

Summary

BISHOPS OF NAISS FROM IV TO VI CENTURY

Great number of archeological sites (church foundations, tombs, baptisteries) on the territory of Nis testify about early roots of Christianity with great possibility that the town also had local saints. During the period from IV to VI century the following city bishops were recorded: Kiriak (before 343 A.D.), Gaudentius (343 and on) as the participant of the council of Sardica who invited St. Athanasius to come to Nis and served the Easter Liturgy in 344. After Gaudentius, the bishop of Nis was Bonos who was spreading the heretic teaching ("Bonos's Heresy") through entire Moesia Superior. At the time when Prisko passed through Nis, which was already devastated by the Huns (448), bishop Dalmatius was mentioned as the participant of the council in Ephesus. The next bishop was Gaianus who appeared in 516 conflicts with Monophysitism.

The last known bishop in VI century was Projectus, the participant of Fifth Universal Council (553 A.D.).