

Nichifor Vlemidis (1197-1272) - a Holy and Wise Man

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Abstract

Nichifor Vlemidis was characterized as **a holy and wise man**. Emperor Theodore II and scholar Gheorghios Acropolitis spoke of their teacher with admiration, calling him the "treasure of word and wisdom," "the voice of God," and "the flower of philosophy." Vlemidis made from Nicaea a city of philosophy. For Vlemidis, who has studied all his life, the path to truth is the way to God, Who is the truth. For Vlemidis, the monastery was the best place to work virtue and to come closer to God. That's why he wanted to stay away from the noise of the world, living a spiritual life. He avoided worldly dignities and functions. The unceasing prayer was the rule of his life. He had a profound faith and did not accept the injustices of the strong. He was a first-person personality in the Nicene Empire.