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261  Magnentius (?) 350-353 AD. Tessera or Weight. 4.37 gm. An AE2 (Centenionalis) that has been altered to serve as a token or weight. The obverse has been completely smoothed and an edge-to-edge X-shaped cross neatly etched in (similar to that commonly seen on early Byzantine Nomisma weights) / Chi-rho, A-w. The edges have been cut down to conform to the desired size and weight, but a small snippet of legend is left on the Chi-rho side. Interesting. Deep olive-green. Good VF 100.

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264  ½ Follis, regnal year 12. Nicomedia. Helmeted facing bust hldg globus cruciger, cross in field / Large K, cross above, NI below. SB 203. Typical weakness on upper face, otherwise sharply struck. Good VF 75.


266  Maurice Tiberius, 582-602 AD. GOLD Solidus. Constantinople, officina Δ. 4.45 gm. Draped and cuirassed bust facing, wearing a plumed helmet and holding a globus cruciger / Angel standing facing holding a long staff surmounted looped cross; CONOB in ex. Double-struck on both sides creating two busts and two angels. EF 350.