

Mortuary Practices in Medieval Byzantine Anatolia

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This paper will address Byzantine Mortuary practices between the 9th and the 12th centuries in rural Anatolia presenting a taxonomy of sites and graves and discussing the experience of death and burial in Byzantium. Following on from a discussion of the archaeological evidence moments from the medieval Byzantine mortuary program will be presented. We will trace the process of preparing the dead for burial through successive stages; the death bed, the moment of death, laying out and shrouding, procession to the graveside, liturgy, deposition, the dispersal of the material culture of the deceased and commemoration.

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