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With the resettlement of the bodies of the saints, the Christian cemetery, which was already in use, was consecrated in her memory. The catacombs cover an area of 18,000 square meters. As early as the third century, around 15,000 people were said to have been laid to rest at this place. Historical artifacts, such as tombstones covering the niches (loculi), are also preserved in the catacombs. In addition, some of the marble tombstones are marked with visible and recognizable signs with which the early Christians signaled their faith. The Catacombs of Saints Marcellino and Peter His Eminence welcomes Ms. Mehriban Aliyeva and the Ambassador of Azerbaijan, Mr. Elchin Amirbarov The visit of First Lady Ms. Mehriban Aliyeva, President of the Azerbaijan heydar Aliyev Foundation. On 2 June 2014, the President of the Pontifical Council for Culture and the Pontifical Commission for Sacred Archaeology, Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi, host Dr. Mehriban Aliyeva, President of the Azerbaijani Heydar Aliyev Foundation, during a visit to the Roman catacombs of St. Marcellinus and Peter ad duas lauros (Rome, Casilina, 641) to present the final results of the first series of restoration actions, funded by the Foundation under the chairmanship of Ms. Aliyeva, a restoration , which aims to present a restoration that will help restore the extraordinary body of paintings of this catacomb, which has over 87 frescoes. The generous allocation was made available under a specific agreement signed by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation and the Pontifical Commission for Sacred Archaeology in June 2012. In January, the interventions were completed at the following locations, chronologically up to the fourth traced: the cabin of Susanna and the tombs, the pit daniel, the Arcosolium of the Banquet of Sabina and the Arcosolium of Orpheus. Thanks to the second tranche of financing, the restoration of the the Madonna with two Magi is recorded. The very encouraging results of the first group of renovations that have just been completed are also the merit of highly qualified conservators, led by scientific and technical directors of the Pontifical Commission for Sacred Archaeology, a result of the use of state-of-the-art conservation techniques, especially laser cleaning, which has enabled the removal of stubborn blackening coatings that are otherwise resistant to traditional cleaning techniques. The project of restoration of the complex duas lauros as a whole is expected to be completed by 2015, and is the subject of major initiatives that hope to increase the value of the catacombs, both for the extraordinary area above the ground characterized by the majestic structure of the mausoleum of Augusta Helena and restored by the Special Superintendence for archaeological heritage of Rome with the aim to increase its use by the public. In this virtuous circle, the contribution of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, which expresses the sensitivity, generosity and tireless hard work of the President, Ms. Mehriban Aliyeva, stands out as a bold and far-sighted gesture, the product of a modern vision, according to which the cultural heritage is protected as the common heritage of humanity in the broadest sense and without geographical, religious and cultural boundaries and as such. It is therefore very desirable that the occasion of the visit should be an opportunity to express to Mrs Mehriban Aliyeva the deepest gratitude for what is being done in the catacombs of St. Marcellinus and Peter of His Eminence Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi on behalf of the Pontifical Commission for Sacred Archaeology and, more generally, on behalf of those who love cultural heritage. It is also to be hoped that cooperation in the restoration of the Ad lauros duas complex will continue in the vast and challenging terrain of culture. The catacombs of Marcellinus and Peter are located about three kilometres from the south-east of Rome and the ancient Via Labicana and date back to the 4th century AD. [1] The catacombs were named after the Christian martyrs Marcellinus and Peter, who, according to legend, may be buried there near the body of St. Tiburtius. [2] During excavations between 2004 and 2010, an estimated 20,000 skeletons were discovered in these catacombs; the skeletons were buried in Loculi (individually buried in a niche, arkosoly (a burial under a vaulted recess) or cubicala (individuals grouped into a burial chamber)[1]. The catacombs cover 3 hectares with 4.5 kilometers of underground galleries on three different levels. [1] the catacombs is home to a variety of frescoes, which are representative of pagan and Christian traditions and some small artifacts. The importance of the Art can be traced back to the period in which they were commissioned and to a possible influence of the inhabitants of the catacombs. One of the chambers in the catacombs of Marcellinus and Peter Catacomb's muralOrpheus adorned in Roman combat clothing play a Lyre from the walls of the catacombs of Marcellinus and Peter. The catacomb of Marcellinus and Peter from the fourth century contains a mixture of pagan and Christian images (both old and new testaments). [3] A room in the catacomb, labeled room 79, shows images showing this mixture. Some of the pictures are Peter, who beats water from a rock. Orpheus plays a Lyre, the rearing of Lazarus and Daniel in the cave of the lion. Another room in the catacomb, room 66, contains paintings of athletes. [3] These examples of the mixing of different types of images prove the shift towards Christian images. Also in the catacomb of Marcellinus and Peter was a gold glass pane fragment, which represented controversial Jewish and Christian images. [3] The disc fragment is decorated with a grave with a free-standing column on both sides and a menora on the front. Importance of the art of the catacombs The culture of Rome was captured in art by the mixture of pagan and Christian images, a slow transition that took place as a result of the gradual shift to Christianity. In the fourth century, there were paintings of Christ and the Apostles in the catacombs, which were depicted more realistically than earlier paintings. [4] Another common theme that arose in catacomb frescoes was the story of Jonah. Jonah Fresco The depiction of Jonah is unique and comes from two different sources of inspiration: Roman pagan art, which influenced gestures and visual formulas, and Jewish Midrashorigins, which played a role in the development of the non-biblical history behind the episodes depicted. [5] On a ceiling in the catacomb of Marcellinus and Peter there is a fresco that tells the story of Jonah. The different scenes are: Jonah on board a ship from Joppa to Tardish to avoid his given task; Jonah is thrown into the roaring sea as repentance for godlessness; Jonah was swallowed by a large fish, where he lived three days and nights; Jonah is spit tinged by the fish and preaches penance to the Nine-Vitians; and the last scene of Jonah sitting in the shadow of a booth he built to watch for the impending destruction of Nineveh. [5] The depictions of the story of Jonah were confirmed by evangelists and led to further adoption within the art of time. [5] There are several theories about the meaning of History of Jonah. One theory is linked to a Hebrew prayer from the Hellenistic-Mican period, which was the basis for the Christian Ordo-Lobs Anima and says: Who the of [Jona]. He will answer us. [5] A second theory is that history represents God's mercy, an idea that would be highly desirable for those who migrate from the world to eternity. [5] The image of Jonah being lowered into the sea in the middle of the storm as a sacrifice to save the people on board the ship. The scenes of the story of Jonah in the catacomb of Marcellinus and Peter, although traditionally in context, contains variations of some of the traditional representations. A resemblance to most of Jonah's other catacomb depictions is in the scene where he is thrown away from the ship by Nineveh. In this scene, Jonah is portrayed as naked and generally interpreted as a symbol of the sailors throwing all unnecessary cargoes overboard to prevent the ship from sinking into the storm. [5] There are some who believe that this representation may have its origins in pagan marine art. [5] One aspect of Jonah's image, which is less often thrown in catacomb images, is that Jonah, instead of going headlong into the ocean, seems to be lowered into the sea feet by the sailors first. This image is more traditional of the Jewish Middle Rashian interpretation and gives the theory that the painting in the catacomb of Marcellinus and Peter is more Jewish than Christian. [5] Another aspect of Jonah's scenes supporting this theory is the large fish depicted, a ketos and not the traditionally depicted Leviathan. [5] Skeletons excavated in the catacomb In recent years, several studies have been conducted on the catacombs of Marcellinus and Peter, which analyzed how the conditions in the catacombs affect the conservation of the skeletons. The general conclusion is that the thermal history in the catacombs is very favorable for bone preservation, even more so than that of skeletons exposed to outdoor environments. [6] Bones located in larger catacomb chambers were preserved as much better than bones found in the smaller chambers of the catacombs. The hypothesis with which many pathologists work is that bones located in close proximity to the catacomb walls are subject to some environmental conditions, in particular drain and increased humidity; Bones discovered near the center of the chambers are not subject to such conditions. [6] This explains why bones located in smaller chambers are not in such good condition, since almost every skeleton would be near the walls of the chamber. Bones found in smaller chambers of catacombs are also affected by diagenesis due to limited space (the conversion of sediment enden into resulting in a chemical or physical change). [6] From 2004 to 2010, the central areas of the catacombs were excavated by Marcellinus and Peter. During the excavation, several several From the first and third centuries A.D. were discovered in the previously unknown burial space. [6] The mass graves consisted of dozens to hundreds of articulated skeletons, depending on the size of the chamber in which they were located. [6] Artifact dating and radiocarbon dating performed at the time verified the data in which the skeletons were buried in the catacombs; The corpses appear to have passed through complex burial rites consisting of some of the bodies covered in plaster or amber and wrapped in textiles. [1] [6] The age of the skeletons in the catacombs is difficult to determine, but it seems that it ranges from young adults to adults and that both sexes are present. One theory that pathologists have about the circumstances that led to the existence of mass graves is that there was some form of epidemic at that time. [6] See also list of ancient monuments in Rome mausoleum of Helena references - a b c d Kacki, s.; Castex, D.; Blanchard, P.; Bessou, M.; Giuliani, R.; Dutour, O. (2013-12-01). 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