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Byzantine Period Buildings
in Antalya/Yanartas

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This session will examine the Byzantine period buildings in Antalya, Yanartas near the Olympos ancient city (South-West Lycia). At the field, there are two churches and their appurtenances.

The area asserted as the place in Chimera and Bellarophontes myth because of the permanent flames. At the Roman period a temple dedicated to Hephaistos was built. Therefore the region was called Hephaistion. Temples’ altars and statue pedestals can be seen on the surface.

Today, there is a three-naved basilica on the temple’s place. There is a wall surrounding the west and south sides of the basilica, and the narthex is inside it. At the northwest corner, two-story appurtenances have six abodes. The church has two phases. The primary phase has three naves and apses. There is a fresco composition with the figures on the northern apse. It can be seen from a hole in the apse’s wall.

At the secondary phase, apses were built in front of the former ones, but the southern apse was built straight, and the apse lost its function. All of the interior surfaces were filled by frescoes. The geometrical and floral arrangement of the frescoes shows iconoclastical characteristics.

Furthermore there is a small chapel at the southeast field of the church, about fifty meters away. It was converted from a Roman bath. It doesn’t have any decoration. There are some additional buildings at the north and south side of the chapel.

In the article, this Byzantine complex will be explained with details and compared with similar example.