

St. Irene Chrysovalantou

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St. Irene Chrysovalantou flourished after the death of the greedy Emperor Theophilos the first. After Theophilos's death his spouse, the most reverend and God-loving Theodora, took the throne. The Empress Theodora supported the Orthodox faith and re-established the veneration of the holy icons, as was the tradition of the Orthodox Church. The Empress Theodora was reigning in place of her son, Michael, who was not yet of age to assume rule of the empire.

When Michael was twelve years old Theodora sought to find him a suitable wife.

She sent her scouts on a mission to find a beautiful girl who was noble as well as virtuous and worthy of becoming an empress. ([περισσότερα...](#))