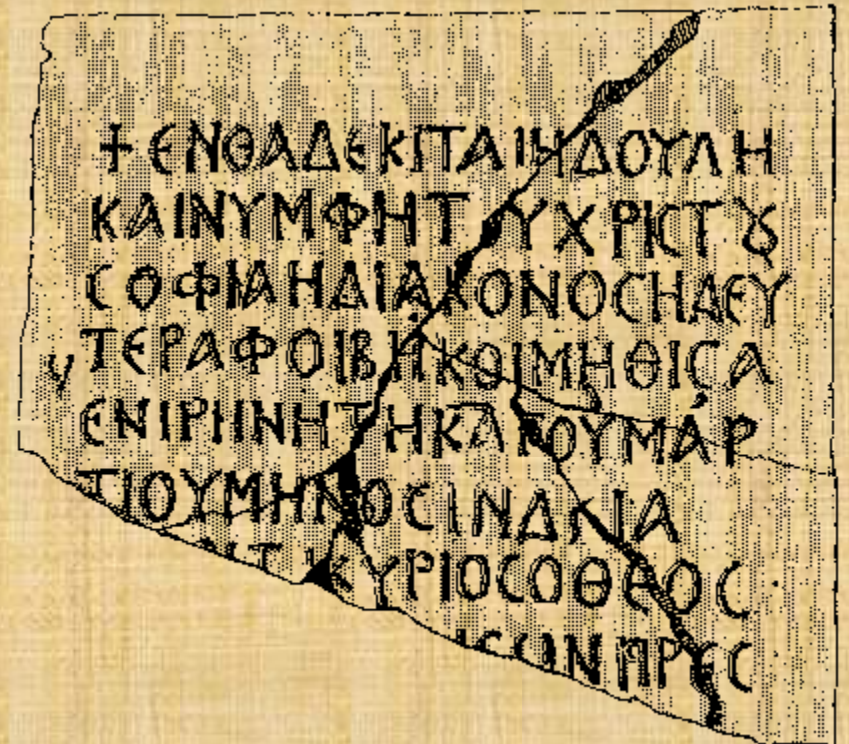


18 Women Deacons

- Phoebe 16:1, *diakonos*
- Compare Phil 1:1
- Pliny's *ancillae ministrae*

- *Diakonos, diakonē, diakonissa* used interchangeably even quite late
- Abbreviation on inscription often *diak*

Sophia, slave and
bride of Christ,
deacon, second
Phoebe



- *Didascalia/Apostolic Constitutions* have them as part of the clergy
- Principal role: ministry to women

Ign. Magn. 6. Bishop-deacon-presbyter; here deaconess added.
Trinitarian typology

Novellae 6.6 (Constantinople, 6th cent.): 100 male deacons, 40 female deacons to be supported at Hagia Sophia