

Theodore II Lascaris - Theologian and Emperor (1222-1258)

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Abstract

This study is aimed not only for byzantine history lovers but also for those who appreciate the patristic and postpatristic treasure. The Emperor Theodore II Lascaris's personality is treated in different aspects. Both the biography and the role he played as a statesman and defender of Christianity are important themes which serve better knowledge of the XIII-th century in Christian Byzantium. Of course, the most important aspect is related to his prolific work, highly valuable, covering various fields: literature, philosophy and theology. Regarding theological contribution, we can say that he intertwined successfully notions of sciences and philosophy, together with knowledge of Scripture and the Holy Fathers works, all of which are in the service of explaining dogma and dogmatic reality so that they become comprehensive to common people. Theodore II Lascaris remains a landmark for posterity of the intelligentsia represented by the Empire of Nicaea, which deserves being thoroughly studied in all aspects. The novelty of this study is especially learning on its work with theological character, theme untreated in Romanian before.