

Saint Eudocia, pray for us!



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"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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Staying on track

Have you ever taken a train, or have you watched a train chugging down the tracks? A train has to stay on the tracks to get to where the people want to go.



Next week, we will start a journey too.

Where do we want to go? We want to get

to our Lord's Resurrection on Pascha (Easter). We start Lent so that we can stay on track, so we can get to Pascha, and so we can grow closer and closer to God. We will pray more, go to church more, help each other more, and read our Bibles more, but hurt people less, and eat fancy foods less. We do these things so that we can stay on track. If we go off track, maybe we won't get to where we want to go!

We know we want to stay on track and grow closer to God, but did you know we want to help *other* people to stay on track too? In today's epistle reading, Saint Paul tells the new Christians to help other Christians stay on track too. Christians should help others grow close to God too. We have to always think about other people. We have to make sure we are setting a good example for others. We have to remember that other people might be watching us to see what we do and what we don't do during Lent. So, let's all try to stay on track this Lent, and we can help our friends stay on track too!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

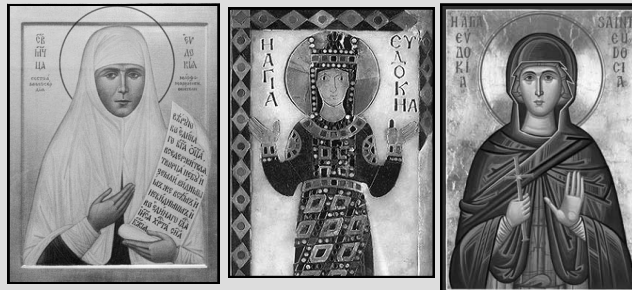
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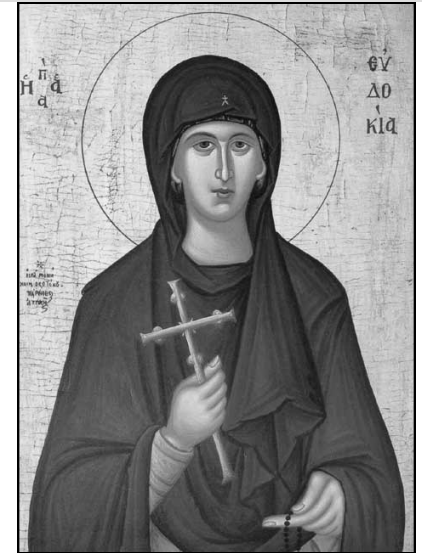
Here are some icons of three different saints named Eudocia!

Can you look at the icons to see which one was a queen, which one was a martyr, and which one was a nun?



LISTENING IN SAINT EUDOCIA THE MARTYR

Have you ever eavesdropped, and heard something you probably shouldn't have? Maybe you heard your parents talking about your birthday surprise. Maybe you listened to two classmates talking about YOU. Listening in is hardly ever a good idea. *But* for St. Eudocia, it *was*!



St. Eudocia was a very early saint—She lived just about a hundred years after Christ lived! At first, Eudocia was not a Christian, and she was definitely going down the wrong path. She made lots of mistakes. But one day, a holy man, Germanos, came to stay at the house of her next-door neighbor (who was a Christian). As Eudocia was trying to sleep, she could hear Germanos singing psalms from the Bible. He was also reading some prayers, asking for forgiveness.

St. Eudocia *really* couldn't sleep then. She started to think about all the mistakes she made. The next day, she began to turn her life around. She was baptized. She gave her valuable things away to the poor. She prayed all the time. She changed everything. Soon, she became very holy, and even gave up her life for Christ when the governor found out she was a Christian.

We celebrate St. Eudocia on Saturday, March 1st (OC: March 14th).