

St Nina the Enlightener of Georgia (with many pictures)

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Extract from the “Historia Ecclesiastica” of Tyrannius Rufinus (ca. 340-410 AD)

(Book I, chapter 10: on the Conversion of the Iberian People, brought about by a captive woman)

At that time also the Iberian nation, who live in the clime of Pontus, accepted the laws of God’s word and faith in the kingdom of heaven. This so excellent deed was brought about by a certain captive woman who had fallen among them, and who led a life of faith and complete sobriety and virtue, and throughout the days and nights unceasingly offered up prayers to God. The very novelty of this thing began to amaze the barbarians, and they diligently Inquired what it meant. She told them simply the truth of the matter, namely that she was wont thus to worship Christ her God. The strangeness of this name seemed to the barbarians the most astonishing feature of the whole business. Xs often happens, however, her very persistence

aroused among the womenfolk a certain curiosity to see whether such devotion might not win some reward.

It is said to be a custom among them that if a child falls ill, it is carried round by its mother to each individual household, so that if anyone knows of some trustworthy remedy, he may administer it to the sufferer. [περισσότερα...](#)