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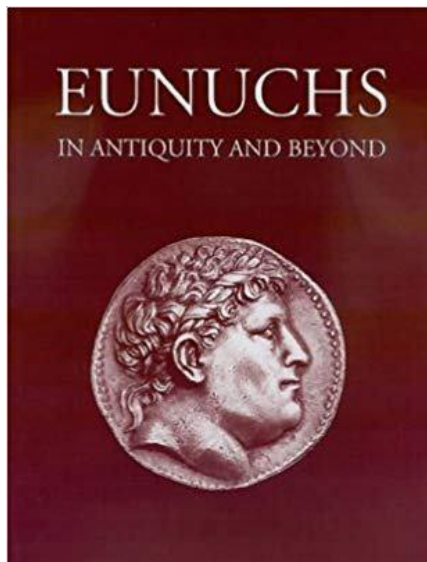


Our next meeting is Sunday – November 11, 2018: Lunch at 2 PM, Speaker at 3 PM

Eunuchs and the Slave Trade in Imperial Rome

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For there are eunuchs who were born so from their mother's womb: and there are eunuchs who were made so by men: and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 19:12



Eunuchs were found in all levels of ancient societies, and the way in which one became a eunuch influenced the sort of eunuch one became. Men aspiring to the priesthood of Cybele used a procedure different from the one meant to produce impotent men, and still another procedure was used to make a man infertile without loss of sexual function.

What the castrati shared was a social and, by the Imperial Roman period, legal stigma, especially among those who were meant to be used by female owners for sex work.

Understanding the medical procedures available and the circumstances in which they were performed provides insight into what the word "eunuch" meant in ancient times. This lecture will delve into what it was like to live as a eunuch in the Roman world, and include a discussion and illustrations of reproductive anatomy and ancient medical procedures.

Meeting Place:

Haifa Grill / 3541 Carlin Springs Rd / Fall Church / VA / 22041/ 703-820-4243

Free parking

Standard Costs: **Members** Meal \$25.00 Lecture \$7.00 *per person*
 Non-members Meal \$25.00 Lecture \$10.00 *per person*

We also welcome those only interested in attending the lecture, which will begin at approximately 3 pm

HOW TO MAKE A RESERVATION:

Please go to the BASONOVA PayPal portal to pay for luncheon & lecture reservations via your credit card:

<http://www.basonova.org/upcoming-lectures.html>

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