) (BM341)

Khrysiurgion: something to do with gold (BM 260)

Kleisourarkhēs: (?) (BM 182)

Koitōn basilikos (κοιτῶν βασιλικός): eunuch chamberlain of the Emperor (BM160)

Koitōnitēs: see Cubicularius (BM191)

Kommerkiaros: (?) (BM 592)

Komes tou stablou (κόμης τοῦ στάβλου): in charge of the horses and pack horses of the army until replaced by the Konostaulos (BM 312)

Konostaulos (κονόσταυλος): Greek form of Comes stabuli, replaced the Komes tou stablou and then eventually becomes the leader of Frankish mecenaries (W)

Kortē basilikē: (?) (BM272)

Koubikoularios (κουβικουλάριος): from the Latin cubicularius, 'chamberlain', title for eunuchs (W).

Kouratōreion or kourator: curator, usually a financial official (BM104)

Kouropalatēs (κουροπαλάτης): from the Latin *cura* palatii, 'charge of the palace' possibly best rendered as 'mayor of the Palace' (BM 185) (L147)

Kritēs thematos (κριτής θεματικές): chief judge of a theme (BM430)

Kyria (κυρία): 'lady' (W)

Kyrios (κύριος): 'lord' (L197)

Lamprotatos (λαμπρότερος): 'most splendid' (BM 244)

Largitionales: Latin, treasury officers (BM 387, B536) Logothetēs tōn agelōn ( $\tau \tilde{\omega} \nu \, \dot{d} \, \gamma \epsilon \lambda \tilde{\omega} \nu$ ): in charge of the State herds of horses and mules (BM311)

Logothetes tou dromou (λογοθέτης τοῦ δρόμου): literally 'accountant of course' (BM 220), in charge of dealings with foreigners and of the Platys Dromos and the Oxys Dromos. Sometimes

- rendered as Postal Logothete. Term in use 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> centuries superceded by the logothetēs tōn sekretōn.
- Logothetēs tōn sekretōn (λογοθέτης τὧν σεκρέτων): 12<sup>th</sup> century term mutating into the megas logothetēs in charge of all fiscal matters (W).
- Logothetes tou genikou (λογοθέτης τοῦ γενικοῦ): (general logothete) in charge of tax collection (BM410) (L134)
- Logothetēs tou stratiōtikou (λογοθέτης τοῦ στρατιωτικοῦ): military logothete or chief paymaster (BM410) (L134)
- Magister militum: Latin, originally the sole 'master of war', eventually one for each theme, superceded by stratēgoi (BM165, B571)
- Magister officiorum: Latin, master of officers (BM388, B571), highest public servant post-5<sup>th</sup> century until Logothetēs began to be used (L50)
- Magister (rationalis) rei privatae: Latin, administrator of the Emperor's private property (BM377, B572)
- Magistros (μάγιστρος): 'master', the title ceased to be used in the  $12^{th}$  century (BM185)
- Megaphylarch: 'paramount (tribal) chief' (L197)
- Megas diermēneutēs: great interpreter (?) (BM440)
- Megas domestikos: 'Grand Domestic' chief of the army from about the 9<sup>th</sup> century (BM159)
- Megas droungarios: head of the navy until the creation of the Megas Doux in the 11<sup>th</sup> century (W)
- Megas doux (μέγας δούξ): great or over leader, equivalent to the Lord High Admiral and towards the end of the empire became the head of the public service (BM181)
- Megas logothetēs (μέγας λογοθέτης) or Megas logariastēs (tōn euagōn sekretōn): final term used for the head of all public finances (BM 208, 432) (W)
- Megas stratopedarkhēs: see stratopedarkhēs (BM 212) Meriarkhēs: 'commander of a Meros' (BM182) (general of up to 7,000 troops) (L236)
- Mētaton: something to do with the quartermaster of a unit (?) (BM311)
- Metrētai: Latin, measurer (BM318)
- Mesazōn (μεσάζων): 'mediator' final replacement for the Grand Logothete as the chief minister (W)
- Minsourator: Latin, mensurator, measurer (BM305)
- Moderator: Latin, ruler or manager (BM178, B585):
- Moneta: Latin, either money itself or the mint (BM276, B586)
- Moneta publica or fiscalis: Latin, the public treasury (BM390, B586, 473)
- Monetarius: Latin, master of the mint (BM 326)
- Mystikos (μυστικός): a private secretary (W)
- Nauarchos: the captain of a ship (W)

- Nykteparchos (νυκτέπαρχος): 'night prefect', night time deputy of the Eparch (W)
- Nipsistiarios (νιψιστιάριος): title for eunuchs (W)
- Nobelissimos (νωβελίσσιμος): from the Latin Nobilissimus ('most noble'): originally a title given to close relatives of the Emperor, subordinate only to the kaisar until 11<sup>th</sup> century, succeeded by Prōtonobelissimos (W)
- Numerarius: Latin, keeper of accounts or auditor (BM 166, B602)
- Officium or offikion (Οφφίκιον): an office or its staff (BM165)
- Oikeiakōn, epi tōn (ἐπὶ τῶν οἰ κιακῶν): logothete with unclear duties to do with the Emperors household (BM434)
- Opifices monetae: Latin, makers of money (BM321) Ostiarios (ὁ στιάριος): from the Latin ostiarius, 'doorkeeper, usher', title for eunuchs (W)
- Oxys dromos (οξύς δρόμος): 'smart road' (?) Imperial messenger service (BM295) (L109)
- Palatinus /i: Latin, all persons or people in civil or military service in the Palace (BM 388) (B616)
- Panhypersebastos (πανυπερσέβαστος): 'venerable above all' (W)
- Pansebastos (πανσεβαστός): 'all venerable' (W)
- Papias: great concierge of the Imperial palaces, responsible for the opening and closing of the palace gates each day (W)
- Parakoimōmemos (παρακοιμώμενος): literally 'one who sleeps nearby', servant of the bedchamber (BM104)
- Patrikios or Patricius (πατρίκιος): patrician or noble, one of the highest dignities until its disappearance in the 12<sup>th</sup> century, (f) patrikia (BM185) (W)
- Pinkernes (πιγκέρνης): originally the emperor's cupbearer, later a senior honorific title (W)
- Phylarch (φύλαρχος): 'tribal chief' (L197)
- Phylax (φύλαξ): sentinel, watcher (BM310)
- Platys dromos (πλατύς δρόμος): 'broad road', Imperial freight service (BM294) (L109)
- Porphyrogennētos (πορφυρογέννητος): 'born-in-thepurple', born in a particular room in the palace lined with porphyry. This was not reserved to the Imperial family but could be allowed to a favoured person. (W)
- Praefectura /us: Latin, prefect or president (BM 165, B642)
- Praefectus Augustalis: Latin, 'prefect of Augustus', title of the prefect of Egypt from the 4<sup>th</sup> century (BM179, B643)
- Praefectus urbi(s): Latin, prefect of the city (of Rome, later Constantinople) (BM 194, B644)

- Praefectus vigilum: Latin, prefect of the virgiles (city police and firemen) (BM140, B644) see Praitor tou demoi
- Praipositos or Praepositus (πραιπόσιτος): from the Latin praepositus, 'placed before', overseer (BM459)
- Praepositus sacri cubiculi: Latin, chamberlain of the Imperial household (BM179, B645)
- Praepositus (sacrorum) thesaurorum: Latin, overseer of the Imperial treasure (BM345)
- Praeses: Latin, 'guardian', governor of a province (BM 165, B646)
- Praetor / praitōr (πραίτωρ): head, leader or chief, originally only applied in Constaninople, but gradually came to apply to a theme (BM178)
- Praitor tou demoi (πραίτωρ τῶν δήμων) or Praetor populi: leader of the people, in charge of police and fire services in Constantinople (BM180) (W)
- Praktōr (πράκτωρ): officer, usually one who exacts judgement (BM99)
- Primicerius or Primikērios (πριμικήριος): from the Latin primicerius, 'first in the list', title given to eunuchs (BM 166)
- Primikērios tou (oikeiakou) vestiariou: (BM 440) see Khartoularios tou vestiariou
- Prokathēmenos tou vestiariou (BM 440) see Khartoularios tou vestiariou
- Proconsul: Latin, one who, at the end of his consulship, becomes a governor of a province (BM178, B653)
- Procurator monetae: Latin, manager of the mint (BM316, B655)
- Proedros (πρόεδρος): 'chairman', originally reserved for eunuchs, it was opened up in the mid-11<sup>th</sup> century to 'Bearded Ones' as well, especially military officials. Highest title for officials. (W) came to mean 'privileged one', used as President (of the Senate) (BM 185) (f) (προέδρισσα) proedrissa, reserved dress is 'a rose-colored and gold-embroidered tunic, a gem-encrusted belt, and a white *chlamys* (cloak) trimmed with golden bands and with two gold *tablia* (square patches) and decoration of ivy leaves.'
- Prosecutores: Latin, escort or attendant (BM387, B658):
- Protectores (Latin) or protiktores (προτίκτορες): members of the Scholai, bodyguards of the Emperor (BM 622) (B658)
- Prōtanthypatos (πρωτανθύπατος): a form of anthypatos or 'proconsul', created in the 11<sup>th</sup> century bolster the term, disappeared by the end of the 12<sup>th</sup> century (W)
- Prōtokarabos: (?) (BM 191)

- Prōtomagistros (πρωτομάγιστρος): first among the Magistroi (W)
- Prōtomanglavitēs (πρωτομαγγλαβίτης): chief of the Manglavitai, it was a rank held by Harald Haadrada (W)
- Prōtonobelissimos: high title originally reserved for the Imperial family, it was succeeded by Prōtonobelissimohypertatos (W)
- Prōtonobelissimohypertatos: high title originally reserved for the Imperial family, eventually degenerates by the 13<sup>th</sup> century to a provincial official (W)
- Prōtonotarios (πρωτονοτάριος) tou thematos: principal clerk of the court of a theme (BM305)

Prōtoproedros: see proedros (BM58)

Prōtopatharaton: (?) (BM186)

- Protasekretis (πρωτασηκρῆ τις): an earlier title for the head of the chancery, responsible for keeping official government records (W)
- Prōtospatharios (πρωτοσπαθάριος): literally 'first swordsman', title often given to senior military leaders until the 13<sup>th</sup> century (BM185) (W)
- Prōtostratōr (πρωτοστράτωρ): initially the Emperor's stable master, from the 11<sup>th</sup> century it became a title given to the second in command of an army (BM259)
- Protostratotius: ('chief equerry', Basil I held this position for Michael III before their marriage, MoL234)
- Prōtosymboulon (πρωτοσύμβουλος): 'first councillor' (L146)
- Prōtovestiarios: takes care of the emperor's personal wardrobe (BM 192). The Empress has vestiaria & protovestiaria (W)
- Quasestor sacri palatii: Latin, principal legal advisor to the Emperor (BM404, B644)
- Quaestura / quastor exercitus: the office of magistrate (BM104)
- Rationalis: Latin, treasurer, took over from procurator and was replaced by comes (BM 381) (B677)
- Rationalis rei summae: Latin, 'treasurer of high things', chief of the financial administration (BM329) (B678)
- Rhaiktōr: (?) (BM 184)
- Sakellion or sakellarios (σακελλάριος): 'shieldlet' under Heraclius, an honorary supervisor of the other palace administrators, logothetes, etc. Later, the chief financial comptroller of the Empire. Still used as the 'purse holder' of a monastery (BM192) (W).
- Sebastokratōr (σεβαστοκράτωρ): 'Venerable Ruler' a title created by Alexios I Komnenos as a combination of autokratōr and sebastos (BM89). (f) Sebastokratorissa.

Sebastos (σεβαστός): 'August One' (f) Sebastē, originally reserved for the Imperial family was debased and changed by the use of prefixes (W)

Sekreta: see Logothetēs tōn sekretōn (BM410)

Semissalis: Latin literally 'half another', junior NCO, possible lance-corporal equivalent (BM166)

Silentiarios (σιλεντιάριος): originally a group of courtiers responsible for the maintenance of order in the palace (W).

Spatharios (σπαθάριος): 'sword-bearer' the spatharioi were initially a special corps of imperial guards. The title survived until the early 12<sup>th</sup> century (BM 185) (L64)

Spatharokandidatos (σπαθαροκανδιδάτος): special picked guards (named from their white tunics) (BM 185)

Spatharokoubikoularios (σπαθαροκουβικουλάριος): sword chamberlain (W)

Spectabilis: Latin, literally 'spectacle', a title for high officers (BM 180) (B712)

Stratēlatēs (στρατηλάτης): a translation of the Latin magister militum, only used before 8<sup>th</sup> century (W)

Statio: Latin, post or station of military guards (BM 331) (B714)

Stratēgos or Stratēgia (στρατηγός): general or admiral (BM138, 624), 'commander' (L236) often also with the title 'doux'

Stratelates: military command (?) (BM656)

Stratopedarchēs, stratopedarkhein or startopedarkhēs (στρατοπεδάρχης): Master of the Camp, official in charge of making sure the army was stocked with food and arms (BM133)

Strator (στράτωρ): 'groom' (W)

Susceptor: Latin, contractor or collector of taxes, tax farmer (BM 331) (B726)

Taxiarchēs (ταξίαρχος): alternatively chiliarchēs: commander of an infantry regiment (taxiarchia or chiliarchia) (W)

Thalassocrator: 'one who has dominance on the sea', High Admiral (AC270)

Topoteretes (τοποτηρητής): literally 'place-warden' it is used for the deputy at various levels in the army and navy (W)

Tourmarchēs or Tourmakhēs (τουρμάρχης): tourma commander (PL583) (BM182)

Trapeza basilikē (βασιλικὴ τράπεζα): literally 'table of the Emperor', Royal Bank (BM186)

Trapeza genikē: bank of the Logothetēs tou genikou (BM411)

Trapeza idikē: bank of the epi tou eidikou (BM411) Tribunus et notarius: Latin, tribunes (captains) and clerks (BM187)

Vestarkhēs or Vestarches (βεστάρχης): adopted in the latter half of the 10<sup>th</sup> century for high-ranking eunuchs, it was awarded to 'bearded' senior military officers and judicial officials of Constantinople from ca. 1050 on. It disappeared in the early 12<sup>th</sup> century. (BM185) (W)

Vestēs or Vestes (βέστης): senior honorific title, first attested under John I Tzimiskes. Awarded to both eunuchs and non-eunuchs, it survived until the early 12<sup>th</sup> century. (BM 185) (W)

Vestētōr (βεστήτωρ): officers of the Imperial wardrobe (Latin vestiarium & vestiaritai) (BM433)

Vestiarion oikeiakon basilikou: officer of the Imperial wardrobe (BM197)

Vicarius: Latin one who acts in another's place as a substitute (BM178) (B763)

Zostē patrikia (ζωστὴ πατρικία): 'Girded patrician' Title was given to the empress' ladies of honour, and, ranked very high in hierarchy just below the kouropalates. From the early 9<sup>th</sup> century, and disappeared in the 11<sup>th</sup> century (W)

Zygostatēs demosios: master of weights of the imperial treasury (?) (BM317)

# **Other Occupations**

Allectores: Latin 'person who attracts' business negotiator (?) (BM387)

Apokrisiaros / apocrisiarius (ἀ ποκρισιάριος): delegate or deputy, particularly the Pope's legate in Constantinople (BM351)

Aurifices: Latin goldworker (BM 389) Balnitōr: bath attendant (BM656) Blattion (βλάττιον) purple dye maker, literally 'purplish', by the 10<sup>th</sup> century comes to denote silk itself (BM630) (W)

Conductor: Latin one who leases (BM332, B576) Ergodosia (εργοδοσία): employers (BM629) Grammaticus: Latin, teacher of language (AC495) Sabastos: quarrier of gravel or rock (?) (BM89) Scalptores: Latin, engraver or carver (BM389) Barbari: from βάρβαροΦώνος (barbarophonos or 'of incomprehensible speech'), becomes Arab 'barbar' and thence Berber (HK205)

Pogonatos: 'the Bearded', Emperor Constans II (BM222)

Bucinator: Latin 'the trumpeter' (HK328) Cataias: John C, 7<sup>th</sup> century (BP39)

Chrysostom: 'golden mouthed' St John C (Ι ωάννης Ο Χρυσόστομος) Metropolitan ()

Diakonis (Διάκονος): 'the Deacon', Theodosios D, 10<sup>th</sup> century poet (W)

Diblatius: Bogomile preacher (AC497)

Digenis (Διγενής): 'of two races', Basil D hero of a 12<sup>th</sup> century epic poem (PL608)

Elei mosýni do ri tí s (ελεημοσύνηδωρητής): 'almsgiver' John the A, 7<sup>th</sup> century Patriarch of Alexandria (BM204)

Eukratas (εγκρατείς): 'The Abstemious' nickname of John Moschus ()

Eugenikos (Ευγενικός): 'the courteous', Mark (of Ephesus) E, 15<sup>th</sup> century theologian (BP135)

Gerontas (Γέροντας): the Old, Michael VI Bringas G, Emperor 1056-7 (BM137)

Gymnós (γυμνός): 'naked' (PL 631)

Honestus: Latin, honoured or distinguished (BM244, B488)

Indicopleustes: 'who sailed to India', Cosmas, trader and writer of an account of a journey to Malabar in 522 (BM656)

Karbonopsina (Καρβωνοψίνα): Zoe K, 'with the coalblack eyes', wife of Leo VI (W)

Ladder (Κλίμαξ), of the: John Climacus, 7<sup>th</sup> century theologian and saint (PL623)

Macedonian, the (ὁ Μακεδών): Basil I the M

Emperor 867-886 (BM196)

Mavrocatacalon (AC 302) Marianus

Morotheodoros (Μωροθεόδωρος): 'Theodore the

Fool', See T Mankaphas)

Néa (Nέα): 'New', Basil the N, 10<sup>th</sup> century seer and saint (PL584)

Néos Theológos (Νέος Θεολόγος): 'New Theologian' Simeon the NT, 11<sup>th</sup> century mystic and saint (PL584)

Orphanotrophos (Όρφανοτρόφος): bringer up of orphans (BM297), John O, parakoimōmemos under Romanus III (W)

Pachýs (ὁ παχύς): 'fat', John (the F) Comnenus, attempted coup leader against Alexios III Angelos (BM225)

Pantechnes: Michael P, 'many skills' (AC510) Ptochoprodromus (Πτωγοπρόδρομος): 'Poor

Prodromus': see Theodore Prodromus.

Rhinotmetos (ὁ ἡ ινότμητος): 'slit or cut-nosed', Justinian II R, 7<sup>th</sup> century Emperor (L137) Phileote (PL 584)

Psellos (Ψελλός): 'the Stammerer' Michael P, 12<sup>th</sup> century scholar, (BM137)

Scholasticus (Σχολαστικός): 'pedantic' John S 6<sup>th</sup> century Patriarch of Constantinople and saint (BP19) Sklavenoi: the Slav (L60)

Studite: any resident of the monastery of Hagios Ioannes Prodromos en tois Stoudiou (Saint John the Forerunner at Stoudios) founded by the Consul Stoudios in 462, the most important monastery in Constantinople (PL597)

Stylite: from 'pillar', any saint who sat on a pillar to be removed form the world, Joshua S (BM174)

Thaumaturgus (θαῦ μα ἕ ργον): miracle worker Symeon T, holy man (BP19)

# **Titles Suitable for Foreign Rulers**

These are taken from the *Book of Ceremonies*, a complete protocol for running a complex court establishment written in the seventh century. It incuded such items as the robes suitable for different ranks, stations and titles. "Salaried titles without duties, sinecures that is, became annuities in modern terms when sold to raise capital funds, and they could be especially valuable giftsd for useful foreigners." This entire section, unless noted, is from L132.

• Variantions on 'outside ruler'

**Exousiarches** 

Exousiaokrator

**Exousiastes** 

• Variation on an ancient term for ruler or high official, more loosely 'prince' Archegetes

Archegos Archon

Archon of archons

Exarchon

• Variation on 'overlord'

Hegemon

Hegemonarches

Kahegemon

Prohegemon or proegemon

• Variants from Spartan 'overseer'

**Dynastes** 

**Epheoros** 

Hegetor

Prohegetor

**Protos** 

• Variants on 'great rule giver'

Diataktor

Hyperechon

Hypertatos

Koiranos

Megalodoxos

Panhypertatos

• King

Rēgas (term for Westerners) (W)

Rex

• 'Prince'

Prinkips (from Latin *princeps* first citizen)

• 'Duke'

Doux (from Latin *dux* regional commander)

• Vaiants on 'tribal chief'

Ethnarkes

**Patarchos** 

Phylarchos

**Toparches** 

• Variants on 'general'

Stratarches

Strategos

Stratelates

Stratiarchos

• Variants on 'infantry formation commander'

**Taxiarches** 

**Taxiarchos** 

• Variants on 'magnificent'

Megaloprepes

Megaloprepestatos

Pepothemenos

• Variants on 'most esteemed'

Endoxos

Endoxotatos

• Variations on 'distinguished'

Periphanes

Periphanestatos

Peribleptatos

Peribleptos

• Variantions on 'well born'

Eugenes

Eugenestatos

• 'Lord'

**Kvrios** 

**Kyriotatos** 

Various

Aglaos

Aglaotatos

Amantor

Aragos

Ariprepes

Ariprepestatos

Boulephoros

**Entimos** 

**Entimotatos** 

**Epikouros** 

Epirrophos

Eritimos

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Eritimotatos Gerousiotatos

Gerousios

Hegoumenos (currently abbot)

Olbios

Olbiotatos

Phaidimos

Phaidimotatos

Pro(h)egemoumenos

Prōtosebastos: 'First Venerable One' given in the 12<sup>th</sup> century to the Doge of Venice and the Sultan of

Iconium (W).

Satrapes (taken from the Persian title)

Synkletikos

## Terms and words

Akritai (plural: ἀ κρίται, singular: Akritēs, ἀ κρίτης): eastern light infantry border warriors (L221)

Armamentum / on: (Latin) the entire aggregate of equipment and techniques available to a practicioner (BM331)

Atsinganoi: a tribal group. Originally a Sind tribe, known as the Jat, horticulturists, probably untouchables, known as thieves and rogues, around the 10<sup>th</sup> century they were transported to Syria by Arabs to around Ain Zarba. There they were known

as the Zutt. They were captured by the Romans in the 11<sup>th</sup> century and moved into the Empire.

Probably later became the Rom or Gypsies (HK307)

Bandae: 8<sup>th</sup> century unit size, 5 per drungi (L179). Caelicolae: Latin, 'heaven fearer', a person who

follows Jewish rites without converting (L210)

Capitatio: Latin, the manpower of an area (L201)

Century: 8<sup>th</sup> century unit size 2 per bandae (L179).

Collatio lustralis: Latin, a tax on wealth, buildings, animals, tools & slaves (L201)

Consistorium: Latin, place of assembly of a decision-making council (BM190, B408)

Dolabra: trenching tool (L23?)

Dromos (δρόμος): road

Drungi: 8<sup>th</sup> century unit size, two per 'mere' or 'turmae' (L179).

Episkepsis (επίσκεψη): literally 'visitation' an injuction or denunciation (BM58)

Epoptēs (ἐ πόπτης): spectator or eyewitness thus one who is admitted into the highest grade of holy mysteries (BM414)

Fabrica or phabrix: Latin, usually the state workshop of artisans (BM416, B466)

Gaon: '(school) head' (L211)

Genikon: belonging to the race or tribe (BM140)

Gynaecium (γυνήοἶ κος): women's quarters (BM560) Hetaireia megalē (greater), mesē (middle) and mikra

(little): divisions of the Hetaireia, the barbarian troops (BM 186)

Hugron pir: 'liquid fire' (L214)

Jugatio: yield of an area (L201)

Khazaroi: pertaining to the Khazars, especially a military unit part of the Hetaireia (BM186)

Khōneia: foundry, possibly for gold (BM225)

Khrysioplysiai / oi: 'places for the washing of the gold', possibly same as khōneia (BM225)

Koine (κοινή): language (W)

Limitanei: Latin, connected with the State borders (BM166)

Manglavitai (μαγ[ $\gamma$ ]λαβίται): A category of palace guards, armed with sword and cudgel (manglavion) (BM191) (W)

Mansio: lodging place, abode (BM73)

Mere: 8<sup>th</sup> century unit, alternative to 'turmae', 2 per Tagmata (L179).

Meros: 6<sup>th</sup> century (pre-reform) unit of up to 7,000, 3 per 'army', commanded by a Merarch (L236)

Myriocephalon: 'a thousand mountainpeaks', a battle in Anatolia in the 12<sup>th</sup> century (L231)

Panaghia Muchliotiótissa: 'All Saints of the Mongols', church in Constantinople (L144)

Pharganoi: may be a period mis-spelling of Pharangoi (Varangians) or else pertaining to some central Asian mercenaries, military unit part of the Hetaireia (BM186)

Pyle (πύλη): gate (L73)

Scholae or Skholai: military unit of Tagmata (BM186) Scholarii or skholarioi: belonging to the scholae (BM243)

Scribo (BM 190): to write, I write, something written Scrinium (BM 390): book box or letter case Skēnē basilikē: Imperial theatre (?) (BM272)

Soula: moat (L73)

Spatha: sword

Stathmos (σταθμός): 28km, the distance between two stations on the Persian Royal Road (BM99)
Stratiōtikou (στρατιωτικοῦ): military (BM410)
Tagma ton Teikan: battalion of the walls, from 8<sup>th</sup> century (L75).

Tagmata: 8<sup>th</sup> century unit size of 4,000 men, usually translated as battalion, but brigade is more accurate (BM130) (L179). Four of the six were the *Scholai*, the senior unit, the *Exkoubitoi*, the sentinels, the *Hikanatoi*, the able ones, and the *Noumera*. (BM622)

Tamieion (Ταμιείον) basilikon / koinon: inner rooms of the Emperor (?) (BM131)

Taxiōtai (ταξιῶται): urban police of Constantinople (W)

Teikos: Wall (L72)

Thyranoixia: 'Gate-opening' a service of dedication for a new church.

Turma /tourma: pre-reform troop or squadron (BM193)

Turmae: 8<sup>th</sup> century unit, alternative to 'mere', 2 per Tagmata (L179)

Xenodokheion: place for strangers to lodge (BM134) Zupania or Zupanate: county, ruled by a Zupan, 10<sup>th</sup> century (L164)

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