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KINGDOM AND EMPIRE OF SERBIA

Another significant adversary of the Byzantines was the Slavic state of Serbia. The Serbs were supposedly Christianized at the time of Heraclius, though it seems more likely that Orthodoxy arrived around 867-874. Symeon the Great of Bulgaria overran Serbia but Prince Časlav organized an independent Serb state after the Bulgar ruler's death.

The apogee of Serb power came under Stefan Uroš IV Dušan (1331-1355) who took advantage of civil strife within the Empire to create a short-lived Serb-Greek Balkan Empire and an independent Serb Patriarchate at Peć. He was the last effective ruler of the Nemanja Dynasty. The Serb realm then crumbled and after the disaster at Kosovo in 1389 the once-powerful state became a vassal of the Ottoman Turks.

Extremely Rare Serbian Trachy of Stephan II



Stephan II Ducas Radoslav (1228-1233). Aspron Trachy. *Ras.* Christ, bearded and nimbate, wearing himation over chiton, seated upon throne without back, r. hand raised in benediction, holding book of Gospels in 1.; in field 1. and r., IC and X[C] (line over X). Rv. 'TEΦANCPI5OΔ [OKUNCTANT-INOC]. Standing facing figures of Stephan, wearing stemma with pendilia, collar-piece and loros over divitision, hand on breast, and St. Constantine, similarly dressed, holding labarum-headed scepter; they hold between them, patriarchal cross on long shaft. Billon 3.88 grams, 6h. DOC 4. p. 637, 2.1, pl. 47; Jovanović 4. Extremely rare. Extremely Fine. (4,000-4,500) *Ex Tkalec sale, October 1992, Lot 556.*



3550 Stephan Dragutin (1276-1282). Dinar. Christ seated facing on throne with back, cross nimbate, holding book of Gospels on I. knee; in upper field, I. and r., IC and XC. Rv. STEFANVS [∪]STEFANV³. Standing figures of Stephan, wearing loros; and St. Stephan, nimbate; holding banner between them; by banner, R/€/X. AR 2.22 grams, 6h. Jovanović 1.1. Extremely Fine. (425-475) *Ex Hirsch sale* 165, 1990, Lot 1573.



3551 Stephan Urosh II Milutin (1282-1321). Dinar. Christ seated facing on throne with back, cross nimbate, holding book of Gospels on l. knee; in upper field, l. and r., IC and XC; in middle field l. and r., lis. Rv. MON€T ∧ R€GISVROSI. Stephan seated facing, wearing crown, holding lis-tipped scepter and globus with patriarchal cross. AR 2.10 grams, 6h. Jovanović 12. Rare. Nearly Extremely Fine. (1,100-1,300)

Ex Lanz sale 87, 1998, Lot 803.





3552 Stephan Urosh II Milutin (1282-1321). Dinar. Christ seated facing on throne with back, cross nimbate, holding book of Gospels on l. knee; in upper field, l. and r., IC and XC; in middle field l. and r., P and T. Rv. ST€FA[N] VROSIVS. Standing figures Stephan, wearing loros; and St. Stephan, nimbate; holding banner with 4 between them; by banner, R/€/X. AR 2.19 grams, 6h. Jovanović 5. Extremely Fine. (150-175)

Purchased from Baldwin, April 1978.



3553 Stephan Urosh II Milutin (1282-1321). Dinar. Christ seated facing on throne with back, cross nimbate, holding book of Gospels on l. knee; in upper field, l. and r., IC and XC. Rv. SSTEFAN VRIOSIVS. Standing figures Stephan, wearing loros; and St. Stephan, nimbate; holding between them, banner; by banner, R/€/X. AR 1.99 grams, 1h. Jovanović 13. Good Very Fine. (150-175) *Ex Lanz sale 79, 1996, Lot 1115.*



3554 Stephan Urosh III Decanski (1321-1331). Dinar. Christ seated facing on throne with back, cross nimbate, holding book of Gospels on l. knee; in upper field, l. and r., C and XC. Rv. + CTEΦAN bKPAAb. Stephan seated facing, wearing crown and holding sword on knees and globus cruciger. AR 2.21 grams, 6h. Jovanović 3. About Extremely Fine. (250-275)

Ex Lanz sale 89, 1998, Lot 960.



3555 Stephan Urosh IV Ducan Tsar (1345-1355). Dinar. Bust of Christ facing, cross nimbate, r. hand raised in benediction, holding scroll with l.; in upper field, l. and r., IQ/N and XQ/ & (line over legend). Rv. Stephan on horseback r., holding labarum; in field l. and r., Serbian monograms; beneath horse, w. AR 1.40 grams, 3h. Jovanović 27. About Very Fine. (575-625)

Ex Crédit Suisse Bern list 31, 1980, Lot 185.



3556 Stephan Urosh IV and Helena (1345-1355). Dinar. Christ seated facing on throne with back, cross nimbate, r. hand raised in benediction, holding book of Gospels in l. Rv. Standing facing figures of Stephan and Helena, each wearing crown with pendilia and loros, hands on breast; they hold between them, patriarchal cross on long shaft. AR 0.79 grams, 9h. Jovanović 49. Good Very Fine. (200-225)

Ex Lanz sale 79, 1996, Lot 1118.



Stephan Urosh V and Anna (1355-1371). Dinar. Christ standing 3557 on dais, cross nimbate, r. hand raised in benediction, holding book of Gospels in I.; in upper field, I. and r., $\overline{\mathbb{C}}$ and $\overline{\mathbb{XC}}$; in field I. and r., three *. Rv. Standing facing figures of Stephan and Anna, each wearing crown with pendilia and holding scepter; they hold between them, patriarchal cross on long shaft on two steps. AR 1.27 grams, 6h. Jovanović 17. Slight abrasions. About Extremely Fine. (225-275)

Ex Lanz sale 89, 1998, Lot 971.



Vukashin (1366-1371). Dinar. Christ seated facing on throne with 3558 back, cross nimbate, r. hand raised in benediction, holding book of Gospels in l.; in field r. 7-. Rv. Serbian legend. AR 1.07 grams, 9h. Jovanović 16. Good Very Fine. (225 - 275)Ex Lanz sale 89, 1998, Lot 975.



3559 Stephan Lazar Pribićević (1372-1389). Dinar. Christ seated facing on throne with back, cross nimbate, r. hand raised in benediction, holding book of Gospels in I. Rv. Stephan seated facing, wearing crown with pendilia, holding scepter and scroll. AR 1.01 grams, 6h. Jovanović 3. Very Fine. (375-425)

Ex Lanz sale 89, 1998, Lot 976.



3560 Vuk Branković (1389-1397). Dinar. Christ seated facing on throne with back, cross nimbate, holding book of Gospels. Rv. Vuk standing facing, wearing crown and loros, holding scepter. AR 0.94 grams, 6h. Jovanović 26. Good Very Fine. (225 - 275)Ex Lanz sale 87, 1998, Lot 805.



- Stephan Lazarević Hrebeljanović, Despot (1401-1427). Dinar. 3561 Serbian legend around head of Christ facing within dotted cross nimbus. Rv. Helmet l., with two horns. AR 0.48 grams, 2h. Jovanović 3. Very rare. Very Fine. (700-800)
 - Ex de Wit Collection (Künker sale 137, 2008, Lot 3897).

KINGDOM OF BOSNIA



Stephan Tomašević, Despot (1459), King (1459-1463). Dinar. St. Gregory standing facing, nimbate and wearing bishop's vestments, holding crozier and raising r. hand in benediction. Rv. Crowned helmet l. over shield, between R and pentagram. AR 1.08 grams, 3h. Jovanović 2. **Rare.** Good Very Fine. (425-475)

Stephan Tomašević—also rendered Stipan or Stjepan—was the last despot of Serbia in 1459 and became king of Bosnia in 1461. Sultan Mehmet II invaded Bosnia in 1463 and when support from Venice failed to materialize the royal city of Bobovac soon fell, leaving Tomašević to retreat to Jajce and later to Ključ. The Bosnian Kingdom was soon conquered by the Ottoman Empire. The King was captured in Ključ, and despite promises to the contrary, brought back to Jajce and beheaded on the nearby field known as Carevo Polje (Tzar Fields). *Ex Lanz sale 87, 1998, Lot 807.*

DOGES OF VENICE



Ranieri Zeno (1253-1268). Grosso. Christ on throne with back, cross nimbate, r. hand on breast, holding book of Gospels in l.; in upper field l. and r., IC and XC. Rv. • RA • CENO • S • M • V ENETI, by banner, DVX. Standing facing figures of Ranieri and St. Mark; they hold banner between them. AR 2.16 grams, 6h. CNI 1ff.; Paolucci p. 19, 1. Extremely Fine. (75-85) *Ex Septentiades, September 1974.*

PATRIARCHATE OF AQUILEIA



3564 Volkero of Ellenbrechtskirchen (1204-1218). Denaro. + CIVITAS AQVILEGIA. Nimbate eagle r. Rv. VOLF KERP●.The seated patriarch facing, wearing mitre, hand holding long cross and book of Gospels. AR 1.13 grams, 5h. Bernardi 12. Extremely Fine. (75-85) Ex Münzen und Medaillen sale 87, 1998, Lot 370.



3565 Bertoldo of Andechs-Meran (1218-1251). Denaro. + • CIVITAS • AQVIL€GIA •. Bust of the Virgin Mary orans. Rv. B€RTO LDVSP
•. The seated patriarch facing, wearing mitre, holding long cross and book of Gospels. AR 1.19 grams, 9h. Bernardi 16. Very rare. About Extremely Fine. (1,250-1,350)

Ex Hess-Divo sale 274, 1998, Lot 114.