

THE GREATEST BYZANTINE ASTRONOMER NICEPHOROS GREGORAS AND SERBS

Nicephoros Gregoras (1295-1360) is considered along with his teacher, Theodoros Metochites, as the most significant scholar and the greatest astronomer of Byzantium. Gregoras was the first to propose, in 1324, a correction to the calculation of the Easter, and the reform of the Julian calendar similar to the one adopted later, in 1582, by the Pope Gregory XIII. His famous book *Byzantine history* is an important source for the researches on medieval Serbia. He was also in a diplomatic mission on the court of serbian king Stefan Dečanski.