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| **Nikephoros II Phokas** |
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| https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/a/ac/Icon_of_St._Nikephoros_II_Phokas.jpg/128px-Icon_of_St._Nikephoros_II_Phokas.jpg |
| Icon of St. Nikephoros by Theophanes the Cretan |
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| Depiction of the Siege of Chandax by Phokas, winter 960–61 |
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| Nikephoros' entry into Constantinople as Emperor through the Golden Gate in summer 963 |
| https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/f/fd/Histamenon_of_Nikephoros_II.png/220px-Histamenon_of_Nikephoros_II.png |
| Histamenon of Nikephoros II (right) alongside Mother Mary |
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| Tarsus surrenders to Nikephoros Phokas (seated). |
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| The army of Nikephoros employing a trebuchet to besiege a Hamdanid fortress. |
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| The army under Michael Bourtzes laying siege to Antioch. |
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| Histamenon of Nikephoros II (left) and his stepson Basil II |
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| The [Byzantine army](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Byzantine_army) mutinies against Nikephoros. |
| https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/9/97/Nikephoros_Phokas_stamp.png/160px-Nikephoros_Phokas_stamp.png |
| Nikephoros II on a modern stamp celebrating the 1000th anniversary of the reconquest of Crete. |
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