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## UNDERWATER EXCAVATION IN LAKE İZNİK — 2015

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The subject of this presentation is prior knowledge gained by the underwater excavations, which were performed in November and December. Underwater excavation, which was discovered in 2014 in Lake Iznik, was undertaken by Uludağ University, under the presidency of Iznik Museum. In the first part of the excavation, a platform, which is 5x5 m. sizes, was placed on the basilica. On the platform we have a storage place for the excavated soil, two water pumps and a distribution unit for surface-supplied diving. Excavated soil carried on the platform with the help of a water pump, then after sifting the soil, it was laid up in the storage place. When the storage place was full, the sifted soil is unloaded in the proper area in the lake.

Excavations were started in the middle nave, in front of the bema. The size of the drilling was 6x3 meters. During the excavations 43 coins, an oil lamp and lots of ceramic pieces were found. Coins were dated to the period of Antoninus Pius, and the oil lamp was dated to 1.-2. Century A.D., were the most important foundlings

These findings dated back to 2nc century BC raise the probability that this church was constructed on an earlier religious structure. Excavations will continue during 2016.