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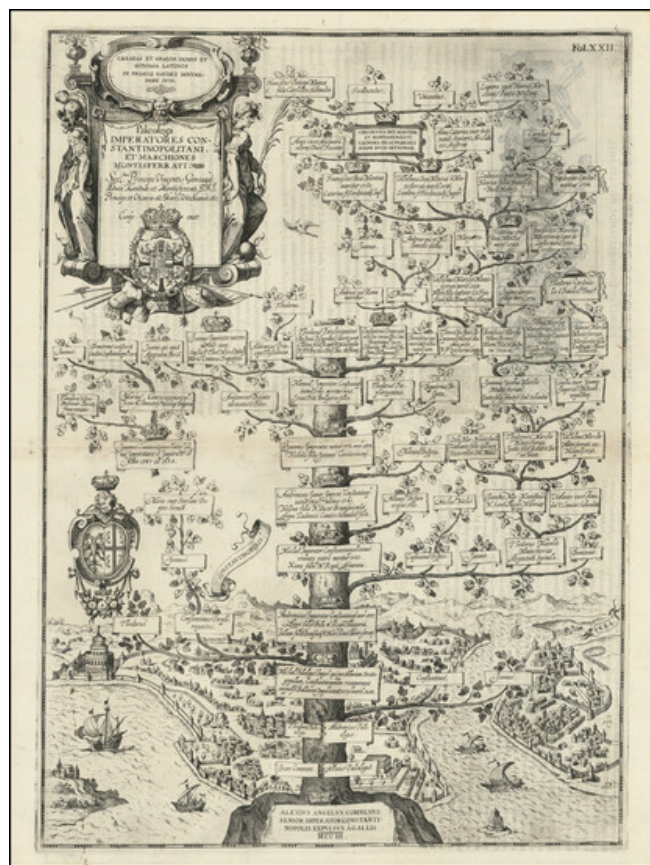
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Description:

Celebrating the Gonzaga Family History Back to Constantinople

Fascinating genealogical chart, detailing the lineage of the Palaiologos family, associated with the Byzantine Empire as part of the broader family genealogy of the Gonzaga Family.

The image depicts the title section of a genealogical tree, rich with heraldic and symbolic importance, indicative of noble lineage and historical significance. The Latin inscriptions celebrate the intertwined histories of the Byzantine Palaiologos dynasty and the Western European noble house of Gonzaga. The text, "Caesares et Graios, Domus et Gonsaga Latinos in proavis gaudet dinum, rare suis," can be translated as, "The house of Gonzaga, rare in its ancestors, rejoices in having both Caesars and Greeks, Latins in their lineage." The text reflects the Gonzaga family's pride in their diverse heritage, boasting



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connections to imperial and possibly royal lines, both Eastern Roman (Byzantine) and Latin (Western European).

From the base, at the center, the name "Michael Palaeologus Imperator," is highlighted, referencing Michael VIII Palaiologos, who recaptured Constantinople and restored the Byzantine Empire, leading to the expulsion of the Latin Empire's last emperor, Baldwin II, in 1261. Other names, such as "Theodora Pal. ologa," "Andronicus Pal. ologus," and "Alexius Pal. ologus," indicate family members, likely his offspring.

The chart also mentions "Alexius Angelus Comnenus," possibly referring to Alexios Angelos Komnenos, a title that suggests a link to the imperial Comnenian dynasty.

The inscription at the bottom may allude to Alexios' expulsion from Constantinople by the Gauls in 1203.

Detailed Condition: