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(Re)Discovering the Early Christian basilicas of Cyprus.

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Abstract

In the framework of my PhD study on the cult of relics in Early and Middle Byzantine basilicas of Cyprus, I was confronted with several problems inherent to Cypriot archaeology. Indeed, despite the discovery of over a hundred churches, the documentation relating to these excavations has, for a significant number of them, only been very partially published, particularly for the oldest of them. As a result, studies integrating these sites are faced with difficulties on several aspects, including methodological as well as analytic issues. Indeed, for some sites such as, the Chrysopolitissa basilica in Paphos or those from Pegeia, a significant amount of data can only be found in the archives of the Department of Antiquities or the University of Cyprus and is therefore difficult to accurately evaluate. The material from these excavations is also difficult to access, especially in terms of storage conditions. As for the buildings located in the northern part of Cyprus under the illegal occupation of the Turkish army, the missing material after 1974 and the lack of recent data make the study of these basilicas even more complex. However, once again, a new approach to archival data has enabled us to obtain innovative results.

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