



Description

The arched niche (arcosolium) for 5 burials is located in a hypogeum (an underground tomb of greater size) in the upper level of the catacombs. The niche is currently dated in the 3rd century AD and belongs to the oldest part of that level. The catacombs itself were used for burials from the 2nd century AD to the Middle Ages. Paintings: A red-green-orange frame system divides the surface in geometrical motives, in which different objects are placed such as birds, flowers, vessels, festoons and - bottom left - a ram with a thyrsus (a rod which is the attribute of Dionysus and his companions). An inscription mentions the name of one deceased.

Processed from 285 photos and 3 laser scans. The result of a joint project of GDH, the Zamani Project, Università degli Studi di Napoli “L’Orientale”, and the Administration of the Catacombe di Napoli. Processed in Reality Capture. The descriptions were provided by Seniorprofessor Dr. Dieter Korol, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster. Project # 20a.

Specifications

Country: Italy

Region: Capodimonte-Naples

Site: Catacombs of San Gennaro

Age: Medieval

Internal ID: Area_20_A

Digitization date: 19-30/09/2019

Photos / scans number: 285 photos 3scans

Hardware: FARO Focus3D S70; Z&F 5010 & 5016; Sony A7iii

Lens: 35 mm

Lighting: LCD

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