

Dedication to Jupiter

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Type of monument

altar

Material

limestone

Find place

Opanets, found in 1978 during archaeological surveys in the locality of Smradlya to the northeast of the village

Observed in

Exhibited in the lapidarium of the Regional Historical Museum in Pleven

Origin**Dimensions**

height 44 cm, width 43 cm, depth 32 cm

Institution and inventory

[Regional Historical Museum - Pleven](#)

No 1756

Hand description

Guidelines

Letter size

height 6.6-7.2 cm

Layout description

Fragment from the upper part of an altar, cut below and on the right; moulded above. The width is 43 cm at the moulding, and 38 cm at the lower part; the depth is 32 cm at the top, and 23.5 cm below. The moulding is 20 cm high. The inscription starts at 5.5 cm under the moulding. The only preserved line is followed by a blank space, so it is uncertain if the text might have continued with name(s) of dedicant(s).

Inscription field**Decoration description****Text****Category of inscription**

dedication

Date

II - III c. AD

Dating criteria

lettering

Images



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Text

- Interpretive
 - Diplomatic
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I(ovi) ((·)) O(ptimo) ((·)) M(aximo)
 (vac.)
 [-----?]

Text

- [Translation](#)
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To Jupiter the Best and the Greatest - [- - -?]

Apparatus

Commentary

The altar is dedicated to the Roman supreme god Jupiter, whose cult is well-attested in that region. The text possibly continued below, in the lost part of the altar, with personal names and a dedicatory formula. The altar had been cut for re-use as building material, possibly during the Late antique period.