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6.3 The Life of St. Thomas of Lesbos (Anonymous, mid-tenth century?)

Thomas was born to well to do parents, Michael and Kali. Her parents were abundantly happy and blessed. Her father lived in a way pleasing to God and maintained an angelic lifestyle. His wife Kali was most beautiful in character, and more beautiful in soul.

Kali was barren, and this agitated them nightly , upset them deeply, and tore their soul. They constantly went to church, sometimes all night singing and praying to the Lord. The Lord down from heaven , heard their cries and loosed the fetters of childlessness.

One night Kali had a dream that the woman Kale appeared to her and told her she would give birth to a female child. The name Thomias was given to her, a child who was born in accord with a promise. Thomias grew up, she continued to be strengthened in the virtues, devoted to the worship of God.