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## *Divers observe underwater Byzantine basilica discovered in İznik Lake*



Experts made their first diving into to the remains of a nearly 1,600 year-old basilica, which was recently discovered under Lake İznik during a photo shoot from the air. The early Byzantine era basilica, which has the traces of early Christianity architecture, was found about 20 meters from the shore. Dedicated to St. Neophytos, the church was built during the 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> centuries. Archaeologists, historians and art historians, who are working on the church, estimate that the structure collapsed during an earthquake that occurred in the region in 740.

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