Magical gem: Figure with torches (A) τιρο (B)

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Material heliotrope

Dimensions 19.8 x 15 x 2.5 mm

Dating 2nd-3rd c. AD (Henig -

MacGregor)

figure, male; torches (2);

torch, burning; modius; rays

(5); clothing: tunic; shoes:

boots



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A: Standing male figure, head to left, wearing a short tunic and boots. Head crowned with a modius and encircled with five rays, both arms lowered beside the body and slightly outstretched, holding burning torches. Letters on the left: θ ϵ , and three vertical dashes; on the right ς ? (retrograde) τ τ ? B: Inscription in one line: $\tau\iota\rho o$.

Bibliography

Iconography

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