



Summary :

Descendant of the family of the Grand Komnenoi. In 1330 he succeeded his father, Alexios II (1297-1330), on the throne of the Empire of Trebizond. He passed away on January 8, 1332.

Other Names

Date and Place of Birth

first half of 14th c., Trebizond

Date and Place of Death

January 8, 1332, Trebizond

Main Role

Emperor of Trebizond (1330-1332)

1. Life

Andronikos Grand Komnenos, the later Emperor Andronikos III, was born in the city of [Trebizond](#) during the first half of the 14th century. He was the son of the Emperor of Trebizond [Alexios II Grand Komnenos](#) (1297-1330) and the daughter of the ruler Pekai, a vassal of the king of Iberia (Georgia); he was consanguineous brother of [Basil Grand Komnenos](#), the future emperor (1332-1340), and of [Eudokia Grand Komnene](#). He was also the half-brother of Michael Anachoutlou, Georgios Achpougas and [Anna Anachoutlou](#), the later empress (1341-1342).

2. Deeds

In 1330 Andronikos succeeded his father Alexios II on the throne, taking the regnal name Andronikos III Grand Komnenos. After his proclamation as emperor, he sought to firmly establish his hold on power and ordered his two half-brothers murdered.¹ During his reign he repelled an invasion of the [Turkmen](#) led by Pairames. There are no other historical evidence for his reign. He passed away on January 8, 1332.

1. During that period Basil Grand Komnenos, the future Emperor Basil (1332-1340), was in Constantinople. See Miller, W., *Trebizond. The Last Greek Empire* (London 1926), p. 43.

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Quotations

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Καὶ ἐβασίλευσεν ὁ υἱὸς αὐτοῦ, ὁ κῦρ Ἀνδρόνικος ὁ μέγας Κομνηνός, καὶ ἐφόνησε τοὺς δύο αὐταδέλφους αὐτοῦ, τὸν τε Ἀζαχουτλοῦν κῦρ Μιχαήλ καὶ κῦρ Γεώργιον τὸν Ἀχπουγᾶν. Ἐβασίλευσεν δὲ ὁ κῦρ Ἀνδρόνικος ἔτος α' καὶ μῆνας η', καὶ ἑκομήθη μηνὶ Ἰανουαρίῳ η', ἡμέρα δ', ἰνδικτιῶνος ιε', ἔτους ,ζωμ'.

Λαμψίδης, Ο. (ed.), «Μιχαήλ του Παναρέτου περί των Μεγάλων Κομνηνών», *Αρχαίον Πόντου* 22 (1958), p. 64.

Chronological Table

first half of 14th c.: Andronikos Grand Komnenos, the future Emperor Andronikos III, is born at Trebizond.

1330: Alexios II Grand Komnenos, father of Andronikos dies. Andronikos is proclaimed emperor.

between 1330 and 1332: Turkmen launch a raid under the leadership of Pairames into the territory of the Empire of Trebizond. Andronikos manages to successfully repel them.

January, 8 1332: Death of Andronikos. Manuel II Grand Komnenos is proclaimed emperor.

Auxiliary Catalogs

List of the emperors of Trebizond:

Alexios I (1204)

Andronikos I Gidon (1222)

John I Axouchos (1235)

Manuel I (1238)

Andronikos II (1263)



George Planos (1266)

John II (1280, 1287)

Theodora (1285)

Alexios II (1297)

Andronikos III (1330)

Manuel II (1332)

Basil (1332)

Eirene (1340)

Anna Anachoutlou (1341)

John III (1342)

Michael (1344)

Alexios III (1349)

Manuel III (1390)

Alexios IV (1417)

John IV (1429)

Alexios V (1458)

David (1458-1461)