

*Portraits of
Emperor
Ioannis VIII
Palaiologos*



Byzantine emperor Manuel II Palaiologos, Empress Helena and three of their sons - the co-emperor John VIII and the Despots Theodore and Andronikos, originally brought to the Monastery of St Denis in Paris by Manuel Chrysoloras in 1408 as a gift from Emperor Manuel II Palaiologos, Louvre MS. Ivoires 100 manuscript, Louvre Museum, Paris, France

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Manuel_II_Helena_sons.JPG

This golden seal of John VIII displays Christ before a low throne on the obverse, and the emperor, wearing a crown and loros, holding a long cross and an akakia on the reverse, D. 38.0 mm, Dumbarton Oaks, Washington DC, USA



Folios 293v, 294r and 294v of Mutinensis gr. 122,
featuring portraits of emperors from John II Komnenos
to Constantine XI Palaiologos, 15th-century codex written
in Greek, Biblioteca Estense in Modena, Italy

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mutinensis_gr._122



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Sketches of the Emperor John VIII Palaeologus, horses, and figures, 1438, MI 1062, Recto, Pen and brown ink on ivory laid paper, 0.2x0.291 m, Louvre Museum, Paris, France

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<https://collections.louvre.fr/en/ark:/53355/cl020111456>

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Sketches of the Emperor John VIII Palaeologus, a Monk, and a Scabbard, 1438, Pen and brown ink on ivory laid paper, 18.9x26.5 cm, Art Institute of Chicago, USA

<https://www.artic.edu/artworks/113568/sketches-of-the-emperor-john-viii-palaeologus-a-monk-and-a-scabbard>



**Pisanello (Antonio di Puccio di
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Portrait of John VIII Palaiologos,
Emperor of Constantinople, c. 1438.
Codex Vallardi 2478, 25.8x19 cm,
Louvre, Paris, France



Pisanello (Antonio di Puccio di Giovanni de Cereto), 1395-c. 1455
Medal with Ioannis VIII Palaeologus, Emperor of Constantinople, 1438, Lead,
possibly a trial cast, D. 10.38 cm, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC,
USA

<https://www.nga.gov/collection/artist-info.2228.html#works>



My amateurish attempt at photography...

Pisanello's Medallion of Ioannis VIII Palaiologos, a loan from the Galleria Giorgio Franchetti at the Ca' d'Oro, Venice, as exhibited in the Hôtel de la Marine, in Paris, France



Antonio di Puccio,
dit PISANELLO
(1395–1455?)

Jean VIII Paléologue

Bronze, patine brune
Inv. cat. me.230

Cherchant un appui contre la progression des Turcs, l'empereur byzantin vint en Italie à l'occasion d'un concile œcuménique en 1438. Cette médaille commémore son passage à Ferrare, où il laissa surtout le souvenir d'un chasseur passionné de chevaux.



**Portrait of the Byzantine
Emperor John VIII Palaiologos,
1440, Codex 2123 fol. 30v,
Library of the Holy Monastery of
Saint Catherine, Sinai, Egypt**

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:John_VIII_Palaiologos,_Sinai.jpg



Benozzo Gozzoli, c. 1421 - 1497
Procession of the Magi, 1459-60,
Palazzo Medici-Riccardi in Florence,
Italy

On the South wall of the Palazzo Chapel, the depicted middle King is considered to be a portrait of Emperor John VII Paleologus

[http://www.travelingintuscany.com/art/benozzogozzoli/
processionofthemagi.htm](http://www.travelingintuscany.com/art/benozzogozzoli/processionofthemagi.htm)



Filarete (Antonio di Pietro Averlino), c. ? - 1460
Meeting of the Florence council (Emperor John VIII Palaiologos), bronze
church portal in the atrium of St. Peter, about 1445, Rome, Italy

<https://www.byzanz-mainz.de/en/activities/a/article/practice-knowledge-and-communication-in-interreligious-relations-byzantium-and-its-legacy-in-the-l/>



Piero della Francesca,
Flagellation of Christ, c. 1455-65, oil
and tempera on wood, 58.4 × 81.5 cm,
Galleria Nazionale delle Marche,
Urbino, Italy

<https://smarthistory.org/piero-della-francescas-flagellation-of-christ/>
and <https://www.wikiart.org/en/piero-della-francesca/the-flagellation-of-christ-detail-1>

