

Pythagoras Byzantinus:
**Pythagoras and Pythagoreanism in Byzantine Thought
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Abstract

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Pletho and Pythagoras

In this talk, I am going to address the relation between the Byzantine intellectual Georgios Gemistos Pletho (*ca* 1355–1452 [?]) and the ancient philosopher Pythagoras. In order to do so, I am going to look at a number of references to Pythagoras that Gemistos made in his own writings. Secondly, I am also presenting the Pythagorean material that I have found in Gemistos Pletho's working copies of Plato and, where possible, the other sources that may have affected Gemistos' view of Pythagoras and his doctrines.