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| **Later eastern empresses (457–1439)** |
| **Principate (27 BC – AD 284)** |
| **Julio-Claudian dynasty (27 BC – AD 68)** |
| |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Portrait | Name | Tenure | | | Life details & notes | | Emperor (spouse) | |  | Livia Drusilla | 16 January 27 BC – 19 August AD 14 (40 years, 7 months and 3 days) | | | 30 January 59 BC – AD 29 (aged 87)  Daughter of Marcus Livius Drusus Claudianus; married Tiberius Claudius Nero in 43 BC and then Octavian on 17 January 38 BC. Known as "Julia Augusta" after his death; deified by Claudius on 17 January AD 42. The longest-reigning empress | | Octavian Augustus (r. 27 BC – AD 14) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/7/73/Dupondius-Livia-RIC_0043v.jpg/300px-Dupondius-Livia-RIC_0043v.jpg | | | |  | | | | | **Caligula and His Sisters** | | | | | | | | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/d/d3/Livia_Orestilla.jpg/100px-Livia_Orestilla.jpg | | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/4/42/Lollia_Paulina.jpg/100px-Lollia_Paulina.jpg | | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/8/8a/Milonia_Caesonia.jpg/100px-Milonia_Caesonia.jpg | | | https://tellmeaboutcoins.files.wordpress.com/2021/04/sisters.jpg?w=800 | | | | Roma Numismatics Limited - The truth of Caligula's relationship with his  sisters, and with Drusilla in particular as his favourite of the three, may  never be accurately discerned from the surviving historical | | | | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/54/Orestilla%2C_wife_of_Caligula.png/100px-Orestilla%2C_wife_of_Caligula.png | Orestilla | c. AD 37   (very briefly) | | | Second wife of Caligula; forced to marry him immediately after her marriage to Gaius Calpurnius Piso. After the divorce they were both exiled for alleged adultery. Probably the shortest-reigning empress. | | Caligula (r. 37–41) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/0/03/Paulina%2C_wife_of_Caligula.png/100px-Paulina%2C_wife_of_Caligula.png | Lollia Paulina | c. AD 38   (a few months) | | | Daughter of [Marcus Lollius](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marcus_Lollius_(son_of_consul)), originally married to Publius Memmius Regulus. Forced to commit suicide | | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/b/b0/Caesaraea_Paneas._Caesonia.jpg/100px-Caesaraea_Paneas._Caesonia.jpg | Milonia Caesonia | Summer 39 – 24 January 41 (about 1 year and a half) | | | Born on 3 June of an unknown date, married to another man before becoming Caligula's mistress. Murdered alongside Caligula and their daughter Julia Drusilla | | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/8/84/Messalinaandbritannicus_detail.jpg/100px-Messalinaandbritannicus_detail.jpg | Valeria Messalina | 24 January 41 – AD 48 (7 years) | | | Daughter of Marcus Valerius Messalla. Executed after having an affair with Gaius Silius; suffered *damnatio memoriae*. | | Claudius (r. 41–54) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/d/db/Rome_Agrippina_Minor.jpg/100px-Rome_Agrippina_Minor.jpg | Agrippina the Younger *Julia Agrippina* | 1 January 49 – 13 October 54 (5 years, 9 months and 12 days) | | | 6 November 15 – 23 March 59 (aged 43)  Daughter of Germanicus Julius Caesar and mother of Nero, named *augusta* in AD 50. Killed in unclear circumstances | | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/6/67/Ritratto_di_claudia_ottavia%2C_da_roma%2C_via_varese.JPG/100px-Ritratto_di_claudia_ottavia%2C_da_roma%2C_via_varese.JPG | Claudia Octavia | 13 October 54 – AD 62 (7 years and a few months) | | | 39/40 AD – 9 June 62 (aged 22–23)  Daughter of Claudius and Valeria Messalina. Exiled and later executed. | | Nero (r. 54–68) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/0/06/Portrait_of_Poppaea_Sabina_%28cropped%29.jpg/100px-Portrait_of_Poppaea_Sabina_%28cropped%29.jpg | Poppaea Sabina | AD 62 – AD 65 (3 years) | | | 30/32 AD – early Summer 65 (aged 33–35)  Daughter of Titus Ollius; married Rufrius Crispinus c. 50, then the future emperor Otho in 58. Named *augusta* shortly after Claudia's birth in January 63, posthumously deified. | | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/3/33/Statilia_Messalina_crop.png/100px-Statilia_Messalina_crop.png | Statilia Messalina | early 66 – 9 June 68 (2 years) | | | c. 35 – c. 70 (aged approx. 35)  Daughter of Titus Statilius Taurus (consul 44), married consul Marcus Julius Vestinus Atticus in AD 63/64. Married Nero after the forced suicide of her husband; suffered *damnatio memoriae*. | | | **Year of the Four Emperors (69)** | | | | | | | | |
| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/8/8e/Galeria_Fundana%2C_wife_of_Vitellius.png/100px-Galeria_Fundana%2C_wife_of_Vitellius.png | Galeria Fundana | 19 April – 20 December 69 (8 months and 1 day) | Born on 3 January of an unknown date. Daughter of a pretor; possibly related to Publius Galerius Trachalus. | Vitellius (r. 69) | | **Flavian dynasty (81–96)** | | | | | |
| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/b/b8/Rome_Domitia_Longina.jpg/100px-Rome_Domitia_Longina.jpg | Domitia Longina | 14 September 81 – 18 September 96 (15 years and 4 days) | 11 February 50/55 – c. 126 (aged approx. 70–76)  Daughter of general Gnaeus Domitius Corbulo, first married to senator Lucius Aelius Aelianus. Named *augusta* after her marriage to Domitian. | Domitian (r. 81–96) | | **Nerva–Antonine dynasty (98–192)** | | | | | |
| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/d/de/Head_Roman_woman_Glyptothek_Munich_405.jpg/100px-Head_Roman_woman_Glyptothek_Munich_405.jpg | Pompeia Plotina | | 28 January 98 – 7/11 August 117 (19 years, 6 months and 10/14 days) | Trajan (r. 98–117) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/f/f7/Plotina_-_sestertius_-_RIC_0740.jpg/330px-Plotina_-_sestertius_-_RIC_0740.jpg | | |  | | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/3/32/Vibia_Sabina_crop.png/100px-Vibia_Sabina_crop.png | Vibia Sabina | | 11 August 117 – c. 137 (c. 20 years) | Hadrian (r. 117–138) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/a/a3/0150_Altes_Museum_Empress_Faustina_the_Elder_anagoria.JPG/100px-0150_Altes_Museum_Empress_Faustina_the_Elder_anagoria.JPG | Faustina the Elder *Annia Galeria Faustina* | | 10 July 138 – late October 140 (2 years and 3 months) | Antoninus Pius (r. 138–161) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/9/9d/DIVA_FAUSTINA-RIC_III_343_%28Pius%29-2600477.jpg/290px-DIVA_FAUSTINA-RIC_III_343_%28Pius%29-2600477.jpg | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/e/ed/Aeternitas_on_Sestertius_of_Faustina_Major.jpg/300px-Aeternitas_on_Sestertius_of_Faustina_Major.jpg | | | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/e/ef/Faustine_la_Jeune_02.JPG/100px-Faustine_la_Jeune_02.JPG | Faustina the Younger *Annia Galeria Faustina* | | 7 March 161 – 175 (14 years) | Marcus Aurelius (r. 161–180) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/e/e8/Aureus_struck_under_Antoninus_Pius_depicting_Faustina_the_Younger.jpg/220px-Aureus_struck_under_Antoninus_Pius_depicting_Faustina_the_Younger.jpg | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/2/25/Faustina_the_Younger_denarius_-_175_AD_%28replica%29.png/220px-Faustina_the_Younger_denarius_-_175_AD_%28replica%29.png | | | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/6/66/Lucilla_crop.png/100px-Lucilla_crop.png | Lucilla *Annia Aurelia Galeria Lucilla* | | 163 (?) – 169 (6 years) | Lucius Verus (r. 161–169) | |  | |  | | | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/1/1e/L%27Image_et_le_Pouvoir_-_T%C3%AAte_de_Crispine_01.jpg/100px-L%27Image_et_le_Pouvoir_-_T%C3%AAte_de_Crispine_01.jpg | Bruttia Crispina | | 178 – 191/2 (3–4 years) | Commodus (r. 180–192) | | undefined | |  | | | | **Year of the Five Emperors (193)** | | | | | |
| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/1/12/Flavia_Titiana%2C_wife_of_Pertinax.png/100px-Flavia_Titiana%2C_wife_of_Pertinax.png | Flavia Titiana | 1 January – 28 March 193 (2 months and 27 days) | Daughter of Titus Flavius Claudius Sulpicianus. Her fate is unknown, but she probably was spared alongside her children | Pertinax (r. 193) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/c/c9/Aureus_of_Manlia_Scantilla_%28obverse%29.jpg/100px-Aureus_of_Manlia_Scantilla_%28obverse%29.jpg | Manlia Scantilla | 28 March – 1 June 193 (2 months and 4 days) | Named *augusta* alongside her daughter Didia Clara. | Didius Julianus (r. 193) | | **Severan dynasty (193–227)** | | | | | |
| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/2/28/Julia_Domna_crop.png/100px-Julia_Domna_crop.png | Julia Domna | 9 April 193 – 4 February 211 (17 years, 9 months and 26 days) | October/December c. 170 – April 217 (aged approx. 47)  Daughter of Julius Bassianus, high priest of the Elagabal cult. Married Severus in 185, named *augusta* on 1 June 193, posthumously deified. After 211 she held the title of *mater castrorum et senatus et patriae*. | Septimius Severus (r. 193–211) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/4/4c/PlautillaProvIgnota-MNRPalMassimo1_%28cropped%29.JPG/100px-PlautillaProvIgnota-MNRPalMassimo1_%28cropped%29.JPG | Publia Fulvia Plautilla | 9/15 April 202 – c. 22 January 205 (1 year and 9 months) | Daughter of Gaius Fulvius Plautianus. Divorced after the execution of her father; killed by Caracalla in 221; suffered *damnatio memoriae*. | Caracalla    (r. 211–217) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/a/a5/Plautilla.jpg/220px-Plautilla.jpg | | |  | | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/2/28/Numia_Celsa.png/100px-Numia_Celsa.png | Nonia Celsa (?) | 217 – 218 (?) (2 years?) | Probably fictional. | Macrinus (r. 217–218) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/0/08/Julia_Cornelia_Paula_-_Palazzo_Nuovo_-_Musei_Capitolini_-_Rome_2016.jpg/100px-Julia_Cornelia_Paula_-_Palazzo_Nuovo_-_Musei_Capitolini_-_Rome_2016.jpg | Julia Cornelia Paula | c. 220 (about 1 year or less) | Of noble descent; divorced. | Elagabalus (r. 218–222) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/9/9e/Aquilia_Severa_coin_obverse.png/100px-Aquilia_Severa_coin_obverse.png | Julia Aquilia Severa | c. 220 / 221 (about 1 year or less)  late 221 – March 222 (less than a year) | A Vestal Virgin of noble descent. Divorced but later remarried to Elagablus, styled *augusta, mater castrorum, senatus ac patriae* | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/4/41/CapitoliniBustoSeverianoPavonazzetto_02.jpg/100px-CapitoliniBustoSeverianoPavonazzetto_02.jpg | Annia Faustina *Annia Aurelia Faustina* | 221 (a few months) | Daughter of Tiberius Claudius Severus Proculus and descendant of emperor Marcus Aurelius. Divorced shortly after the marriage. | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/d/d2/Ascng528200.jpg/250px-Ascng528200.jpg | | |  | | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/a/a0/Sallustia_Orbiana_Louvre_Ma1054.jpg/100px-Sallustia_Orbiana_Louvre_Ma1054.jpg | Sallustia Orbiana *Gnaea Seia Herennia Sallustia Barbia Orbiana* | 225 – 227 (2 years) | Daughter of Lucius Seius Herennius Sallustius; exiled to Africa | Severus Alexander (r. 222–235) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/8/8e/Orbiana_Denarius.jpg/140px-Orbiana_Denarius.jpg | | |  | | | **Crisis of the Third Century (235–285)** | | | | | |
| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/a/a7/Empress_Prisca.png/100px-Empress_Prisca.png | Prisca | 20 November 284 – 1 May 305 (20 years, 5 months and 11 days) | A Christian, retired after the abdication of Diocletian. Exiled to Syria by Maximinus Daza and later executed by Licinius during the Civil wars of the Tetrarchy, probably in 315. | Diocletian (r. 284–305) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/b/bd/MSR-ra-38-2-1-DM_%28cropped%29.jpg/100px-MSR-ra-38-2-1-DM_%28cropped%29.jpg | Eutropia | 1 April 286 – 1 May 305 (19 years and 1 month, West) | A Syrian, possibly the widow of Afranius Hannibalianus. Still alive in 325. | Maximian (r. 286–305) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/d/d5/Follis_of_Galeria_Valeria_-_Cropped.jpg/100px-Follis_of_Galeria_Valeria_-_Cropped.jpg | Galeria Valeria | 1 May 305 – May 311 (6 years, East) | Daughter of Diocletian and (probably) Prisca; married Galerius after his elevation as *caesar* in 293, styled as *augusta* and *mater castrorum*. Exiled alongside her mother by Maximinus Daza, and later executed by Licinius | Galerius (r. 305–311) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/55/Bronze-Flavia_Maximiana_Theodora-trier_RIC_65_%28obverse%29.jpg/100px-Bronze-Flavia_Maximiana_Theodora-trier_RIC_65_%28obverse%29.jpg | Flavia Maximiana Theodora | 1 May 305 – 25 July 306 (1 year, 2 months and 24 days, West) | Daughter of Eutropia and (probably) Afranius Hannibalianus, step-daughter of Maximian. | Constantius I (r. 305–306) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/e/e4/Bronze-Flavia_Maximiana_Theodora-trier_RIC_65.jpg/250px-Bronze-Flavia_Maximiana_Theodora-trier_RIC_65.jpg | |  | | | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/0/00/MSR-ra-127-1-DM_%28cropped%29.jpg/100px-MSR-ra-127-1-DM_%28cropped%29.jpg | Valeria Maximilla | 28 October 306 – 28 October 312 (6 years, Italy) | Daughter of Galerius, married Maxentius c. 305. | Maxentius (r. 306–312) | | — | *Unknown name* | 310 – 313 (?) (11 years, East) | Perhaps related to Galerius. | Maximinus II Daza (r. 310–313) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/58/Coin_of_Flavia_Julia_Constantia_%28obverse%29.jpg/100px-Coin_of_Flavia_Julia_Constantia_%28obverse%29.jpg | Flavia Julia Constantia | 313 – 324 (11 years, East) | Half-sister of Constantine I. | Licinius (r. 308–324) | | **Constantinian dynasty (306–363)** | | | | | |
| |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/f/ff/Minervina%2C_wife_of_Constantine_I.png/100px-Minervina%2C_wife_of_Constantine_I.png | Minervina | 306 – 307 (?) (1 year?) | | Referred as the wife of Constantine by the *Panegyrici Latini* VI, but called a concubine by Aurelius Victor and Zosimus. She died or was divorced by 307. | Constantine I (r. 306–337) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/c/c0/P1070865_Louvre_t%C3%AAte_de_Fausta_Ma4881_rwk.JPG/100px-P1070865_Louvre_t%C3%AAte_de_Fausta_Ma4881_rwk.JPG | Fausta *Flavia Maxima Fausta* | March 307 – Summer 326 (19 years) | | c. 290 (?) – Summer 326 (aged approx. 36)  Daughter of Maximian and Eutropia, named *augusta* alongside Helena after Constantine's victory over Licinius in 324. Executed for adultery with her stepson, Crispus. | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/8/83/Follis-Fausta-constantinople_RIC_012.jpg/220px-Follis-Fausta-constantinople_RIC_012.jpg | | |  | | | | — | *Unknown name* | 9 September 337 – April 340 (2 years and 7 months) | | Obscure figure, married to Constantine II by 335 and alive at the time of his death. Perhaps a daughter of one of Constantine I's half-brothers. | Constantine II (r. 337–340) | | — | *Unknown name* | 337 – 353 (16 years) | | Nothing known. | Constantius II (r. 337–361) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/a/a2/Eusebia%2C_wife_of_Constantius_II.png/100px-Eusebia%2C_wife_of_Constantius_II.png | Eusebia | c. 353 – c. 360 (about 7 years) | | Probably a daughter of Eusebius (consul 347); died sometime before 361. | | — | Faustina | 361 (a few months) | | Joined Procopius (r. 365–366) during his brief rule in Constantinople. | | — | Justina | late 350 – 11 August 353 (3 years) | | Daughter of governor Justus; married Magnentius as a young girl. | Magnentius (r. 350–353) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/1/13/Helena%2C_wife_of_Julian%2C_crop.png/100px-Helena%2C_wife_of_Julian%2C_crop.png | Helena | c. February – c. November 360 (9 months or less) | | Daughter of Constantine I and Fausta; wrongly called "Constantina" in some sources. Died around Julian's accession as sole emperor. | Julianus II (r. 360–363) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/6/67/Charito%2C_wife_of_Jovian.png/100px-Charito%2C_wife_of_Jovian.png | Charito | 27 June 363 – 17 February 364 (7 months and 21 days) | | Daughter of the *magister equitum* Lucillianus, possibly alive as late as 380. | Jovian (r. 363–364) | | **Valentinianic dynasty (364–383)** | | | | | | |
| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/7/79/Severa%2C_wife_of_Valentinian_I.png/100px-Severa%2C_wife_of_Valentinian_I.png | Marina Severa | 364 – 370 (6 years) | Divorced and exiled after being involved in an illegal transaction. | Valentinian I (r. 364–375) | | — | Justina (*second time*) | c. 370 – 375 (c. 5 years) | Her father was executed in the aftermath of Magnentius' war. Died around 388. | | — | Domnica | 28 March 364 – 9 August 378 (14 years, 4 months and 12 days) | Daughter of praetorian prefect Petronius, styled *augusta*. Briefly ruled Constantinople after the death of Valens in the Battle of Adrianople. | Valens (r. 364–378) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/0/06/Flavia_Maxima_Constantia%2C_wife_of_Gratian.png/100px-Flavia_Maxima_Constantia%2C_wife_of_Gratian.png | Constantia | c. 374 – early 383 (c. 2 years and 7 months) | early 362 – early 383 (aged 21)  Posthumous child of Constantius II and Faustina | Gratian (r. 375–383 | | — | Laeta | before 25 August 383 (a few months) | Daughter of Tisamene; supplied the city of Rome with food during the siege of Alaric I | | **Theodosian dynasty (379–457)** | | | | | |
| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/1/12/Bust_of_Aelia_Flaccilla_%28cropped%29.jpg/100px-Bust_of_Aelia_Flaccilla_%28cropped%29.jpg | Aelia Flaccilla  *Aelia Flavia Flaccilla*[[k]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Roman_and_Byzantine_empresses#cite_note-76) | 19 January 379 – early 386 (7 years) | Of Hispanian origin; married Theodosius c. 376, died in 386. | Theodosius I (r. 379–395) | | — | Galla | 386 – 394 (8 years) | Daughter of Valentinian I and Justina; died during childbirth. | | — | *Unknown name* | 25 August 383 – 28 August 388 (5 years and 3 days) | Known as "Saint Elen" in Welsh legend. | Magnus Maximus (r. 383–388) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/59/Aelia_Eudoxia_solidus_%28obverse%29.png/100px-Aelia_Eudoxia_solidus_%28obverse%29.png | Eudoxia | 27 April 395 – 6 October 404 (9 years, 5 months and 9 days) | Daughter of the Frank Bauto. An influential woman in court, she became *de facto* co-regent on 9 January 400, when she was proclaimed *augusta* following the fall of Eutropius (which was orchestrated by Eudoxia herself) | Arcadius (r. 395–408) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/f/fa/Aelia_Eudocia.jpg/350px-Aelia_Eudocia.jpg | | |  | | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/0/06/Maria%2C_wife_of_Honorius_Cameo.png/100px-Maria%2C_wife_of_Honorius_Cameo.png | Maria | c. 398 – 407 (c. 9 years) | Daughter of the powerful general Stilicho, died in 407. | Honorius (r. 395–423) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/e/eb/Thermantia%2C_wife_of_Honorius.png/100px-Thermantia%2C_wife_of_Honorius.png | Thermantia *Aemilia Materna Thermantia* | 408 (a few months) | Daughter of Stilicho; divorced Honorius following Stilicho's death in August 408. Died sometime before 30 July 415. | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/9/90/Hagia_Eudokia_%28cropped%29.jpg/100px-Hagia_Eudokia_%28cropped%29.jpg | Eudocia | 7 June 421 – 28 July 450 (29 years, 1 month and 21 days) | c. 400 – 20 October 460 (aged approx. 60)  Born as "Athenais", daughter of Leontius, a philosopher. Proclaimed *augusta* on 2 January 423. Remembered for her numerous writings. | Theodosius II (r. 408–450) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/4/4e/Galla_Placidia_coin2.png/100px-Galla_Placidia_coin2.png | Galla Placidia | 8 February – 2 September 421 (7 months lacking 6 days) | 388 – 27 November 450 (aged approx. 72)  Daughter of Theodosius I and Galla. Originally married the Visigothic king Athaulf, married Constantius on 1 January 417. She later served as regent for her son Valentinian III alongside Aetius. | Constantius III (r. 421) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/0/03/Galla_placidia%2C_solido_del_422.JPG/220px-Galla_placidia%2C_solido_del_422.JPG | | |  | | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/4/43/Licinia_Eudoxia_solidus_%28obverse%29.jpg/100px-Licinia_Eudoxia_solidus_%28obverse%29.jpg | Licinia Eudoxia | 29 October 437 – 31 May 455 (17 years, 7 months and 2 days) | 422 – c. 493 (aged approx. 71)  Daughter of Theodosius II and Eudocia. Forced to marry Maximus after the murder of Valentinian III. Taken to Africa after the sack of Rome, returned to Constantinople in about 462. | [Valentinian III](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Valentinian_III) (r. 425–455) | | Petronius Maximus (r. 455) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/f/f9/Solidus_ValentinianIII-wedding.jpg/300px-Solidus_ValentinianIII-wedding.jpg | | |  | | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/c/cf/Pulcheria_coin.png/100px-Pulcheria_coin.png | Pulcheria | 25 August 450 – July 453 (2 years and 10 months) | 19 January 399 – July 453 (aged 55)  Daughter of Arcadius and Eudoxia, proclaimed *augusta* and regent of Theodosius II on 4 July 414. She was influential in the Councils of Ephesus and Chalcedon. Married Marcian after his election as emperor by Aspar. | Marcian (r. 450–457) | | **Puppet emperors (west, 467–475)** | | | | | |
| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/a/aa/Empress_Verina_coin_%28cropped%29.png/100px-Empress_Verina_coin_%28cropped%29.png | Verina | 7 February 457 – 18 January 474 (16 years, 11 months and 11 days) | Sister of Basiliscus. Plotted against Emperor Zeno with Patricius, but was betrayed by Basiliscus. Her son-in-law Marcian rebelled in 479 and she herself rebelled alongside Leontius in 484; she died during the ensuing war, probably in 484. | Leo I (r. 457–474) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/e/ed/Ritratto_femminile%2C_forse_ariadne%2C_490-510_dc_ca._%28louvre%29_%28cropped%29.jpg/100px-Ritratto_femminile%2C_forse_ariadne%2C_490-510_dc_ca._%28louvre%29_%28cropped%29.jpg | Ariadne | 29 January 474 – late 515 (39 years and a few months) | Daughter of Leo I and Verina, married Zeno in 466/467. A very influential woman in court, she elected Anastasius as successor and married him immediately after Zeno's death. The third longest-reigning empress, after Helena Lekapene and Livia. | Zeno (r. 474–491) | | Anastasius I (r. 491–518) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/6/63/Empress_Zenonis_coin_%28cropped%29.png/100px-Empress_Zenonis_coin_%28cropped%29.png | Zenonis | 9 January 475 – August 476 (1 year and 7 months) | Died alongside her husband after Zeno's restoration. | Basiliscus (r. 475–476) | | **Justinian dynasty (east, 518–602)** | | | | | |
| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/a/a8/Idealized_head_of_Euphemia.png/100px-Idealized_head_of_Euphemia.png | Euphemia | 10 July 518 – before August 527 (6 years or less) | According to Procopius's *Secret History* of barbarian origin, born as "Lupicina". Originally a slave and later concubine of Justin I. | Justin I (r. 518–527) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/7/77/Empress_Theodora_mosaic_detail_%28cropped%29.png/100px-Empress_Theodora_mosaic_detail_%28cropped%29.png | Theodora | 1 April 527 – 28 June 548 (21 years, 2 months and 27 days) | c. 497 – 28 June 528 (aged approx. 40)  Daughter of Acacius and a dancer; aunt of Euphemia, married Justinian c. 524. Although their union caused much scandal, she became one of Justinians' main advisers and took an active role in government. | Justinian I (r. 527–565) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/7/7a/Follis_of_Justin_II_%26_Sophia_%28obverse%29.jpg/100px-Follis_of_Justin_II_%26_Sophia_%28obverse%29.jpg | Sophia | 14 November 565 – 5 October 578 (12 years, 10 months and 21 days) | Niece of Theodora. Became *de facto* ruler after Justin's mental collapse in 573. Exiled after plotting against Tiberius II, but later recalled to help him choose his successor. Still alive by 601. | Justin II (r. 565–578) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/c/cb/Tiberius_II_Constantine_and_Anastasia.png/100px-Tiberius_II_Constantine_and_Anastasia.png | (Ino) Anastasia | 26 September 578 – 14 August 582 (3 years, 10 months and 19 days) | Had already been a widow before marrying Tiberius sometime before his appointment as *caesar* in 574. Initially opposed by Sophia, she later became the mother-in-law of Marucie and died sometime after, perhaps in 593. | Tiberius II Constantine (r. 578–582) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/a/a3/Maurice_follis_with_Constantina_and_Theodosius_%28reverse%29.jpg/100px-Maurice_follis_with_Constantina_and_Theodosius_%28reverse%29.jpg | Constantina | 13 August 582 – 27 November 602 (20 years, 3 months and 14 days) | Daughter of Tiberius II and Anastasia. Married *caesar* Maurice on Tiberius' deathbed. Exiled after Maurice's execution, tried to plot against Phocas but was eventually killed in 605. | Maurice (r. 582–602) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/6/69/Maurice_follis_with_Constantina_and_Theodosius%2C_Cherson_mint.jpg/220px-Maurice_follis_with_Constantina_and_Theodosius%2C_Cherson_mint.jpg | | |  | | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/3/38/Phocas_%28left%29_and_Leontia_%28right%29_coin.png/100px-Phocas_%28left%29_and_Leontia_%28right%29_coin.png | Leontia | 23 November 602 – 5 October 610 (?) (7 years, 10 months and 12 days) | Daughter of Sergius; nothing else known. | Phocas (r. 602–610) | | **Heraclian dynasty (610–695)** | | | | | |
| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/a/ab/Fabia%2C_wife_of_Heraclius.png/100px-Fabia%2C_wife_of_Heraclius.png | Fabia Eudokia Ευδοκία | 5 October 610 – 13 August 612 (1 year, 10 months and 8 days) | Daughter of Rogas of Libya; died of epilepsy. | Heraclius (r. 610–641) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/d/d9/Empress_Martina%2C_Naples%2C_Biblioteca_Vittorio_Emanuele_III%2C_I_B_18.jpeg/100px-Empress_Martina%2C_Naples%2C_Biblioteca_Vittorio_Emanuele_III%2C_I_B_18.jpeg | Martina Μαρτίνα | c. 613 – 11 February 641 (about 7 years) | Daughter of Martinus and niece of Heraclius himself, which led to much controversy. Became *de facto* ruler after Constantine's death as the regent of the young Heraclonas. Deposed, mutilated, and exiled by Valentinus in favor of Constans II, who was also a minor at the time. | | — | Gregoria Γρηγορία | early 630 – 25 May 641 (11 years) | Daughter of Nicetas (cousin of Heraclius), married Constantine in early 630 (or late 629). Regent during the early reign of her son Constans II. Not recorded as *augusta* | Constantine III Heraclius (r. 641) | | — | Fausta Φαύστα | 642 – 15 July 668 (26 years) | Possibly a daughter of Valentinus, usurper in 644. | Constans II (r. 641–668) | | — | Anastasia Αναστασία | September 668 (?) – July 685 (16 years and 6 months?) | Still alive during the reign of Philippicus; not recorded as *augusta* | Constantine IV (r. 668–685) | | — | Eudokia Ευδοκία | c. 685 – c. 695 (10 years?) | Possibly dead by 695, not recorded as *augusta* | Justinian II (r. 685–695; 705–711) | | **Twenty Years' Anarchy (695–717)** | | | | | |
| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | — | *Unknown name* | c. 695 – 698 (?) (c. 3 years) | Nothing known | Leontius (r. 695–698) | | — | *Unknown name* | c. 698 – 705 (?) (c. 7 years) | Nothing known | Tiberius III (r. 698–705) | | — | Theodora of Khazaria Θεοδώρα | c. 21 August 705 – 4 November 711 (c. 6 years, 2 months and 14 days) | The first foreign-born empress. Sister of Busir, Khagan of Khazaria. Became Justinian's second wife during his exile in 703; crowned[[n]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Roman_and_Byzantine_empresses#cite_note-118) alongside her son Tiberius in 705. | Justinian II (r. 685–695; 705–711) | | — | *Unknown name* | c. 711 – 713 (?) (c. 2 years) | Nothing known | Philippicus (r. 711–713) | | — | Irene Ειρήνη | c. 713 – 715 (c. 2 years) | Little information recorded other than her name | Anastasius II (r. 713–715) | | — | *Unknown name* | c. 715 – 717 (?) (c. 2 years) | Nothing known | Theodosius III (r. 715–717) | | **Isaurian dynasty (717–802)** | | | | | |
| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | — | Maria Μαρία | 25 March 717 – 18 June 741 (?) (24 years, 2 months and 24 days?) | Of Syrian origin, crowned on 25 December 718; nothing else known. | Leo III (r. 717–741) | | — | Tzitzak Irene Εἰρήνη | 733 – 750 (17 years) | Daughter of [*khagan*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khagan) Bihar of Khazaria. Not much known except that she opposed the iconoclasm of her husband; died shortly after Leo IV's birth | Constantine V  (r. 741–775)[[o]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Roman_and_Byzantine_empresses#cite_note-121) | | — | Maria Μαρία | c. 751 – 752 (c. 1 year) | A very short marriage. | | — | Eudokia Ευδοκία | c. 753 – 14 September 775 (?) (c. 22 years?) | Already married by November 764, crowned on 1 April 769; fate unknown. | | — | Anna Άννα | June 741 – 2 November 743 (2 years and 5 months) | Daughter of Leo III, married Artabasdos in 717. Banished after her husband's failed coup; not recorded as *augusta* | Artabasdos (r. 741–743) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/9/92/Irene_solidus_sb_1599_%28obverse%29_%28cropped_4to3%29.jpg/100px-Irene_solidus_sb_1599_%28obverse%29_%28cropped_4to3%29.jpg | **Irene** of Athens Εἰρήνη | 3 November 769 – 31 October 802 (33 years lacking 3 days) | c. 752 – 9 August 803 (aged approx. 51)  A member of the Sarantapechos family; crowned on 17 December 769. Became *de facto* ruler after Leo's death as her son's regent. Ended the First iconoclasm with the Second Council of Nicaea in 787. She took full power after deposing and blinding her son on 19 August 797. She was herself deposed and banished in 802, later dying of natural causes. | Leo IV  (r. 775–780)[[p]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Roman_and_Byzantine_empresses#cite_note-126) | | *Empress co-regent 780–797*[[q]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Roman_and_Byzantine_empresses#cite_note-130) | | *Empress regnant 797–802* | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/7/7b/Solidus_Irene_ConstantineVI.jpg/220px-Solidus_Irene_ConstantineVI.jpg | | |  | | | — | Maria of Amnia Μαρία | November 788 – January 795 (6 years and 2 months) | Grand-daughter of Saint Philaretos; born c. 773. She was forced to become a nun. Died sometime after 824. | Constantine VI (r. 780–797) | | — | Theodote Θεοδότη | September 795 – 19 August 797 (1 year and 11 months) | Cousin of Saint Theodore the Studite; originally a *koubikoularia*, she was crowned in August 795. Deposed by Irene. | | **Nikephorian dynasty (802–813)** | | | | | |
| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/3/30/Wife_of_Nikephoros_I.png/100px-Wife_of_Nikephoros_I.png | *Unknown name* | — | Unmentioned in literary sources, most certainly dead before Nikephoros became emperor | Nikephoros I (r. 802–811) | | — | Theophano of Athens Θεοφανώ | 20 December 807 – 2 October 811 (3 years, 9 months and 12 days) | A relative of Irene of Athens, considered as a candidate for the throne after Staurakios' defeat at the Battle of Pliska, retired as a nun alongside him; not recorded as *augusta* | Staurakios (r. 811) | | — | Prokopia Προκοπία | 2 October 811 – 11 July 813 (1 year, 9 months and 9 days) | Daughter of Nikephoros I and sister of emperor Staurakios; retired as a nun | Michael I Rangabe (r. 811–813) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/7/77/Theodosia_in_the_Madrid_Skylitzes.jpeg/100px-Theodosia_in_the_Madrid_Skylitzes.jpeg | Theodosia Θεοδοσία | 11 July 813 – 25 December 820 (7 years, 5 months and 14 days) | Daughter of [Arsaber](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arsaber), *patrikios* and rival emperor in 808. Become a nun after the murder of her husband; retained several of her privileges | Leo V (r. 813–820) | |  | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/d/de/Byzanz-_Michael_III.%2C_Theodora_und_Thecla_-_M%C3%BCnzkabinett%2C_Berlin_-_5480493.jpg/280px-Byzanz-_Michael_III.%2C_Theodora_und_Thecla_-_M%C3%BCnzkabinett%2C_Berlin_-_5480493.jpg | | | | **Amorian dynasty (820–867)** | | | | | |
| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | — | Thekla Θέκλα | 25 December 820 – c. 824 (c. 4 years) | Daughter of the rebel Bardanes Tourkos. Died some years after Michael's accession. | Michael II (r. 820–829) | | — | Euphrosyne Εὐφροσύνη | c. 824 – 2 October 829 (c. 6 years) | Daughter of Constantine VI and Maria, became a nun after the fall of Irene, but was later recalled and married Michael, perhaps at the age of 50. Still alive by 836. | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/8/87/Theodora_in_the_Madrid_Skylitzes2_%28cropped2%29.jpg/98px-Theodora_in_the_Madrid_Skylitzes2_%28cropped2%29.jpg | Theodora the Armenian Θεοδώρα | 5 June 830 – 15 March 856 (25 years, 9 months and 10 days) | c. 815 – c. 867 (aged approx. 52)  Became de facto ruler on 20 January 842, as regent of her infant son Michael III, alongside Theoktistos. Ended the Second iconoclasm in 843. Deposed and exiled by her son after forcing him to marry Eudokia Dekapolitissa. They both reconciled shortly before Michael's death. | Theophilos (r. 829–842) | | Empress co-regent 842–856 | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/56/MadridSkylitzesDaughtersOfTheodoraFol44v_%28Thekla_copped%29.jpg/98px-MadridSkylitzesDaughtersOfTheodoraFol44v_%28Thekla_copped%29.jpg | Thekla the Younger Θέκλα | 842 – 15 March 856 (14 years) | Daughter of Theophilos and Theodora, named augusta alongside her sisters. Appeared to have been associated to the imperial office with an even higher status than Michael. She later became a mistress to Basil I, but was sidelined after he married. | Co-empress 842–856 | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/1/1c/Eudokia_Dekapolitissa%2C_wife_of_Michael_III.png/100px-Eudokia_Dekapolitissa%2C_wife_of_Michael_III.png | Eudokia Dekapolitissa Ευδοκία Δεκαπολίτισσα | 855 – 24 September 867 (12 years) | Forced to marry Michael III, who was in love with Eudokia Ingerina, by Theodora and Theoktistos; fate unknown. | Michael III (r. 842–867) | | **Macedonian dynasty (867–1056)** | | | | | |
| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/b/bb/Eudoxia-sb1703_%28cropped%29.jpg/100px-Eudoxia-sb1703_%28cropped%29.jpg | Eudokia Ingerina Ευδοκία Ιγγερίνα | 26 May 866 – 882 (16 years) | c. 840 – 882 (aged approx. 42)  Daughter of Inger (senator); former lover of Michael III, who married her to Basil shortly before his coronation as co-emperor; not recorded as *augusta* | Basil I (r. 867–886)[[t]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Roman_and_Byzantine_empresses#cite_note-146) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/0/03/Menologion_of_Basil_050_%28detail%29.jpg/100px-Menologion_of_Basil_050_%28detail%29.jpg | Theophano Martinakia Θεοφανώ Μαρτινιακή | 883 – 893 (14 years) | c. 867 – 10 November 897 (aged approx. 30)  Daughter of Constantine Martinakios; died young. She is venerated as a Saint | Leo VI (r. 886–912) | | — | Zoe Zaoutzaina Ζωὴ Ζαούτζαινα | late 898 – early 899 (1 year and 8 months) | Possibly a lover of Leo, said to have poisoned her former husband, Theodoros Guniatzitzes. | | — | Eudokia Baïana Εὐδοκία Βαϊανή | Summer 900 – 12 April 901 (1 year) | Married Leo after the death of Zoe. Died during childbirth | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/f/f3/Solidus_of_Constantine_VII_with_Zoe_%28reverse%29_%28cropped1%29.jpg/100px-Solidus_of_Constantine_VII_with_Zoe_%28reverse%29_%28cropped1%29.jpg | Zoe Karbonopsina Ζωὴ | 9 January 906 – 11 May 912 (5 years, 4 months and 2 days) | A relative of writer Theophanes and general Himerios, originally a concubine of Leo. She was expelled after Leo's death, but returned and deposed the regency of Patriarch Nicholas in February/March 914, ruling on behalf of her son Constantine VII. She was sidelined after the rise of Romanos I in 919 and was forced to become a nun. | | — | *Unknown name* | c. 912 – 913 (?) | Nothing known | Alexander (r. 912–913) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/c/cf/Helena_Lekapene_%28Madrid_Skylitzes%29.png/99px-Helena_Lekapene_%28Madrid_Skylitzes%29.png | Helena Lekapene Ἑλένη Λεκαπηνή | 4 May 919 – 9 November 959 (40 years, 6 months and 5 days) | April 907 – 19 September 961 (aged 54)  Daughter of Romanos I and Theodora, married shortly after Romanos' coup; crowned after Theodora's death. Became very influential in court until Constantine became sole ruler (945), later dying of an illness. The second longest-reigning empress. | Constantine VII (r. 913–959) | | — | Theodora Θεοδώρα | 17 December 920 – 20 February 922 (1 year, 2 months and 3 days) | The second wife of Romanos, married c. 907; crowned on 6 January 921. | Romanos I Lekapenos (r. 919–944) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/6/6e/Romanos_et_Eudoxie_%28Eudoxie%29.JPG/100px-Romanos_et_Eudoxie_%28Eudoxie%29.JPG | Bertha Eudokia Εὐδοκία | 945 – 949 (2 years) | Daughter of Hugh of Italy, born as "Bertha". Betrothed to Romanos II in September 944, she died in 949, aged no more than 10 years old. She is not recorded as *augusta* | Romanos II (r. 959–963) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/0/00/Theophano_crop.png/100px-Theophano_crop.png | Anastaso Theophano Θεοφανώ | 955/6 – 11 December 969 (13–14 years)[[w]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Roman_and_Byzantine_empresses#cite_note-158) | c. 940 – c. 980 (?) (aged approx. 40)  Daughter of Krateros and Maria. Married Nikephoros II on 20 September 963, shortly after his coup. Skylitzes accuses her of poisoning Romanos, but this seems to be a later invention, as Leo the Deacon states that he died of an illness. She did, however, conspire with John Tzimiskes to murder Nikephoros. She is last mentioned in 978. | Romanos II (r. 959–963)[[x]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Roman_and_Byzantine_empresses#cite_note-159) | | Nikephoros II Phokas (r. 963–969) | | — | Theodora Θεοδώρα | November 970 – 10 January 976 (?) (5 years and 2 months) | Daughter of Constantine VII and Helena Lekapene; born in the late 930s. Almost nothing known. | John I Tzimiskes (r. 969–976) | | — | Helena Ελένη | c. 976 – c. 989 (?) | Daughter of Alypius; not recorded as *augusta*. | Constantine VIII (r. 1025–1028) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/3/3f/Zoe_mosaic_Hagia_Sophia.jpg/100px-Zoe_mosaic_Hagia_Sophia.jpg | **Zoe** Porphyrogenita Ζωὴ | 12 November 1028 – 1050 (22 years) | c. 978 – 1050 (aged approx. 72)  Daughter of Constantine VIII, probably ordered the murder of Romanos III. Ruled in her own right alongside Theodora from Michael V's deposition until her marriage to Constantine IX (21 April–11 June 1042). After this she had little involvement in politics, later dying of natural causes. | Romanos III Argyros (r. 1028–34) | | [Michael IV](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_IV_the_Paphlagonian) (r. 1034–1041) | | *Empress regnant 1042* | | Constantine IX Monomachos (r. 1042–1055) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/3/37/Theodora_Porphyrogenita_crown-2.jpg/99px-Theodora_Porphyrogenita_crown-2.jpg | **Theodora** Porphyrogenita Θεοδώρα | 21 April 1042 – 31 August 1056 (14 years, 4 months and 10 days) | c. 980 – 31 August 1056 (aged approx. 76)  Sister of Zoe, proclaimed co-empress during the revolt that deposed Michael V in 1042. Sidelined after Zoë's marriage to Constantine IX, returned as empress regnant after the latter's death on 11 January 1055. Died of natural causes shortly after appointing Michael VI as her successor. | *Empress regnant 1042* | | *Co-empress 1042–1055* | | *Empress regnant 1055–1056* | | — | Catherine of Bulgaria Αἰκατερίνη | 1 September 1057 – 22 November 1059 (2 years, 2 months and 21 days) | Daughter of Ivan Vladislav of Bulgaria. Retired to a monastery with the monastic name "Xene" | Isaac I Komnenos (r. 1057–1059) | | **Doukas dynasty (1059–1081)** | | | | | |
| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/9/95/Eudokia_Makrembolitissa_portrait_%282%29.jpg/100px-Eudokia_Makrembolitissa_portrait_%282%29.jpg | **Eudokia** Makrembolitissa Ευδοκία Μακρεμβολίτισσα | 23 November 1059 – November 1071 (13 years) | Daughter of John Makrembolites and niece of Patriarch Michael I, born c. 1030, married Constantine c. 1049; *de facto* ruler in 1067 on behalf of her son Michael VII between Constantine's death (23 November) and her marriage to Romanos (1 January). She resumed her regency in October 1071, after Romanos' fall, but was expelled and forced to become a nun. She was later recalled by Nikephoros III and returned to the palace in 1078. | Constantine X Doukas (r. 1059–1067) | | *Empress co-regent 1067*[[s]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Roman_and_Byzantine_empresses#cite_note-er-143) | | Romanos IV Diogenes (r. 1068–1071) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/f/f1/Mariam_Bagrationi_%28face%29.jpg/100px-Mariam_Bagrationi_%28face%29.jpg | Maria of Alania Μαρία | 1066 / 1071 – 1 April 1078 (7–11 years) | c. 1052 / 1056 – 1118 (aged 62–66)  Daughter of Bagrat IV of Georgia. Married Nikephoros shortly after the deposition of Michael VII in April 1078. Spent her last days in a Georgian monastery. | [Michael VII Doukas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_VII_Doukas) (r. 1071–1078)[[z]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Roman_and_Byzantine_empresses#cite_note-172) | | Nikephoros III Botaneiates (r. 1078–1081) | | **Komnenos dynasty (1081–1185)** | | | | | |
| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/b/b7/Irina_%28_Pala_d%27Oro%29_%28cropped%29.jpg/100px-Irina_%28_Pala_d%27Oro%29_%28cropped%29.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Irina_(_Pala_d'Oro)_(cropped).jpg) | Irene Doukaina Ειρήνη Δούκαινα | 1 April 1081 – 15 August 1118 (37 years, 4 months and 14 days) | c. 1066 – 19 February 1138 (aged approx. 72)  Daughter of Andronikos Doukas (cousin of Michael VII). Married Alexios c. 1078, crowned on 11 April 1081. Forced to retire to a monastery after the failed plot of her daughter Anna Komnene and her son-in-law Nikephoros Bryennios. | Alexios I Komnenos (r. 1081–1118) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/c/c9/Seal_of_Eirene_Doukaina.jpg/220px-Seal_of_Eirene_Doukaina.jpg | |  | | | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/e/e9/Mosaic_of_Irene_of_Hungary_%28cropped1%29.jpg/100px-Mosaic_of_Irene_of_Hungary_%28cropped1%29.jpg | Irene of Hungary Ειρήνη | 1104 – 13 August 1134 (30 years) | Daughter of Ladislaus I of Hungary, born as "Piroska". She is venerated as a Saint. | John II Komnenos (r. 1118–1143) | | — | Bertha of Sulzbach Ειρήνη (**Irene**) | 1146 – 1159 / 1160 (13–14 years) | Daughter of Berengar II of Sulzbach and sister-in-law of emperor Conrad III of Germany. | Manuel I Komnenos (r. 1143–1180) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/d/dc/Maria_of_Antioch_01.jpg/100px-Maria_of_Antioch_01.jpg | Maria of Antioch Μαρία | 25 December 1161 – 24 September 1180 (18 years and 9 months) | 1140s – late 1182 (aged approx. 35–40)  Daughter of Raymond of Poitiers. Became a nun after Manuel's death under the name "Xene", but acted as *de facto* ruler as the regent of Alexios II. She was executed after the coup of Andronikos I. | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/3/39/Agnes_of_France_%28Vat.gr.1851_folio_7r%29.jpg/100px-Agnes_of_France_%28Vat.gr.1851_folio_7r%29.jpg | Agnes of France Άννα (**Anna**) | 2 March 1180 – 12 September 1185 (5 years, 6 months and 10 days)[[ab]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Roman_and_Byzantine_empresses#cite_note-184) | Daughter of Louis VII of France, born in 1171. Forced to marry Andronikos I, who was over 60, shortly after the murder of Alexios II in September 1183. She became a subject of the Latin Empire after the sack of Constantinople in 1204 and married Theodore Branas. Not recorded as *augusta*. | Alexios II Komnenos (r. 1180–1183) | | Andronikos I Komnenos (r. 1183–1185) | | **Angelos dynasty (1185–1204)** | | | | | |
| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | — | Margaret of Hungary Μαρία | early 1186 – 8 April 1195 (9 years)  19 July 1203 – 27 Jan. 1204 (6 months and 8 days) | Daughter of Béla III of Hungary; born in 1175. Married Crusader Boniface following the Sack of Constantinople, becoming queen of the Kingdom of Thessalonica. Not recorded as *augusta* | Isaac II Angelos (r. 1185–1195; 1203–1204) | | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/d/d5/Seal_of_Euphrysyne_Doukaina_%28wife_of_Alexios_III%29.png/100px-Seal_of_Euphrysyne_Doukaina_%28wife_of_Alexios_III%29.png | Euphrosyne Doukaina Kamatera Ευφροσύνη Δούκαινα Καματηρά | 8 April 1195 – 18 July 1203 (8 years, 3 months and 10 days) | Daughter of Andronikos Kamateros and relative of [*caesar*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caesar_(title)) John Doukas and the Komnenoi. Effectively ruled the Empire on behalf of her husband. She was captured by the Crusaders in 1204, but was later released in 1209/10. | Alexios III Angelos (r. 1195–1203) | | **Laskaris dynasty (1205–1258; Nicaea)** | | | | | |

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| — | [Anna Komnene Angelina](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anna_Komnene_Angelina) Άννα Κομνηνή Αγγελίνα | | 1205 – c. 1212 (7 years or less) | | Daughter of [Alexios III](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexios_III_Angelos) and [Euphrosyne](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Euphrosyne_Doukaina_Kamatera); died a few years after the marriage. | | [Theodore I Laskaris](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theodore_I_Laskaris) (r. 1205–1221) |
| — | [Philippa of Armenia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philippa_of_Armenia) Φιλίππα | | 1214 – 1216 (2 years) | | Cousin of [Leo I of Armenia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leo_I,_King_of_Armenia). A troubled marriage that ended in divorce and with Theodore even disinheriting his son. | |
| — | [Maria of Courtenay](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maria_of_Courtenay) Μαρία | | 1219 – November 1221 (2 years) | | Daughter of [Latin emperor](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Latin_emperor) [Peter](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter_II_of_Courtenay). Became regent of her younger brother [Baldwin II](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baldwin_II,_Latin_Emperor) as [Latin empress](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Latin_empresses) in 1228, but died shortly after. | |
| [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/a/aa/Irene_Laskarina_seal.png/100px-Irene_Laskarina_seal.png](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Irene_Laskarina_seal.png) | [Irene Laskarina](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Irene_Laskarina) Ειρήνη Κομνηνή (Λασκαρίνα) | | December 1221 – Summer 1240 (19 years) | | Daughter of [Theodore I](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theodore_I_Laskaris) and [Anna Komnene Angelina](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anna_Komnene_Angelina). She married [Andronikos Palaiologos](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andronikos_Palaiologos_(son-in-law_of_Theodore_I)) in February 1216, but he died shortly after. Irene should have married John very soon after, for [Theodore II](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theodore_II_Laskaris) was born in 1221. She had an accident after his birth and retired under the monastic name "Eugenia". | | [John III Vatatzes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_III_Vatatzes) (r. 1221–1254) |
| — | [Anna of Hohenstaufen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anna_of_Hohenstaufen) Άννα | | c. 1240 – 3 November 1254 (approx. 14 years) | | Daughter of [Frederick II, Holy Roman Emperor](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frederick_II,_Holy_Roman_Emperor), born as "Constance". Married John sometime before May 1241; died in the [Kingdom of Aragon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kingdom_of_Aragon) (Spain) in 1307. | |
| — | [Elena Asenina of Bulgaria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elena_Asenina_of_Bulgaria) Ἑλένη | | Spring 1235 – 1252 (17 years) | | Daughter of [Ivan Asen II of Bulgaria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ivan_Asen_II_of_Bulgaria), born c. 1224. Theodore was most probably proclaimed emperor during the marriage. | | [Theodore II Laskaris](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theodore_II_Laskaris) (r. 1254–1258)[[ac]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Roman_and_Byzantine_empresses#cite_note-195) |
| |  | | --- | | **Palaiologos dynasty (1259–1439)** | | | | | | | | |
| https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/4/43/Michael_VIII_Palaiologos_and_family_%28Theodora%29.jpg/100px-Michael_VIII_Palaiologos_and_family_%28Theodora%29.jpg | | Theodora Palaiologina Θεοδώρα Δούκαινα Κομνηνή Παλαιολογίνα | 1 January 1259 – 11 December 1282 (10 years and 10 days) | Granddaughter of Isaac Doukas Vatatzes, brother of [Nicaean emperor](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nicaean_emperor) John III. Married Michael in 1253/4, crowned again in Constantinople after its reconquest in 1261. Died on 4 March 1303 | | Michael VIII Palaiologos (r. 1259–1282) | |
| — | | Anna of Hungary Άννα Παλαιολογίνα | 8 November 1272 –1281 (9 years) | c. 1260 – 1281 (aged approx. 21)  Daughter of Stephen V of Hungary, also a great-granddaughter of Theodore I Laskaris through her mother. | | Andronikos II Palaiologos (r. 1282–1328) | |
| https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/8/81/Violante_of_Montferrat.png/100px-Violante_of_Montferrat.png | | Yolande / Irene of Montferrat Ειρήνη Κομνηνή Δούκαινα Παλαιολογίνα | 1284 / 1289 – 1317 (28–33 years) | 1272/1273 – 1317 (aged 44 or 45)  Daughter of William VII of Montferrat and granddaughter of Alfonso X of Castile. Proposed the idea of splitting the realm between her sons, but this was rejected by Andronikos and she retired to Thessalonica. | |
| https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/0/08/Rita_of_Armenia.png/100px-Rita_of_Armenia.png | | Rita / Maria of Armenia Μαρία Δούκαινα Παλαιολογίνα | 1296 – 12 October 1320 (24 years) | Daughter of Leo II of Armenia. Became a nun and died on June/July 1333 under the monastic name "Xene". | | Michael IX Palaiologos (r. 1294–1320) | |
| — | | Irene of Brunswick Ειρήνη Παλαιολογίνα | 23 October 1317 – 16 August 1324 (6 years, 10 months less 7 days) | c. 1293 – 16 August 1324 (aged approx. 31)  Daughter of Henry I of Brunswick-Grubenhagen. Died of an illness on her way back to Constantinople. | | Andronikos III Palaiologos (r. 1328–1341) | |
| https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/1/1b/Anna_of_Savoy.jpg/100px-Anna_of_Savoy.jpg | | Anna of Savoy Άννα Παλαιολογίνα | October 1326 – 15 June 1341 (14 years and 8 months) | c. 1306 – 1365/6 (aged approx. 58–59)  Daughter of Amadeus VI of Savoy. Became *de facto* ruler after Andronikos' death, as regent of the infant John V. The regency was overthrown by John VI in 1347, but she was allowed to have her own court at Thessalonica. Died years later under the monastic name "Anastasia". | |
| — | | Irene Asanina Εἰρήνη Καντακουζηνή (Ἀσανίνα) | 8 February 1347 – 10 December 1354 (7 years, 10 months and 2 days) | Daughter of Andronikos Asen and granddaughter of Irene Palaiologina, married John in 1318, proclaimed empress alongside him in October 1341. She had an active role in military affairs, even commanding the defenses of Constantinople twice. She retired to a monastery alongside her husband under the name "Eugenia", dying sometime before 1379. | | John VI Kantakouzenos (r. 1347–1354) | |
| — | | Helena Kantakouzene Ἑλένη Παλαιολογίνα (Καντακουζηνή) | 28 May 1347 – 12 August 1376 (29 years, 3 months and 14 days)  May 1381 – 16 February 1391 (9 years and 9 month)[[ag]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Roman_and_Byzantine_empresses#cite_note-212) | 1333/4 – August 1397 (aged 63–54)  Daughter of John VI and Irene, lost her title after the coup of Andronikos IV in 1376. John V escaped his imprisonment and regained the throne on July 1379, but Helena was taken hostage and was not released until May 1381. Became a nun and changed her name to "Hypomone". | | John V Palaiologos (r. 1341–1391) | |
| — | | Irene Palaiologina Εἰρήνη Παλαιολογίνα | February 1354 – December 1357 (3 years and 10 months) | Daughter of Demetrios Palaiologos (son of Andronikos II). Capture alongside Matthew and delivered to [John V](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_V_Palaiologos); fate unknown, probably lived in retirement with her husband. | | Matthew Kantakouzenos (r. 1353–1357) | |
| https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/f/f4/Keratsa_of_Bulgaria.png/100px-Keratsa_of_Bulgaria.png | | Keratsa / Maria of Bulgaria Μαρία (Παλαιολογίνα) | spring 1356 – 30 May 1373 (17 years)  12 August 1376 – 28 June 1385 (8 years, 10 months and 16 days)[[ah]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Roman_and_Byzantine_empresses#cite_note-215) | 1346 – c. 1400 (aged approx. 54)  Daughter of Ivan Alexander of Bulgaria, betrothed on 17 August 1355. She was captured alongside Andronikos following his failed rebellion in 1373. Andronikos escaped and deposed his father in 1376, but was deposed on 1 July 1379 and forced to flee. Their imperial status was re-acknowledged in May 1381. She became a nun under the monastic name of "Mathissa". | | Andronikos IV Palaiologos (r. 1376–1379) | |
| https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/4/45/Helena_Dragas_crop.png/100px-Helena_Dragas_crop.png | | Helena Dragaš Ἑλένη Παλαιολογίνα | February 1392 – 21 July 1425 (33 years and 5 months) | Daughter of magnate Konstantin Dragaš, arrived in Constantinople in December 1391, during Manuel's travels in the West. She ruled as regent between the death of her son John VIII (31 Oct. 1448) and the arrival of Constantine XI (12 March 1449). Died on 23 March 1450. | | Manuel II Palaiologos (r. 1391–1425) | |
| — | | Irene Gattilusio Εἰρήνη Παλαιολογίνα | late 1403 – 22 September 1408 (5 years, in Thessalonica) | Daughter of Francesco II of Lesbos, married in July 1397. Died as a nun under the monastic name "Eugenia" on 1 January 1440. | | John VII Palaiologos (r. 1390; 1403–1408) | |
|  | | Anna of Moscow Εἰρήνη Παλαιολογίνα | 1414 – August 1417 (3 year) | 1403 – August 1417 (aged 14)  Daughter of Vasily I of Moscow, betrothed by 1411; died young. | | John VIII Palaiologos (r. 1425–1448) | |
| — | | Sophia of Montferrat Σοφία (Παλαιολογίνα) | 19 January 1421 – August 1426 (5 years and 7 months) | Daughter of Theodore II of Montferrat, she was disliked because of her appearance and thus lived in isolation. She divorced John and returned to Italy, where she died on 21 August 1434. | |
| https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/e/ec/Maria_Comnena_Greek_Princess_Trebizond_by_Pisanello.JPG/100px-Maria_Comnena_Greek_Princess_Trebizond_by_Pisanello.JPG | | Maria of Trebizond Μαρία Κομνηνή Καντακουζηνή Παλαιολογίνα | September 1427 – 17 December 1439 (12 years and 3 months) | Daughter of Alexios IV of Trebizond and Theodora Kantakouzene, arrived in Constantinople on 30 August 1427. She became a nun shortly before her death in 1439, adopting the monastic name "Makaria". | |



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