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| *Emperor and Autocrat of the Romans* |
| https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/2/24/Palaio.jpg/220px-Palaio.jpgDetail from *The Middle King* by Benozzo Gozzoli, in the Magi Chapel of Palazzo Medici-Riccardi, Florence, 1459–1461. It is widely believed to represent John VIII. |
| **Byzantine emperor** |
| **Reign** | 21 July 1425 –31 October 1448 |
| **Coronation** | 19 January 1421 |
| **Predecessor** | Manuel II Palaiologos |
| **Successor** | Constantine XI Palaiologos |
| **Proclamation** | c. 1407 *as co-emperor* |
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| **Born** | 18 December 1392 |
| **Died** | 31 October 1448 (aged 55) |
| **Spouse** | Anna of Moscow(m. 1414; died 1417)​Sophia of Montferrat(1421⁠–⁠1426)​Maria of Trebizond(m. 1427; died 1439)​ |
| **Dynasty** | Palaiologos |
| **Father** | Manuel II Palaiologos |
| **Mother** | Helena Dragaš |
| **Religion** | Eastern CatholicPreviously Eastern Orthodox |

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