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A New Deposit from a ›Banquet Hall‹ of the Bath-Gymnasium in Metropolis

Excavation and discovery

The ruins of a huge Roman bath were discovered in 2003 at the site of Hanyıkığı¹ on the eastern slopes of Metropolis (fig. 1)². Its *palaestra* was built in the Antonine Period together with some extensions in the northern part which were paved with mosaics in the 3rd and 4th centuries A.D.³ (fig. 2). A long hall surrounded with niches and tentatively called a ›*basilica thermarum*‹ or ›*ambulacrum*‹ had the function of a changing room (*apodyterium*), a vestibule, a resting place or a training room during bad weather conditions⁴.

In 2012 further areas of this long hall were unearthed. Along the rear wall several niches have been excavated (figs. 3–5 a) which were supported by retaining walls. In the second niche from the east, archaeologists discovered almost a complete set of a table ware and various cooking utensils (figs. 6–7) originating from a banquet hall or *taberna*, deliberately thrown into the canal during a repair. This canal, situated along the rear wall, is 2.45 m long, 0.46 m wide and 0.83 m deep. In addition to broken pieces of pottery, it also contained glass and a series of coins. The pottery and glass fragments are mostly common table ware, i.e. drinking and eating vessels, but cooking vessels are also represented. Similarly, almost identical rim fragments of one-handled mugs, plates, amphoras and cooking pots, found in the Vedio Gymnasium at Ephesos, have also been considered as ›*Tafelgeschirr*‹⁵.

Nature of the deposit and interpretation

The findings were mainly found at each short edge of the canal, heaped on top of each other between the level 44.10 and 43.27 m (figs. 4–5). Just below the surface a small Hellenistic grey ware jug first came to light (fig. 8; pl. 1, cat. 1), possibly a funeral gift from a disturbed Hellenistic cemetery and out of use after ca. 150 B.C.⁶. The group of Roman finds (fig. 9; pl. 1, cat. 2–6) dating to the 1st and 2nd centuries A.D. might come from the earlier building phases: a) construction of the bath building itself at the end of the 1st century A.D.; b) erecting of a colonnade on the *palaestra* during the reign of Antonius Pius⁷. A lead disk roundel (fig. 10; pl. 9, cat. 53) was initially thought to be a medallion, but the two holes on each of the opposed sides indicate that it was originally attached to something. According to H. Ingvaldsen, it was

¹ Meriç – Öz – Ekin Meriç 2005, 140.

² Aybek – Öz – Ekin Meriç 2010, 167.

³ Öz 2012, 160.

⁴ Yegül 2006, 278.

⁵ Steskal – La Torre 2008, 112–113.

⁶ Ekin Meriç 2010, 30–31.

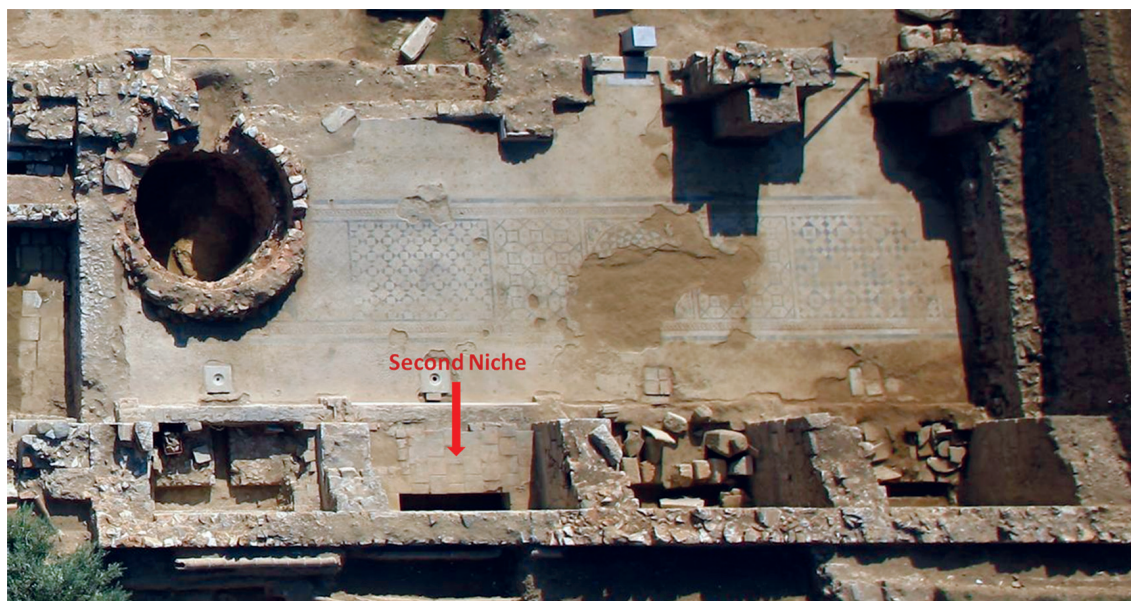
⁷ Öz 2012, 146.



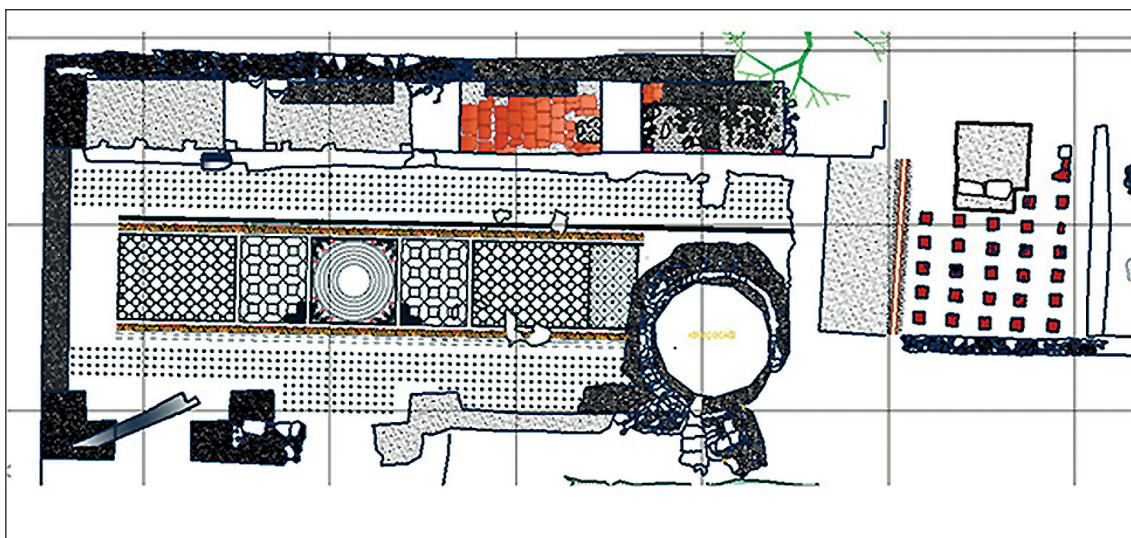
1 The Roman bath-gymnasium complex at the eastern slopes of Metropolis



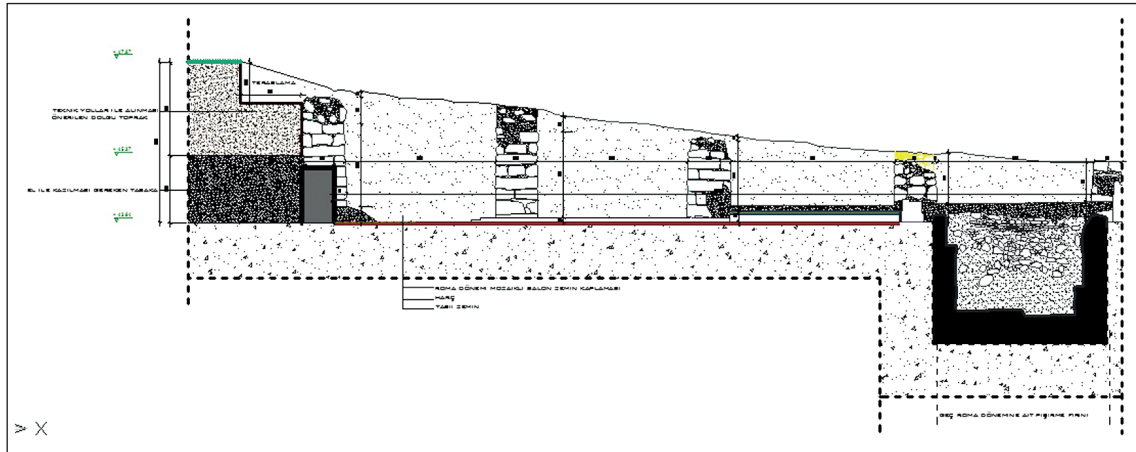
2 Metropolis, general area view of the baths and the *palaestra*



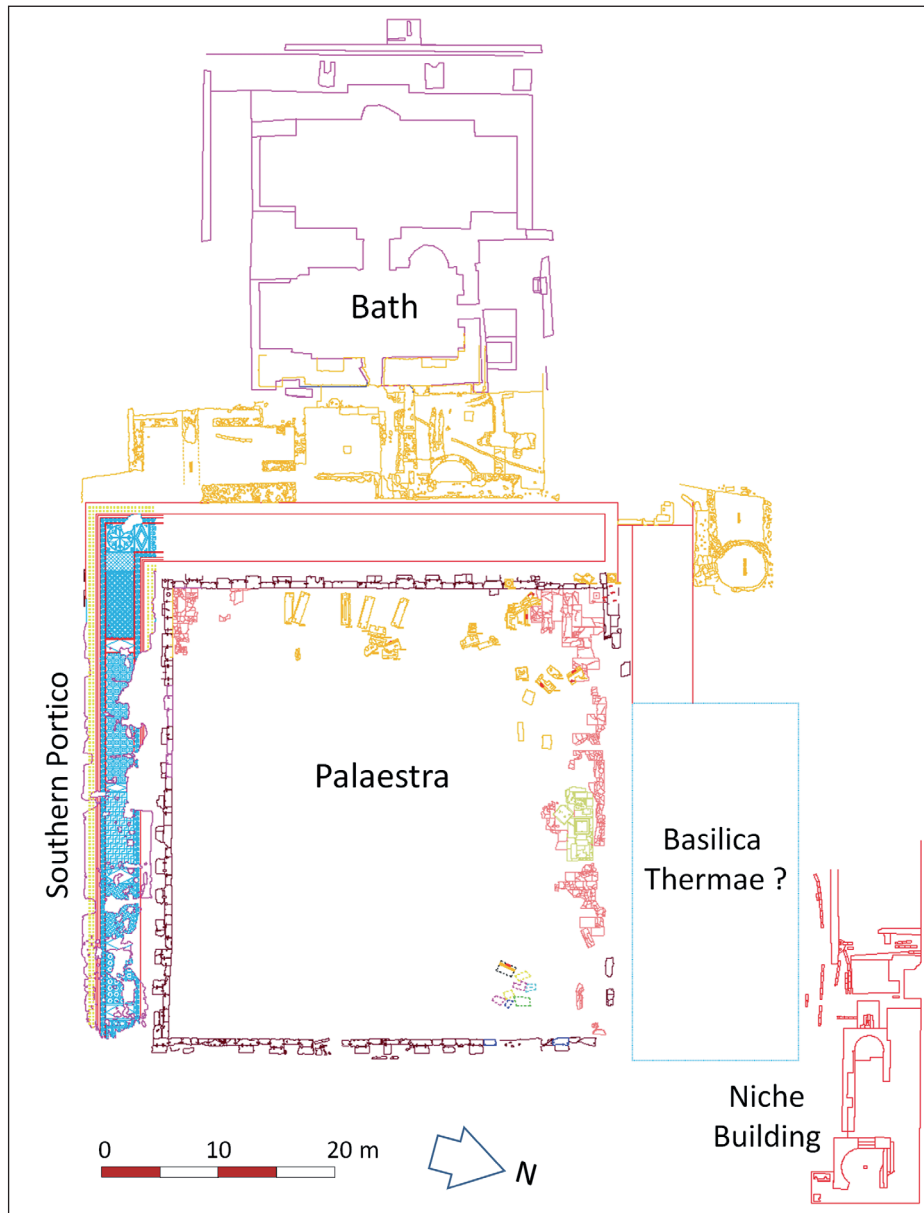
3 Metropolis, Roman bath-gymnasium. Second niche and surrounding area



4 Metropolis, Roman bath-gymnasium. Drawing of the second niche and surrounding area



5 Metropolis, Roman bath-gymnasium. Profile drawing



5 a Metropolis, Roman bath-gymnasium. Ground plan



6 Metropolis, Roman bath-gymnasium. Set of table ware and cooking utensils before and after restoration



7 Metropolis, Roman bath-gymnasium. *In situ* situation of the findings



Cat. 1

8 Metropolis, Hellenistic grey ware jug cat. 1



Cat. 2

9 Metropolis, moldmade relief skyphos cat. 2



Cat. 53

10 Metropolis, lamp cat. 53

probably a decorative element perforated at the upper and lower part and bearing a very typical motif for the 2nd century A.D.⁸

The main bulk of the context, however, consists of homogenous material of the late 3rd and early 4th century A.D., dated with the help of a coin of Constantinus I between 317–337 A.D. (see below).

The finds, i.e. bowls, mugs, pitchers and glass vessels, and almost certainly used for both special events and celebrations in addition to daily use, supports the suggestion that they belonged to a banquet hall or café.

In fact, F. Yegül makes the interesting remark that the Roman bath was the equivalent of a modern café of nowadays where people spent many hours drinking and eating⁹. As well as the baths, there were often associated facilities for various exercises, ball games, swimming and massage, as well as gardens, meeting rooms and food shops¹⁰. It is clear now that we can reconstruct daily life in a bath as including not only washing and cleaning purposes, but that it also functioned as a social meeting place with drinking and eating facilities. It was already attested in the small bath-gymnasium in the middle town of Metropolis that the community of elders (*presbyteroi*) donated 19 *triklines*, quite a high number, for their private club in the gymnasium, apparently for the symposia that they frequently celebrated¹¹.

Dating

A. K. Öz has already suggested that the porticoes around the *palaestra* were covered up around 300 A.D. with a new mosaic floor, indicating a large-scale rebuilding activity¹². Apparently during this rebuilding the above-mentioned canal was given up and it was filled in with debris coming probably from a ›café‹ of the bath-gymnasium complex. This debris consists of quite numerous well-preserved and restorable discarded fragments. A series of coins were found together with the context material, representing currency mostly from the second half of the 3rd century A.D.; the latest coin is one of Constantinus I dated 317–337 A.D. (cat. 58 pl. 11) giving a *terminus post quem* for the sealing of the context with a tile floor. This dating is further supported by a series of parallels, in particular by the most common form of one-handled mug¹³.

Metrological research on the liquid measures of the vessels

The large amount of drinking vessels which have been successfully restored¹⁴ enables us to tell what kind of vessels were used for drinking and how drinks were ordered. The preliminary research¹⁵ has shown that three kinds of vessels with different volume measures were used for the table service. The smallest one was a *kotyle*, the one-handled drinking cup with a volume between 250–350 cm³; the majority have a volume capacity of 290–300 cm³. This would indicate that a Roman *kotyle* in Metropolis measured ca. 290–300 cm³. The medium-size jug with

⁸ H. Ingvaldsen (Oslo University) has worked on the coins of Metropolis. I am grateful for his help and valuable assistance for the identification of the lead roundel.

⁹ Yegül 2006, 21.

¹⁰ Adkins 2004, 389

¹¹ Special thanks to B. Dreyer for reminding me of this text edited by H. Engelmann, *Inschriften zu Metropolis*, ZPE 125, 1999, 139–142 no. 2 (SEG 49, no. 1522)

¹² Öz 2012, 160.

¹³ S. Ladstätter dates such one-handled cups generally to the 3rd c. A.D. (Ladstätter 2005, K672. K682–684. K832. K809–812. K875).

¹⁴ T. Özgür has carefully restored this entire set.

¹⁵ I am indebted to R. Meriç for his advice concerning liquid measures, and to Ö. Ceyran for her careful work on volume measurements of the vessels, now kept in Izmir Museum.

a capacity of 2,410 cm³ (equal to 8 *kotyle*) was probably used for a table or *trikline* service with four persons. The largest jug with a capacity of ca. 6,320 cm³ (equal to roughly 20 *kotyle*) would of course serve more people, perhaps ten. It is also possible that this large jug might have been used as a storage jug.

List of liquid measures of mugs and jugs of the context of 317–337 A.D. from Metropolis

One-handed mug	Measured metric equivalent	Note
Cat. 24	250 ml	slightly under average
Cat. 27	250 ml	
Cat. 28	250 ml	
Cat. 12	260 ml	corresponds to average volume of ca. 290–330 ml: <i>kotyle</i>
Cat. 29	270 ml	
Cat. 16	290 ml	
Cat. 25	290 ml	
Cat. 14	300 ml	
Cat. 18	300 ml	
Cat. 19	300 ml	
Cat. 21	300 ml	
Cat. 23	300 ml	
Cat. 26	325 ml	
Cat. 17	330 ml	
Cat. 35	340 ml	
Cat. 15	350 ml	above average
Cat. 20	375 ml	
Cat. 36	390 ml	
Cat. 37	300 ml	
Other forms		
Cat. 38 (two-handed cup)	283 ml	
Cat. 31 (one-handed service jug)	2,410 ml	ca. 8 <i>kotyle</i>
Cat. 30 (one-handed service/storage jug)	6,320 ml	ca. 20 <i>kotyle</i>

Context

The context consists of ESB II late forms (fig. 11; pl. 2 cat. 7–10), ESC plate and bowl (pl. 2 cat. 12–13) and red slipped bowl (pl. 2 cat. 11)¹⁶, one-handed mugs (fig. 12; pls. 3–5 cat. 14–37), pitchers (›Gebrauchskeramik‹) (fig. 13; pls. 6–7 cat. 39–45), amphoras (pl. 8 cat. 46–47) of Peacock – Williams 45 type of 3rd century A.D., *unguentaria* (fig. 14; pl. 8 cat. 48–51) and finally lamps (figs. 10, 15; pl. 9 cat. 52–57). Glass beaker/mug, plate and bottle forms (fig. 16; pl. 10 cat. 58–63) are also present. Especially beakers are represented numerously (cat. 58, 59). Not only the high number of drinking vessels both of pottery and glass, but also the frequent occurrence of kitchen wares shows clearly that service of food and drink took place at the bath-gymnasium complex, in an establishment similar to today's café or restaurant. Of particular interest was the habit of drinking, as documented by the high quantity of one-handed clay

¹⁶ Ladstätter 2005, 260, pl. 204, K873; pl. 192, K711, K712; pl. 194, K746.



Cat. 7



Cat. 8



Cat. 9



Cat. 10

11 Metropolis,
ESB II late
forms cat.
7–10



Cat. 14



Cat. 15



Cat. 20



Cat. 26



Cat. 28



Cat. 36

12 Metropolis, one
handled mugs
cat. 14. 15. 20.
26. 28. 36



Cat. 45

13 Metropolis,
»Gebrauchs-
keramik«
cat. 45



Cat. 48



Cat. 49



Cat. 50

14 Metropolis, *unguentaria* cat. 48–50



Cat. 52



Cat. 56

15 Metropolis, lamps cat. 52. 56



16 Metropolis, glass finds cat. 58. 59. 62. 60

mugs (especially cat. 14–27) or glass beakers with a high flaring rim, having a capacity of approximately a *kotyle*. Cat. 31 has a capacity of approximately 8 *kotyle*. It is suitable for four persons in two services and might have been used at table. Cat. 30 is three times larger and has a capacity of ca. 20 *kotyle*. The amphoras and voluminous one-handled jugs indicate that wine consumption was quite high. No doubt the beakers were used for drinking water or perhaps herbal teas like *ada çay* or *kekik çay* which are still quite common. *Unguentaria* (cat. 48–51) were used commonly as containers for creams and cosmetics which might be related to bathing culture. Their rather coarse and careless production, however, may also indicate that they could have been used as sauce bottles at the café/restaurant.

Seven bronze coins (cat. 54–60) were found in the context. They are very important for the chronology of the other finds, with a date range (69 years) between 268–337 A.D.

Cat.	Emperor	Date
Cat. 54.	Maximianus	295–299 A.D.
Cat. 55	Claudius II	268–270 A.D.
Cat. 56	Claudius II	268–270 A.D.
Cat. 57	?	3 rd –4 th century A.D.
Cat. 58	Claudius II	268–270 A.D.
Cat. 59	?	2 nd and 3 rd century A.D.
Cat. 60	Claudius I	317–337 A.D.

Catalogue

Pottery

Hellenistic Period

Cat. 1

Inv. MTR 10537. HY 12-50

Jug

Level: 43.72 m

Clay: grey (Gley 1 5/N), mica, sand and white inclusions

Surface: Very dark grey (Gley 1 3/N) glazed

Height: 8.9 cm; diameter of rim: 3.2 cm, diameter of base: 3.5 cm

Cf.: Bucovaia 1967, 90. 56 b (2nd c. B.C.).

fig. 8; pl. 1, 1

Cat. 3

Inv. HY 12-69

Plate. ESB II, F 60

Level: 43.46–43.27 m

Clay: light red (10R 6/6), mica

Surface: 10R 4/8 (red)

Height: 6 cm; diameter of rim: 25.4 cm; diameter of base: 19.4 cm

Cf.: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 176, K440 (early 2nd c. A.D.).

pl. 1, 3

Roman Imperial Period

Cat. 2

Inv. MTR 10733. HY 12-42-2

Moldmade relief skyphos

Level: 44.10 m

Clay: reddish yellow (5YR 6/6), mica, white inclusions

Surface: outside and inside red (10R 4/8) glazed

Wall: convex long petals outlined by ridges and dots

Height: 5.9 cm; diameter of rim: 8.6 cm; diameter of base: 5.4 cm

Cf.: Semeraro 2003, pl. 55, 4.

fig. 9; pl. 1, 2

Cat. 4

Inv. HY 12-69

Plate. ESB II

Level: 43.46–43.27 m

Clay: pink (5RY 7/4), mica, white inclusions

Surface: 2.5YR 6/6 (light red)

Height: 6 cm; diameter of rim: 22.8 cm; diameter of base: 5 cm

Cf.: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 177, K459, Atlante F 60 (early 2nd c. A.D.).

pl. 1, 4

Cat. 5

Inv. HY 12-42

Tray. ESA (late version)

pl. 1, 5

Level: 44.10 m

Clay: light reddish brown (2,5YR 6/4), mica, white inclusions

Surface: outside and inside reddish yellow (5YR 6/6) glazed

Diameter of rim: 14.1 cm; Height: 3.1 cm

Cf.: Atlante I, pl. 7, 12, Forma tarda f. (Antioch IV.1, pl. 7, 645 a).

Cat. 6

pl. 1, 6

Inv. MTR 10539. HY 12-52

Lagynos

Level: 43.81 m

Clay: light red (2,5 YR 6/8), mica, white inclusions

Surface: light red (2,5YR 6/6) slipped

Height: 21.2 cm; diameter of rim: 3.8 cm, diameter of base: 4.4 cm

Cf.: Meriç 2002, pl. 67, K766, Füllung B3 (50–75 A.D.).

Late Roman Period

Cat. 7

fig. 11; pl. 2, 7

Inv. MTR 10738. HY 12-42-7

ESB II local imitation of Atlante 70/Late Type

Level: 44.10 m

Restored and completed

Clay: light reddish brown (2,5YR 7/4), mica, white inclusions

Surface: outside and inside red (10R 5/6) glazed

Height: 4.3 cm; diameter of rim: 10 cm; diameter of base: 5.4 cm

Cf.: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 204, K873 (ESB II local imitation of Atlante 70/Late Type)

Date: 250–275 A.D.

Cat. 8

fig. 11; pl. 2, 8

Inv. MTR 10750. HY 12-42-19

ESB II, local imitation of Atlante 70/Late Type

Level: 44.10 m

Restored and completed

Clay: light red (2,5YR 7/4), mica, white inclusions

Surface: outside and inside red (10R 5/8) glazed

Height: 5.2 cm; diameter of rim: 10 cm; diameter of base: 4.9 cm

Cf.: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 204, K873

Date: 250–275 A.D.

Cat. 9

fig. 11; pl. 2, 9

Inv. MTR 10750. HY 12-42-19

ESB II, local imitation of Atlante 70/Late Type

Level: 44.10 m

Restored and completed

Clay: light red (2,5YR 7/4), mica, white inclusions

Surface: outside and inside red (10R 5/8) glazed

Height: 5.2 cm; diameter of rim: 10 cm, diameter of base: 4.9 cm

Cf.: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 204, K873

Date: 250–275 A.D.

Cat. 10

fig. 11; pl. 2, 10

Inv. MTR 10766. HY 12-69-3

ESB II local imitation of Atlante 70/Late Type

Level: 43.46–43.27 m

Restored and completed

Clay: light red (2,5YR 6/6), mica, white inclusions

Surface: outside and inside red (10R 5/8) glazed

Height: 3.7 cm; diameter of rim: 8 cm; diameter of base: 3.8 cm

Cf.: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 204, K873

Date: 250–275 A.D.

Cat. 11

pl. 2, 11

Inv. HY 12-42

Bowl. Local Red Slipped Ware

Level: 44.10 m

Clay: light red (2,5YR 6/6), mica

Surface: red (10R 5/6) glazed

Height: 5.8 cm; diameter of rim: 25.8 cm.

Cf.: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 192, K711. K712 (3rd quarter of the 3rd c.)

Date: 275 A.D.

Cat. 12

pl. 2, 12

Inv. MTR 10747. HY 12-42-16

Plate. ESC FL9 (?)

Level: 44.10 m

Restored and completed

Clay: red (10R 5/6), mica, white inclusions

Surface: outside and inside red (10R 5/8) glazed

Height: 3.1 cm; diameter of rim: 14.3; diameter of base: 6.4 cm

Cf.: Atlante I, pl. 17, 2, FL9 (?).

Cat. 13

pl. 2, 13

Inv. 10767, HY 12-69-4

ESC Bowl

Level: 43.46–43.27 m

Clay: reddish yellow (5YR 6/6), mica, sand and white inclusions

Surface: outside red (5YR 6/) glazed, inside reddish yellow (5YR 7/6) glazed

Height: 3.7 cm; diameter of rim: 8 cm; diameter of base: 3.8 cm

Cf.: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 194, K746 (3rd quarter of the 3rd c.).

Date: 20–275 A.D.

Thin Walled Pottery

Cat. 14

fig. 12; pl. 3, 14

Inv. MTR 10748. HY 12-42-17

One-handed mug

Level: 44.10 m

Form: a high and slightly outward lip, floppy body and short ring foot with grooved base; bodies with horizontal grooves

Restored and completed

Clay: light reddish brown (2,5YR 6/4), mica, white inclusions; hard
 Surface: outside reddish brown (2,5YR 5/3), and black (2,5Y Black) glaze, inside light reddish brown (2,5YR 6/4)
 Height: 9.8 cm; diameter of rim: 5.8 cm; diameter of base: 3.4 cm. Vol: 300 ml
 Cf.: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 204, K876 (1st half and 3rd quarter of the 3rd c.)
 Date: 250–275 A.D.

Cat. 15**fig. 12; pl. 3, 15**

Inv. MTR 10739. HY 12-42-8
 One-handled mug
 Level: 44.10 m
 Form: a high and slightly outward lip, floppy body and short ring foot with grooved base; bodies with horizontal grooves
 Restored and completed
 Clay: red (10R 5/6), mica, white inclusions; hard
 Surface: outside weak red (2,5YR 4/2), base red (10R 5/8) slipped
 Height: 10.1 cm; diameter of rim: 6 cm; diameter of base: 3.4 cm. Vol: 350 ml
 Cf.: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 204, K876 (1st half and 3rd quarter of the 3rd c. A.D.)
 Date: 250–275 A.D.

Cat. 16**pl. 3, 16**

Inv. MTR 10740. HY 12-42-9
 One-handled mug
 Level: 44.10 m
 Form: a high and slightly outward lip, floppy body and short ring foot with grooved base; bodies with horizontal grooves
 Restored and completed
 Clay: red (2,5YR 5/3), mica, white inclusions; hard
 Surface: inside and outside dark reddish grey (2,5YR 4/1) slipped
 Height: 9.7 cm; diameter of rim: 6 cm; diameter of base: 3.2 cm. Vol: 290 ml
 Cf.: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 204, K876 (1st half and 3rd quarter of the 3rd c.)
 Date: 250–275 A.D.

Cat. 17**pl. 3, 17**

Inv. MTR 10541. HY 12-54
 One-handled mug
 Level: 43.62 m
 Form: a high and slightly outward lip, floppy body and short ring foot with grooved base; bodies with horizontal grooves
 Clay: red (10R 5/6), mica, white inclusions; hard
 Surface: outside light red (2,5YR 6/6)
 Height: 10.2 cm; diameter of rim: 6.2 cm; diameter of base: 3.6 cm. Vol: 330 ml
 Cf.: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 189, K682 (1st half of the 3rd c.)
 Date: 250–275 A.D.

Cat. 18**pl. 3, 18**

Inv. MTR 10736. HY 12-42-5
 One-handled mug
 Level: 44.10 m
 Form: a high and slightly outward lip, floppy body and short ring foot with grooved base; bodies with horizontal grooves
 Restored and completed
 Clay: reddish brown (2,5YR 5/4), mica, white inclusions; hard
 Surface: outside except base part very dark grey (7,5YR 4/2) slipped
 Height: 10.2 cm; diameter of rim: 6 cm; diameter of base: 3.4 cm. Vol: 300 ml
 Cf.: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 204, K876 (1st half and 3rd quarter of the 3rd c.)
 Date: 250–275 A.D.

Cat. 19**pl. 3, 19**

Inv. MTR 10749. HY 12-42-18
 One-handled mug
 Level: 44.10 m
 Form: a high and slightly outward lip, floppy body and short ring foot with grooved base; bodies with horizontal grooves
 Restored and completed
 Clay: red (10R 5/6), mica, white inclusions; hard
 Surface: outside dark grey (7,5YR 4/1) slipped
 Height: 10.2 cm; diameter of rim: 5.6 cm; diameter of base: 3.1 cm. Vol: 300 ml
 Cf.: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 204, K876 (1st half and 3rd quarter of the 3rd c.)
 Date: 250–275 A.D.

Cat. 20**fig. 12; pl. 3, 20**

Inv. MTR 10744. HY 12-42-13
 One-handled mug
 Level: 44.10 m
 Form: a high and slightly outward lip, floppy body and short ring foot with grooved base; bodies with horizontal grooves
 Restored and completed
 Clay: red (10R 5/8), mica, white inclusions; hard
 Surface: outside except base part red (2,5YR 5/6) slipped
 Height: 11 cm; diameter of rim: 6.4 cm; diameter of base: 3.8 cm. Vol: 375 ml
 Cf.: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 204, K876 (1st half and 3rd quarter of the 3rd c.)
 Date: 250–275 A.D.

Cat. 21**pl. 3, 21**

Inv. MTR 10743. HY 12-42-12
 One-handled mug
 Level: 44.10 m
 Form: a high and slightly outward lip, floppy body and short ring foot with grooved base; bodies with horizontal grooves
 Restored and completed

Clay: red (2,5YR 5/6), mica, white inclusions; hard
 Surface: outside except base part dark grey (5YR 4/1) slipped
 Height: 10.3 cm; diam. of rim: 6.4 cm; diameter of base: 3.3 cm. Vol: 300 ml
 Cf.: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 204, K876 (1st half and 3rd quarter of the 3rd c.)
 Date: 250–275 A.D.

Cat. 22 **pl. 3, 22**

Inv. MTR 10734. HY 12-42-3
 One-handled mug
 Level: 44.10 m
 Form: a high and slightly outward lip, floppy body and short ring foot with grooved base; bodies with horizontal grooves
 Restored and completed
 Clay: red (2,5YR 5/6), mica, white inclusions; hard
 Surface: outside except base part brown (7,5YR 4/2) slipped
 Height: 10.2 cm; diameter of rim: 6 cm; diameter of base: 3.1 cm. Vol: 260 ml
 Cf.: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 204, K876 (1st half and 3rd quarter of the 3rd c.)
 Date: 250–275 A.D.

Cat. 23 **pl. 3, 23**

Inv. MTR 10745. HY 12-42-14
 One-handled mug
 Level: 44.10 m
 Form: a high and slightly outward lip, floppy body and short ring foot with grooved base; bodies with horizontal grooves
 Restored and completed
 Clay: reddish brown (2,5YR 4/4), mica, white inclusions; hard
 Surface: outside except base part light reddish brown (2,5YR 5/6) slipped
 Height: 10.7 cm; diameter of rim: 5.7 cm; diameter of base: 3.3 cm. Vol: 300 ml
 Cf.: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 204, K876 (1st half and 3rd quarter of the 3rd c.)
 Date: 250–275 A.D.

Cat. 24 **pl. 3, 24**

Inv. MTR 10735. HY 12-42-4
 One-handled mug
 Level: 44.10 m
 Form: a high and slightly outward lip, round body and short ring foot with grooved base; bodies with horizontal grooves
 Restored and completed
 Clay: reddish brown (2,5YR 5/4), mica, white inclusions; hard
 Surface: outside except base part dark reddish grey (7,5YR 4/2) slipped
 Height: 10 cm; diameter of rim: 5.8 cm; diameter of base: 3.2 cm. Vol: 250 ml

Cf.: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 204, K876 (1st half and 3rd quarter of the 3rd c.)
 Date: 250–275 A.D.

Cat. 25 **pl. 3, 25**

Inv. MTR 10764. HY 12-69-1
 One-handled mug
 Level: 43.46–43.27 m
 Form: a high and slightly outward lip, floppy body and short ring foot with grooved base; bodies with horizontal grooves
 Restored and completed
 Clay: reddish brown grey (5YR 5/2), mica, white inclusions; hard
 Surface: outside brown (7,5YR 5/2) slipped
 Height: 10.5 cm; diameter of rim: 5.6 cm; diameter of base: 3.3 cm. Vol: 290 ml
 Cf.: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 189, K682 (1st half of the 3rd c.)
 Date: 250–275 A.D.

Cat. 26 **fig. 12; pl. 4, 26**

Inv. MTR 10542. HY 12-55
 One-handled mug
 Level: 43.62 m
 Form: a high and slightly outward lip, round body and short ring foot with grooved base; bodies with horizontal grooves
 Clay: red (10R 5/6), mica, white inclusions; hard
 Surface: outside red (2,5YR 5/6)
 Height: 10.2 cm; diameter of rim: 6 cm; diameter of base: 3.4 cm. Vol: 325 ml
 Cf.: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 205, K876 (1st half and 3rd quarter of the 3rd c.)
 Date: 250–275 A.D.

Cat. 27 **pl. 4, 27**

Inv. MTR 10543. HY 12-56
 One-handled mug
 Level: 43.62 m
 Form: a high and perpendicular lip, round body and short ring foot with grooved base
 Clay: dark grey (7,5YR 4/1), mica, white inclusions; hard
 Surface: dark grey (5YR 4/1) slipped
 Height: 9.7 cm; diameter of rim: 5.4 cm; diameter of base: 3.4 cm. Vol: 250 ml
 Cf.: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 204, K875 (1st half and 3rd quarter of the 3rd c. A.D.)
 Date: 250–275 A.D.

Cat. 28 **fig. 12; pl. 4, 28**

Inv. MTR 10746. HY 12-42-15
 One-handled mug
 Level: 44.10 m
 Form: short and sharp outward lip, round body and short ring foot with grooved base; bodies with horizontal grooves
 Restored and completed

Clay, red (10R 5/8), mica, white inclusions; hard
 Surface: outside except base part light red (10R 6/[?]) slipped
 Height: 8.9 cm; diameter of rim: 6.2 cm; diameter of base: 3.2 cm. Vol: 250 ml
 Cf.: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 189, K681 (1st half of the 3rd c.)
 Date: 250–275 A.D.

Cat. 29**pl. 4, 29**

Inv. MTR 10530. HY 12-43

One-handled mug

Level: 44.01 m

Form: high and outward lip, floppy body and short ring foot with grooved base; 5 oval thumb impressions above the mid-body and horizontal grooves

Clay: dark grey (10R 5/6), mica, white inclusions; hard
 Surface: outside light red (10R 6/6) slipped

Height: 9.8 cm; diameter of rim: 5.6 cm; diameter of base: 3.6 cm. Vol: 270 ml

Parallel: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 189, K682 (1st half of the 3rd c.)

Date: 250–275 A.D.

Cat. 30**pl. 4, 30**

Inv. MTR 10753. HY 12-42-22

One-handled jug

Level: 44.10–43.46 m

Form: high and outward lip, floppy body and short ring foot with grooved base; bodies with horizontal grooves
 Restored and completed

Clay, red (10R 5/6), mica, white inclusions; hard
 Surface: outside except base part very dark grey (GLEYS 1 3/N) slipped, inside light red (2,5YR 6/6)

Height: 29.6 cm; diameter of rim: 14.2 cm; diameter of base: 8.3 cm. Vol: 6320 ml

Cf.: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 199, K809 (1st half and 3rd quarter of the 3rd c.)

Date: 250–275 A.D.

Cat. 31**pl. 4, 31**

Inv. MTR 10756. HY 12-42-25

One-handled jug

Level: 44.10–43.46 m

Form: high and outward lip, round body and short ring foot with grooved base; bodies with horizontal grooves
 Restored and completed

Clay: light red (2,5YR 6/6), mica, white inclusions; hard
 Surface: outside except base part reddish brown (2,5YR 5/3) slipped

Height: 22 cm; diameter of rim: 10.9 cm; diameter of base: 6.4 cm. Vol: 2,410 ml

Cf.: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 199, K809 (1st half and 3rd quarter of the 3rd c.)

Date: 250–275 A.D.

Cat. 32**pl. 5, 32**

Inv. MTR 10754. HY 12-42-23

One-handled mug

Form: outward lip, round body and base, bodies with horizontal grooves

Level: 44.10–43.46 m

Clay: red (10R 5/6), mica, white inclusions

Surface: reddish yellow (5YR 6/6) slipped burn scar

Height: 8.9 cm; diameter of rim: 7.6 cm; diameter of base: 2.1 cm

Cf.: Hayes 1983, fig.6,70 (Type 4); Ladstätter 2005, pl. 191, K700 (1st half of the 3rd c.)

Date: 2nd–3rd c. A.D.**Cat. 33****pl. 5, 33**

Inv. HY 12-42

One-handled mug

Level: 44.10–43.46 m

Form: outward lip, floppy body; bodies with horizontal grooves

Clay: dark grey (GLEYS 1 4/N), mica, white inclusions

Surface: dark grey (5YR 4/1) slipped

Height: 7.4 cm; diameter of rim: 8.3 cm

Cf.: Steskal – La Torre 2008, pl. 282, K6

Date: 250–275 A.D.

Cat. 34**pl. 5, 34**

Inv. HY 12-42

Mug

Level: 44.10–43.46 m

Form: sharp outward lip; bodies with horizontal grooves

Clay: grey (7,5YR 5/1), mica, white inclusions

Surface: grey (5YR 5/1) and (10YR 4/1) slipped

Height: 6.4 cm; diameter of rim: 5.9 cm

Cf.: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 189, K681 (1st half of the 3rd c.); Steskal – La Torre 2008, pl. 288, K 122 (3rd quarter of 3rd c. A.D.)

Date: 250–275 A.D.

Cat. 35**pl. 5, 35**

Inv. MTR 10752. HY 12-42-21

One-handled mug

Level: 44.10–43.46 m

Form: S shaped lip, a strip around the attachment of the lip, floppy body ended with sharp groove, short ring foot with grooved base; bodies with horizontal grooves

Restored and completed

Clay, reddish brown (2,5YR 6/4), mica, white inclusions; hard

Surface: outside except base part red (10R 5/6) slipped

Height: 9.3 cm; diameter of rim: 6.2 cm; diameter of base: 3.2 cm. Vol: 340 ml

Cf.: Marabini Moevs 1973, pl. 46, 431.

Cat. 36**fig. 12; pl. 5, 36**

Inv. MTR 10742. HY 12-42-11

One-handled mug

Level: 44.10 m

Form: small everted lip, deep bag shaped body, small ring foot

Restored and completed

Clay, red (10R 5/8), mica, white inclusions; hard
Surface: outside except base part dark reddish brown
(5YR 3/2) slipped
Height: 11.2 cm; diameter of rim: 6.4 cm; diameter of
base: 3.4 cm. Vol: 390 ml

Cat. 37 **pl. 5, 37**

Inv. MTR 10757. HY 12-42-26
One-handled mug
Level: 44.10–43.46 m
Form: high round mouth and bulging body, short ring
foot with grooved base; bodies with horizontal grooves
Restored and completed
Clay, light red (2,5YR 6/6), mica, white inclusions; hard
Surface: inside and outside base part red (10R 5/4) glazed
Height: 10 cm; diameter of rim: 6 cm; diameter of base:
3.5 cm. Vol: 300 ml
Cf.: Bektaş 1989, M15, pl. 10, no. 19 (late 3rd – early
4th c.); Robinson 1959, pl. 16, L4 (2nd half of the 4th c.)
Date: 275–325 A.D.

Cat. 38 **pl. 5, 38**

Inv. MTR 10559. HY 12-71
Two-handled cup
Level: 43.27 m
Form: high mouth and two handled, small ring foot; bod-
ies with horizontal grooves
Restored and completed
Clay, red (10R 5/8), mica, white inclusions; hard
Surface: outside except base part dark reddish grey
(2,5YR 4/1) slipped
Height: 10.5 cm; diameter of rim: 5.6 cm; diameter of
base: 3.5 cm. Vol: 283 ml

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Cat. 39 **pl. 6, 39**

Inv. HY 12-42
Pot
Level: 44.10–43.46 m
Clay: light red (10R 6/8), mica, sand, white inclusions
Surface: light red (10R 6/8) and light reddish brown (2,5
YR 6/3) slipped
Height: 14 cm; diameter of rim: 19 cm
Cf.: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 191, K700 (1st half of the 3rd c.)
Date: 250 A.D.

Cat. 40 **pl. 6, 40**

Inv. HY 12-42
Pot, Plain Ware
Level: 44.10–43.46 m
Clay: red (2,5YR 5/6), mica, white inclusions
Surface: red (2,5YR 5/6)
Height: 11,1 cm; diameter of rim: 12 cm
Cf.: Steskal – La Torre 2008, pl. 284, K63
Date: 250–275 A.D.

Cat. 41 **pl. 6, 41**

Inv. HY 12-69
Lid, Coarse Ware
Level: 43.46–43.27 m
Clay: reddish brown (2,5YR 4/4), mica, stone particulars,
white inclusions
Surface: red (10R 4/6)
Height: 6 cm; diameter of lid: 21.6 cm

Cat. 42 **pl. 6, 42**

Inv. HY 12-69
Cooking pot, Coarse Ware
Level: 43.46–43.27 m
Clay: red (2,5YR 4/6), core grey-black, mica, stone par-
ticulars, white inclusions
Surface: grey (2,5YR 5/1)
Height: 9 cm; diameter of rim: 24.4 cm
Cf.: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 187, K634 (220–230 A.D.).

Cat. 43 **pl. 7, 43**

Inv. MTR 10751. HY 12-42-20
Cooking pot with two handles, Coarse Ware
Level: 44.10–43.46 m
Clay, red (10R 5/6), mica, sand, white inclusions and grit
Surface: burn scar
Height: 14 cm; diameter of rim: 14 cm
Cf.: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 192, 716 (3rd quarter of the 3rd
c.); Gassner 1997, pl. 57, 718 (3rd c.).
Date: 250–275 A.D.

Cat. 44 **pl. 7, 44**

Inv. HY 12-42
Cooking pot with two handles, Coarse Ware
Level: 44.10–43.46 m
Clay, red (10R 5/6), mica, sand, white inclusions and grit
Surface: burn scar
Height: 14 cm; diameter of rim: 14 cm
Cf.: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 192, 716 (3rd quarter of the 3rd
c.); Gassner 1997, pl. 57, 718 (3rd c.).
Date: 250–275 A.D.

Cat. 45 **fig. 13; pl. 7, 45**

Inv. MTR 10544. HY 12-57
Cooking pot with two handles, Coarse Ware
Level: 43.62 m
Clay, red (2,5 YR 5/6), mica, sand, white inclusions and
grit
Surface: burn scar
Height: 13.9 cm; diameter of rim: 13.2 cm; diameter of
base: 4 cm
Cf.: Hayes 1983, fig. 5, 56–57 (Type 1); Ladstätter 2005,
pl. 183, K569; pl. 196, K770
Date: 250–275 A.D.

Cat. 46 **pl. 8, 46**

Inv. HY 12-69
Amphora Peacock – Williams 45

Level: 43.46–43.27 m
 Clay: dark red (2,5YR 3/6), mica, sand, white inclusions
 Surface: grey
 Height: 8.8 cm; diameter of rim: 4.2 cm
 Cf.: Steskal – La Torre 2008, pl. 288, K122 (250–275 A.D.)
 Date: 250–275 A.D.

Cat. 47 **pl. 8, 47**
 Inv. HY 12-69
 Amphora Peacock – Williams 45
 Level: 43.46–43.27 m
 Clay: reddish brown (2,5YR 4/4), mica, sand, white inclusions
 Surface: outside dark grey (5YR 4/1), inside grey (5YR 5/1)
 Height: 8.2 cm; diameter of rim: 3.5 cm.
 Cf.: Steskal – La Torre 2008, pl. 288, K122 (250–275 A.D.)
 Date: 250–275 A.D.

Cat. 48 **fig. 14; pl. 8, 48**
 Inv. MTR 10732. HY 12-42-1
Unguentarium
 Level: 44.10 m
 Form: The everted rims, thin and cambered neck, pear-shaped body and flat base
 Clay: light red (2,5 YR 6/6), mica, white inclusions
 Surface: slipped clay colour
 Height: 18.9 cm; diameter of rim: 2.8 cm; diameter of base: 4.2 cm
 Cf.: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 190, K695 (1st half of the 3rd c.)
 Date: 1st half of the 3rd c. A.D.

Cat. 49 **fig. 14; pl. 8, 49**
 Inv. MTR 10554. HY 12-67
Unguentarium
 Level: 43.46 m
 Form: everted rim, thin and cambered neck, pear-shaped body and flat base
 Clay: reddish yellow (5YR 6/6), mica, white inclusions
 Surface: slipped clay colour
 Height: 15.7 cm; diameter of rim: 3.8 cm; diameter of base: 3.6 cm
 Cf.: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 190, K695 (1st half of the 3rd c.)
 Date: 250 A.D.

Cat. 50 **fig. 14; pl. 8, 50**
 Inv. MTR 10536. HY 12-49
Unguentarium
 Level: 43.82 m
 Form: everted rim and cambered neck, pear-shaped body and flat base, ribbed neck and body
 Clay: red (10R 5/6), mica, white inclusions
 Surface: slipped clay colour
 Height: 9.7 cm; diameter of rim: 2 cm; diameter of base: 3 cm
 Date: 250 A.D.

Cat. 51 **pl. 8, 51**
 Inv. MTR 10536, HY 12-?
Unguentarium
 Level: 43.82 m (?)
 Form: cambered neck, pear-shaped body and flat base, ribbed neck and body
 Clay: light reddish brown (2,5 YR 6/4), mica, white inclusions
 Surface: slipped clay colour
 Height: 13.9 cm; diameter of rim: 2 cm; diameter of base: 4.1 cm.

Cat. 52 **fig. 15; pl. 9, 52**
 Inv. MTR 10741. HY 12-42-10
 Lamp with a handle placed in the centre of the discus
 Level: 44.10 m
 Clay: reddish yellow (2,5 YR 6/6), white inclusions
 Surface: red (10 5/6) glazed
 Length: 13.9 cm; width: 6.9 cm; height 5.9 cm
 Cf.: Brooner 1930, II, pl. 21, 1434; for handle: nos. 1426. 1431. 1428 (Typ XXX: end of the 2nd c. – 3rd and 4th c. A.D.).

Cat. 53 **fig. 10; pl. 9, 53**
 Inv. MTR 10546. HY 12-59
 Lamp with a handle placed in the centre of the discus
 Level: 43.66 m
 Clay: light red (2,5 YR 6/6), mica, white inclusions
 Surface: red (10R 5/8) glazed
 Length: 12.9 cm; width: 7.8 cm; height: 5.2 cm
 Cf.: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 201, K847 (3rd quarter of 3rd c.); Brooner 1930, II, pl. 21, 1434; for handle: nos. 1437. 1439 (Typ XXX: end of the 2nd c. – 3rd and 4th c. A.D.).

Cat. 54 **pl. 9, 54**
 Inv. MTR 10755. HY 12-42-24
 Red on White Lamp
 Level: 44.10 m
 Restored and completed
 Tyche standing on the discus slightly right, head right, kalathos on head, rudder on globe in right, *cornucopia* in left hand on diskus
 Clay: pink (7,5 YR 7/3), white inclusions
 Surface: very dark grey (GLEYS 1/3N) and light grey (10YR 7/2) glazed, traces of white slip
 Length: 9.5 cm; width: 6.9 cm; height: 4.7 cm
 Cf.: Nozzle type: Brooner 1930, II, Type XXV, 1 (fig. 41); Bailey 1980, pl. 95, Q 1035 (for scene on discus).

Cat. 55 **pl. 9, 55**
 Inv. MTR 10520. HY 12-33
 Lamp
 Level: 44.01 m
 Ten-petalled rosette central filling hole on discus, *planta pedis* stamp on the base
 Clay: reddish yellow (5 YR 6/6), mica, white inclusions
 Surface: light reddish brown (2,5YR 6/4) slipped
 Length: 7.8 cm; width: 5.6 cm; height: 4.2 cm

Cf.: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 205, K898. K899 (3rd quarter of 3rd c. and 1st half of 4th c.); pl. 192, K719 (3rd quarter of 3rd c.); Brooner 1930, II, fig. 41, Type XXV, 3 (for nozzle); Loeschcke 1919, Type VIII.

Cf.: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 203, K868 (3rd quarter of 3rd c. and 1st half of 4th c. A.D.); for nozzle: Brooner 1930, II, Type XXV, 3 fig. 41.

Cat. 56 **fig. 15; pl. 9, 56**
 Inv. MTR 10712. HY 12-207
 Lamp
 Level: 42.97 m
 Ovoid series around the discus, *planta pedis* stamp on the base
 Clay, light red (2,5 YR 6/6), mica, white inclusions
 Surface: red (2,5YR 6/4) glazed
 Length: 8.9 cm; width: 6.3 cm; height: 3.1 cm

Cat. 57 **pl. 9, 57**
 Inv. HY 12-42
 Red on White Lamp
 Level: 44.10 m
 Fruit branch around the discus
 Clay: brown (7,5 YR 5/3) slipped, mica
 Surface: trace of white slip and red glazed
 Length: 8.6 cm; width: 6 cm, height: 3 cm
 Cf.: Ladstätter 2005, pl. 203, K868 (3rd quarter of 3rd c. and 1st half of 4th c. A.D.); for nozzle: Brooner 1930, II, Type XXV, 3 fig. 41.

Glass finds

Cat. 58 **fig. 16; pl. 10, 58**
 Inv. HY 12-42
 Beaker with wheel-cut lines
 Level: 44.10 m
 Clear light yellowish green glass with bubbles and iridescence in places
 Technique: glassblowing, wheelcutting
 Ornament: 6 wheel-cut lines on body part
 Diameter of rim: 9.6 cm; height: 15.7 cm
 Cf.: Gürlér 2000, no. 120. 121; Hayes 1975, fig. 10, no. 378; Barag 1965, fig. 3.
 Date: 4th c. A.D.

Cat. 61 **pl. 10, 61**
 Inv. HY 12-42
 Deep bowl on high base ring
 Level: 44.10 m
 Clear yellowish green glass with bubbles and iridescence in places
 Technique: glassblowing, tooled construction
 Diameter of rim: 11.2 cm; height: 5.5 cm
 Cf.: Hayes 1975, no. 652 (3rd c. A.D.); Isings 1957, Form 87.

Cat. 59 **fig. 16; pl. 10, 59**
 Inv. HY 12-42
 Beaker
 Level: 44.10 m
 Clear light brown glass with bubbles and iridescence in places
 Technique: glassblowing, wheelcutting
 Diameter of rim: 9.2 cm; height: 11.7 cm
 Cf.: Gürlér 2000, no. 120. 121; Hayes 1975, fig. 10, no. 378; Barag 1965, fig. 3
 Date: 4th c. A.D.

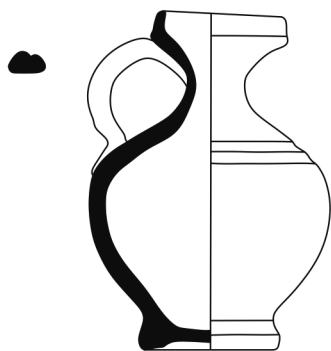
Cat. 62 **fig. 16; pl. 10, 62**
 Inv. HY 12-42
 Bottle
 Level: 44.10 m
 Clear yellowish green glass with bubbles and iridescence in places
 Technique: glassblowing, tooled construction
 Diameter of rim: 3.7 cm; height: 7 cm
 Cf.: Gürlér 2000, no. 119; Hayes 1975, fig. 10, no. 404.
 Date: 4th c. A.D.

Cat. 60 **fig. 16; pl. 10, 60**
 Inv. HY 12-42
 Low circular dish on true base
 Level: 44.10 m
 Clear light yellowish green glass with bubbles and iridescence in places
 Technique: glassblowing, tooled constriction
 Diameter of rim: 20.8 cm, height: 3.9 cm
 Cf.: Isings 1957, Form 97a.

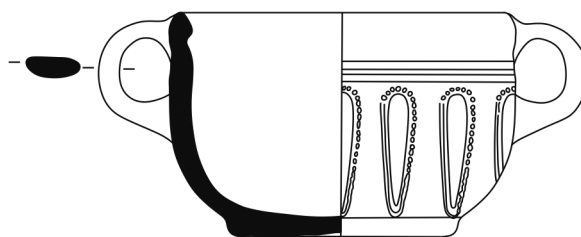
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 Inv. HY 12-42
 Bottle rim-body piece
 Level: 44.10 m
 Clear light green glass with bubbles and iridescence in places
 Technique: glassblowing, tooled construction
 Diameter of rim: 5.4 cm; height: 10 cm
 Cf.: Gürlér 2000, no. 119; Hayes 1975, fig. 10, no. 404.
 Date: 4th c. A.D.

Coins

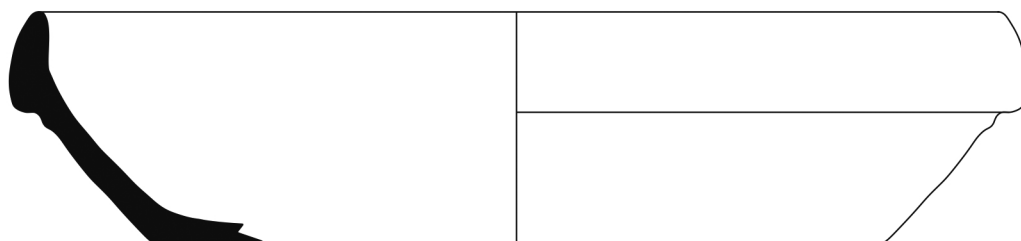
- Cat. 64** **pl. 11, 64**
 Inv. 10558. HY 12-70
 Lead Disk Roundel
 max. radius: 4.9 cm
 Level: 43.66 m
 The Three Graces (Aglaiā – Euphrosyne – Thalia) are represented as nude young girls standing with their hands on each other's shoulders, the central figure facing the other two in a *templum in antis*. Two small holes on the opposed sides. Large, drapery-covered water jars frame the group.
 Date: 2nd c.
- Cat. 65** **pl. 11, 65**
 Inv. 10532. HY 12-45
 Bronze coin
 22 mm, 3.46 gr
 Level: 44.10 m
 Obv.: Bust of Maximian, radiate draped cuirassed, right
 IMP C M A MAXIMIANVS P F AVG
 Rev.: Maximian on left, standing right, in military dress receiving small Victory on globe from Jupiter standing left, leaning on sceptre, KB (Kyzikos mint) in field
 CONCORDIA MILITVM
 Cf.: Roma Coins no. 193; RIC VI, 18–19
 Date: 295–299 A.D.
- Cat. 66** **pl. 11, 66**
 Inv. 10533. HY 12-46
 Bronze coin
 17 mm, 1.89 gr
 Level: 44.10 m
 Obv.: Bust of Claudius II, radiate draped cuirassed, right
DIVS.....
 Rev.: A figure standing left
VS.....
 Cf.: RIC V 1, 219
 Date: 268–270 A.D.
- Cat. 67** **pl. 11, 67**
 Inv. 10534. HY 12-47
 Bronze coin
 Level: 44.10 m.
 Obv.: Bust of Claudius Gothicus, radiate draped cuirassed, right
 IMP C CLAVDISIVS...
 Rev.: Genius standing left, holding *patera* on right hand, *cornucopia* on left hand
 GENIVS EXERCI
 Cf.: RIC, V 1, 215 no. 48
 Date: 268–270 A.D.
- Cat. 68** **pl. 11, 68**
 Inv. 10535. HY 12-48
 Bronze coin
 31 mm, 12.84 gr
 Level: 44.10 m
 Obv.: Bust of an emperor, laurate cuirassed, right
 AVT.....NOC
 Rev.: Seated Serapis (?)
 Date: 3rd c. – 4th c. A.D.
- Cat. 69** **pl. 11, 69**
 Inv. 10545. HY 12-58
 Bronze coin
 19 mm, 2.44 gr
 Level: 43.67 m
 Obv.: Bust of Claudius Gothicus, radiate draped cuirassed, right
 IMPC...AVDIVSAVG
 Rev: Standing left holding sceptre, globus on the left
 PROVIDENTAVG
 Cf.: RIC V 1, 224 f.
 Date: 268–270 A.D.
- Cat. 70** **pl. 11, 70**
 Inv. 10549. HY 12-62
 Bronze coin
 32 mm, 15.05 gr
 Level: 43.55 m
 Obv.: Bust of an emperor, laurate cuirassed, right
 Rev.: A figure standing left
 Date: 2nd and 3rd c. A.D.
- Cat. 71** **pl. 11, 71**
 Inv. 10552. HY 12-65
 Bronze coin
 29 mm, 6.73 gr
 Level: 43.55 m
 Obv.: Bust of Claudius I
 Rev: DN CONSTANTINIMAXAVG; in wreath VOT/XX/SMNA (Nicomedia)
 Cf.: RIC VII 2, 549 no. 56.
 Date: 317–337 A.D.



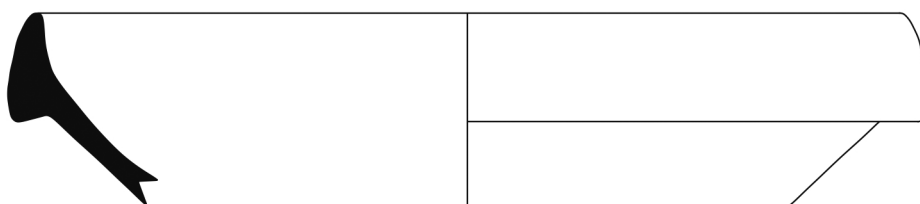
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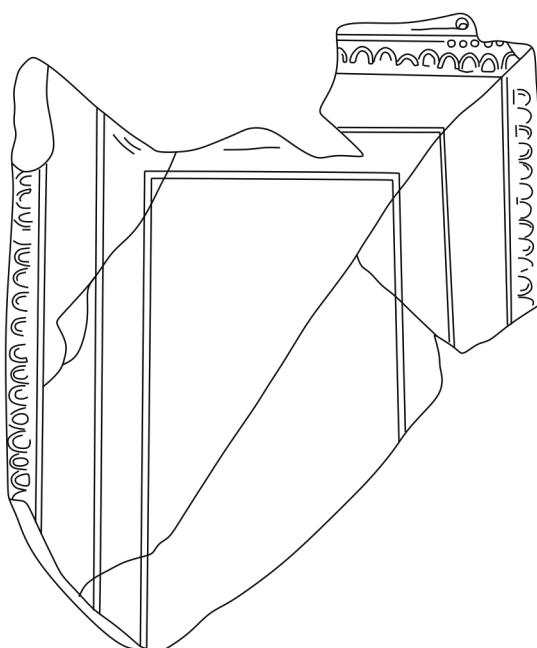
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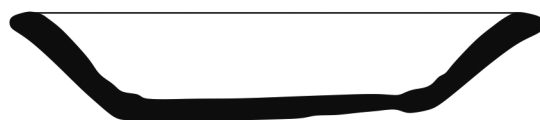
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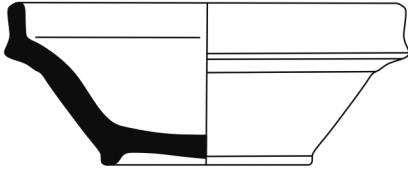
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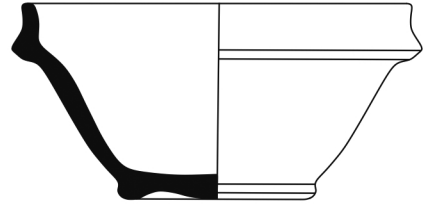
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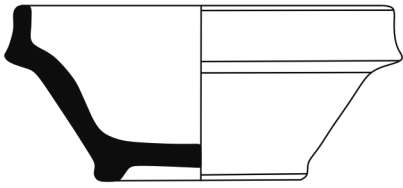
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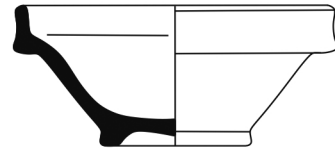
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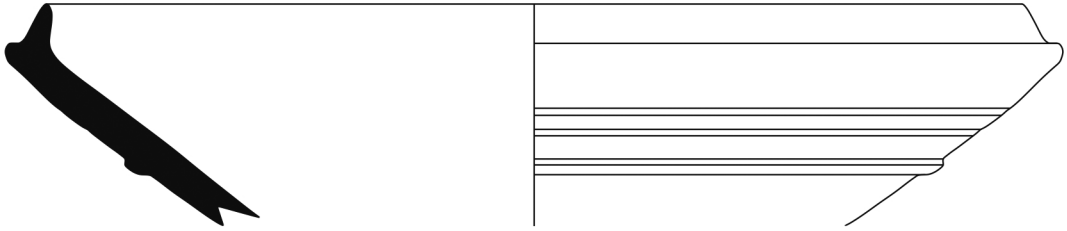
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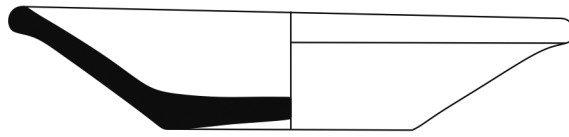
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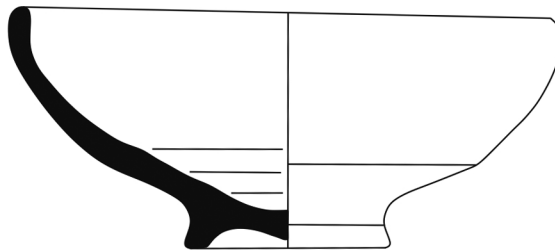
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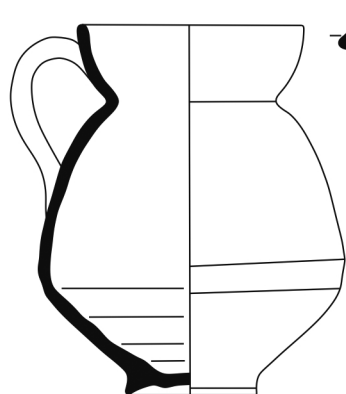


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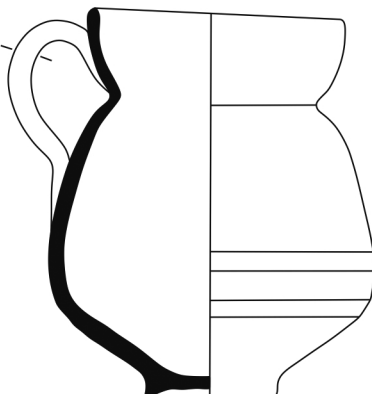


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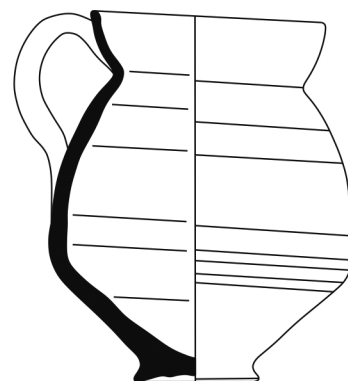




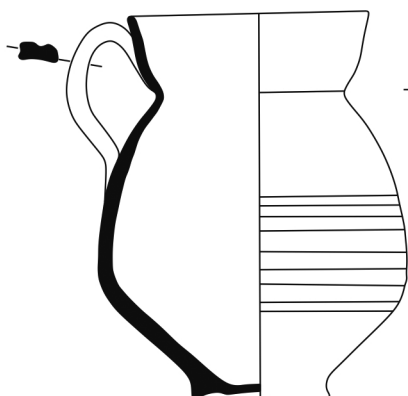
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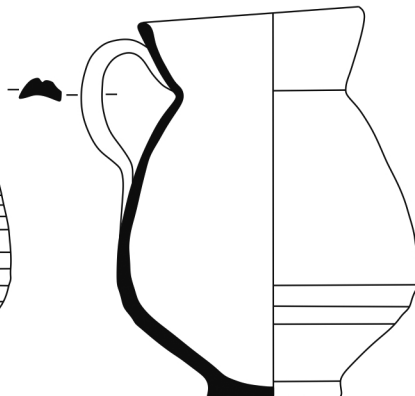
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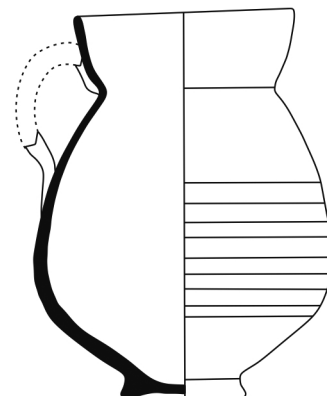
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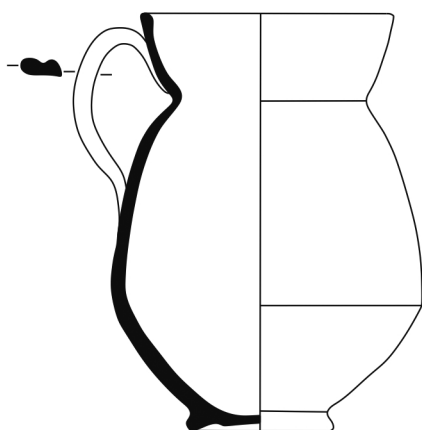
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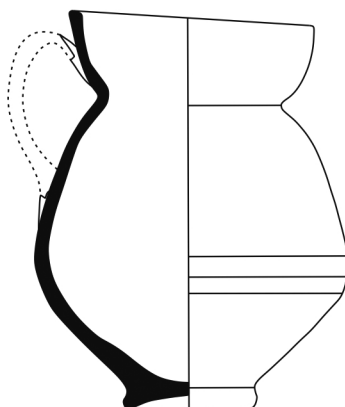
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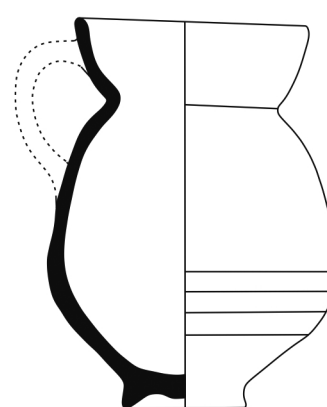
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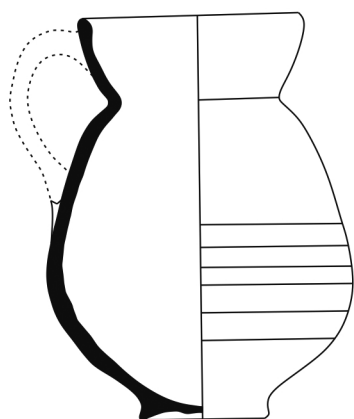
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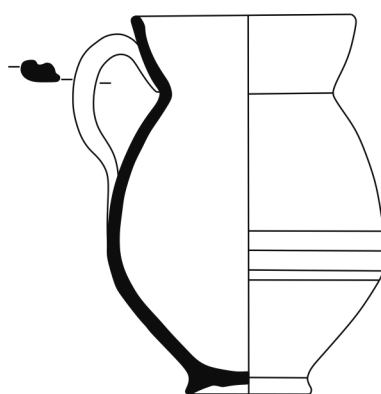
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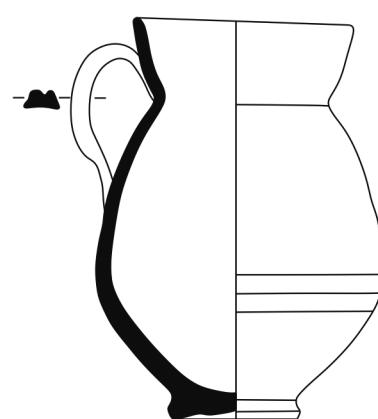
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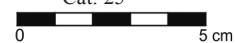
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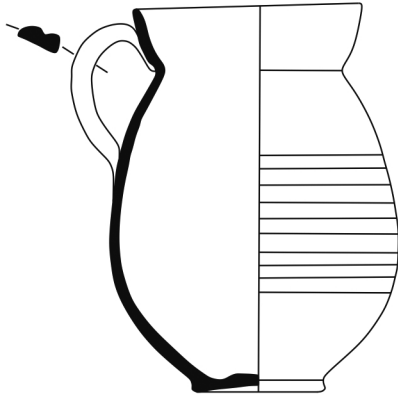


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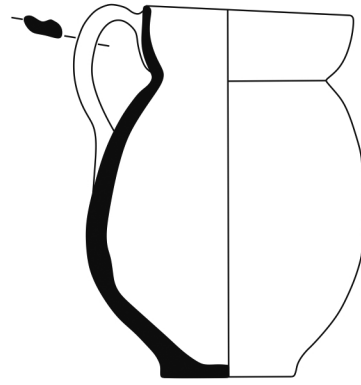


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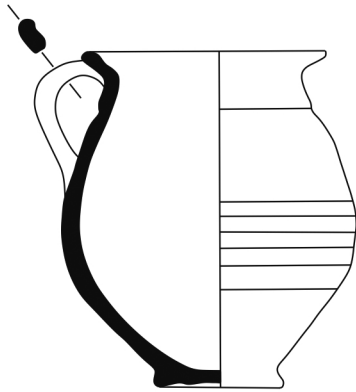




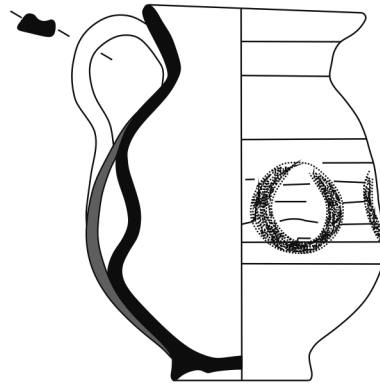
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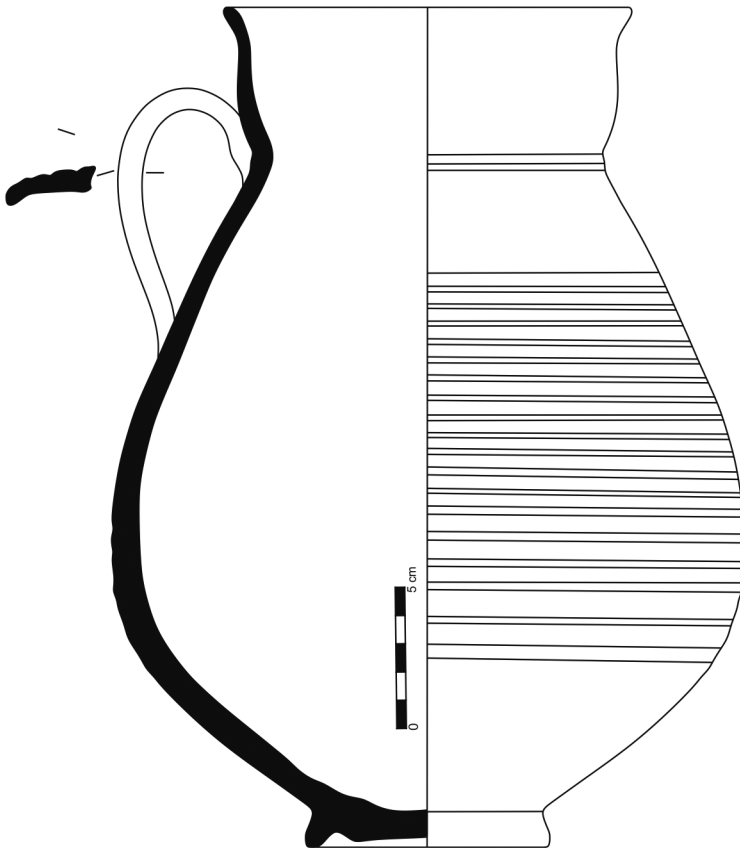
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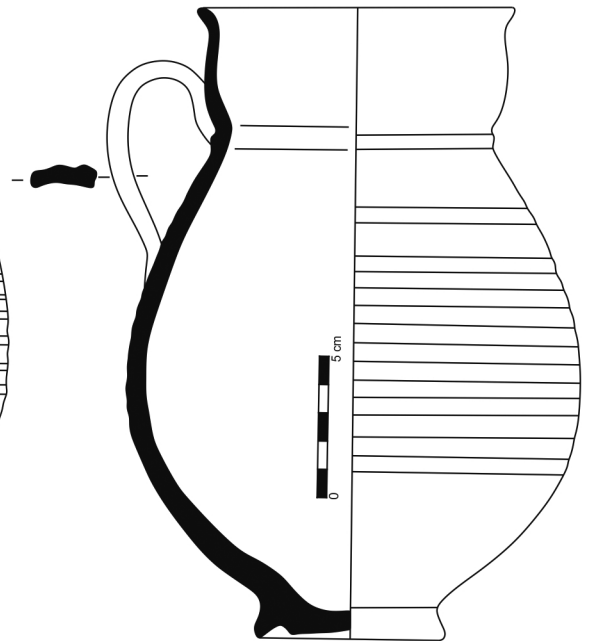
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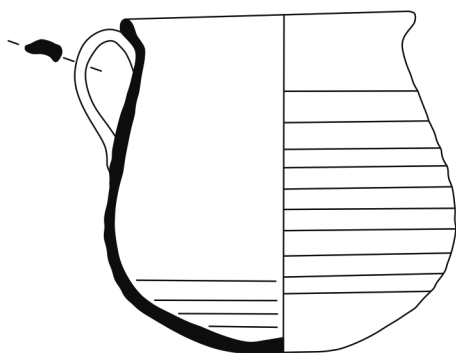
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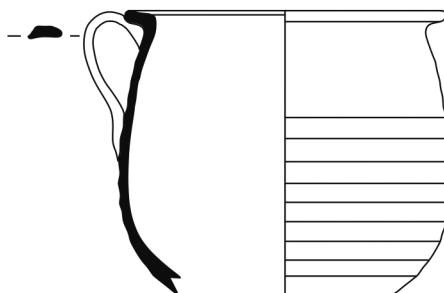
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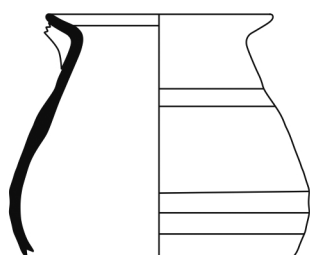
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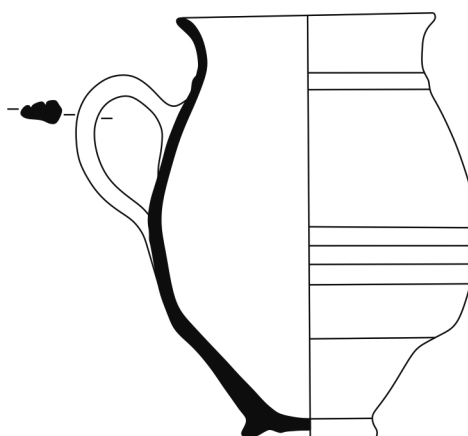
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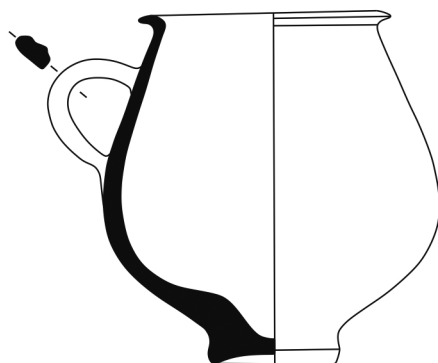
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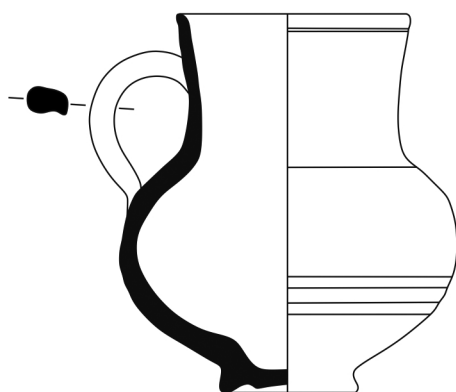
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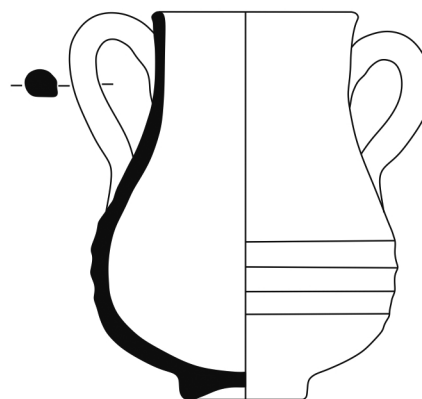
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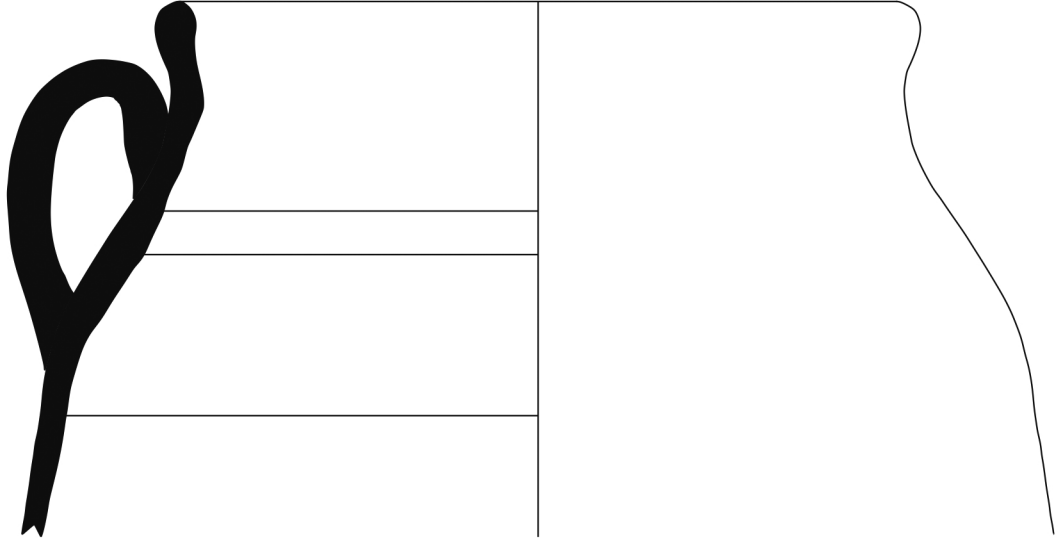


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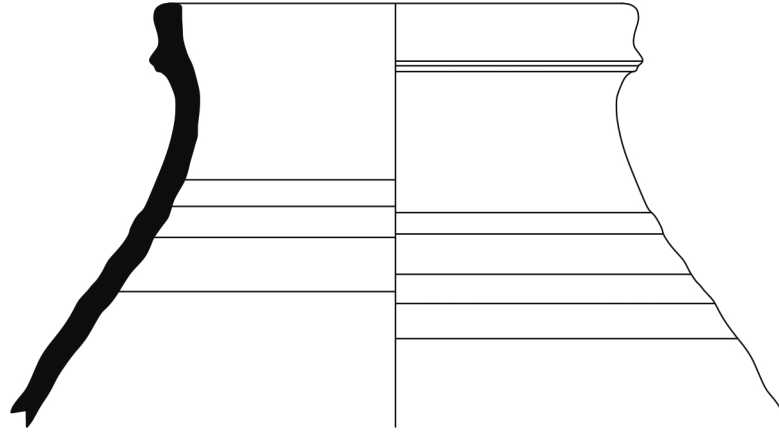


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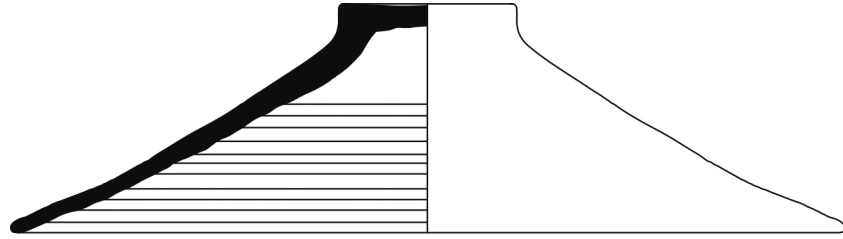




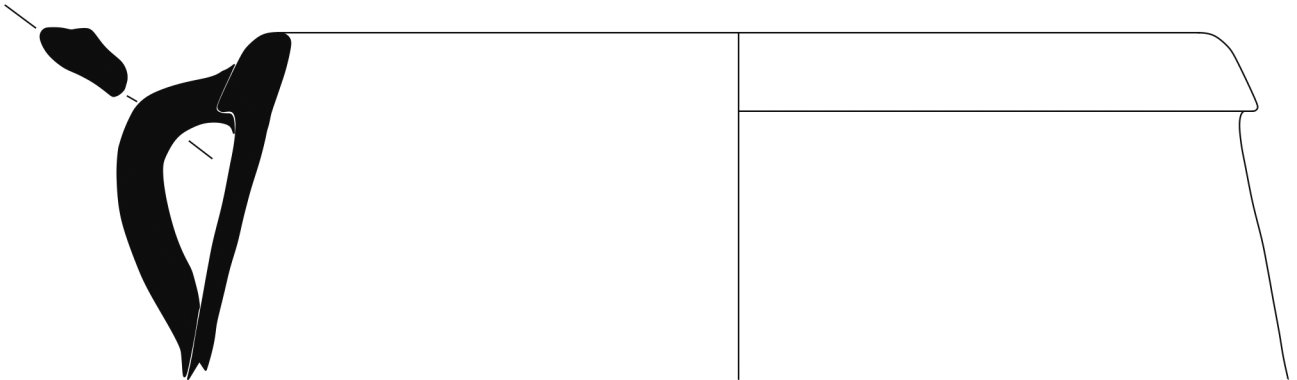
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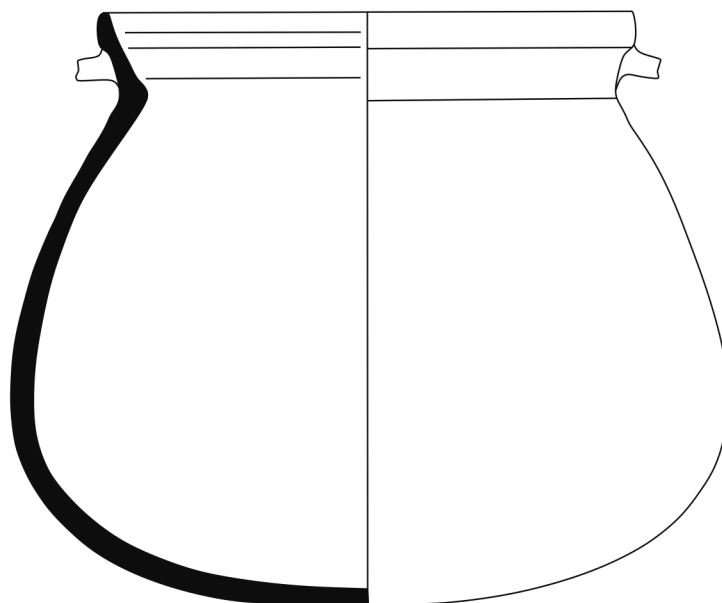
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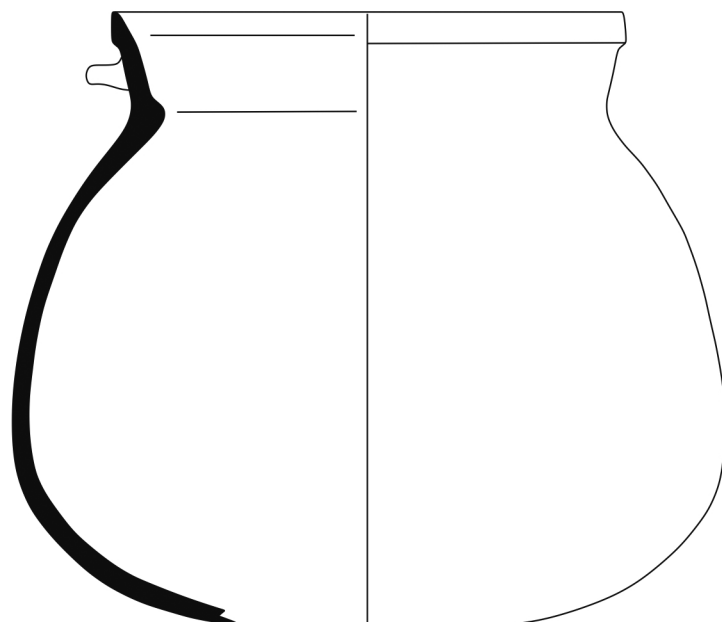
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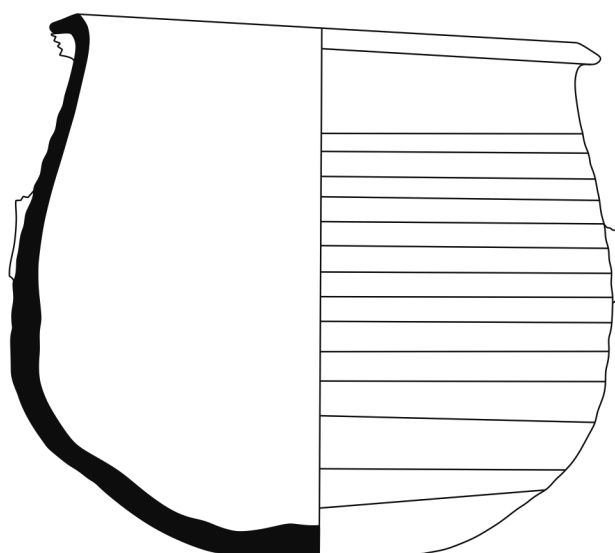
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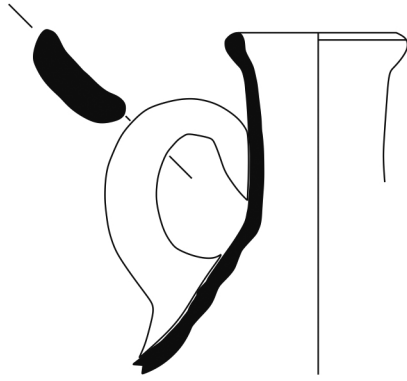
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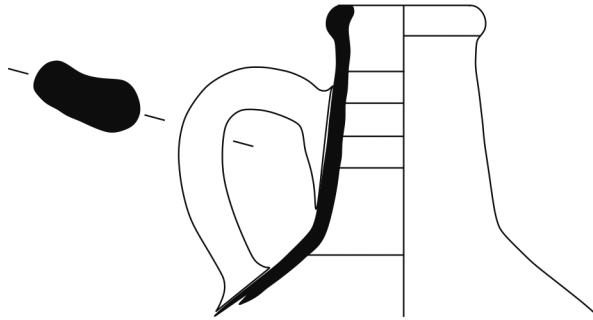
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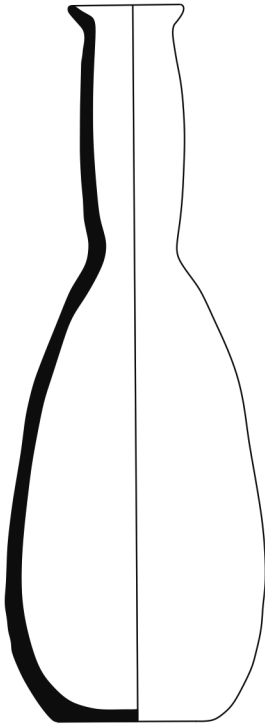
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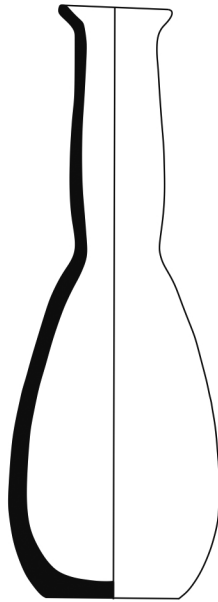
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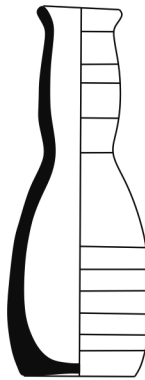
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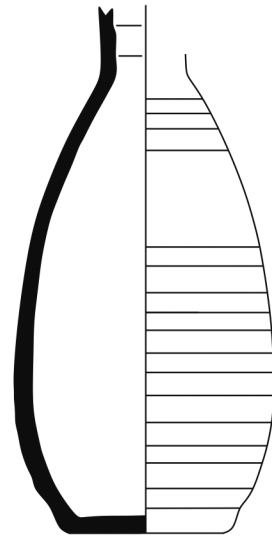
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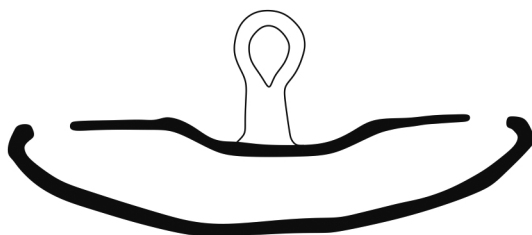
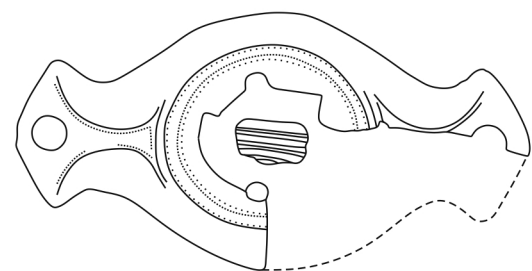
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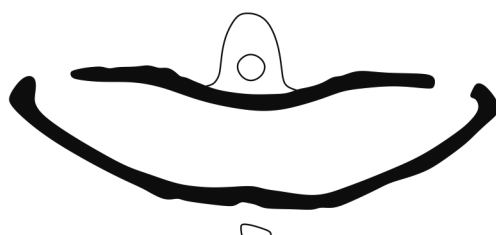
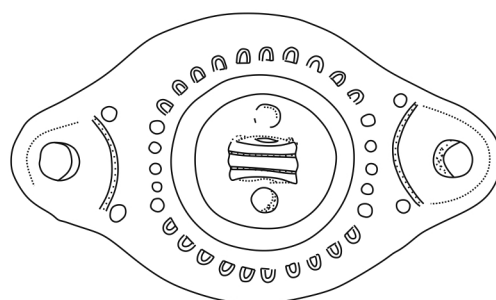
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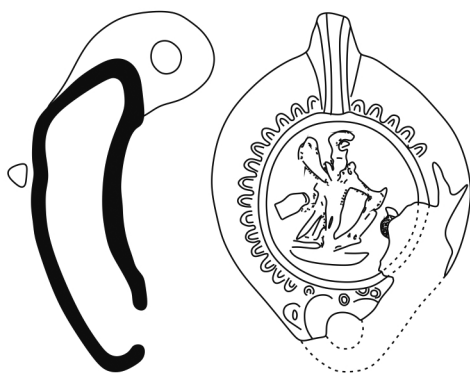
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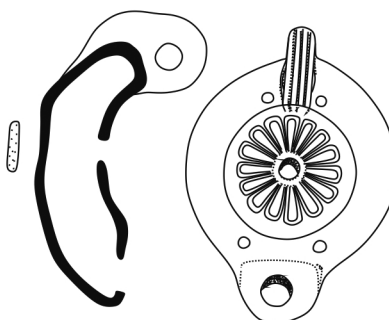
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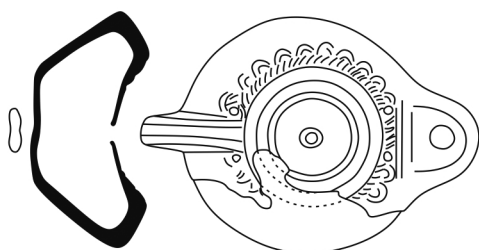
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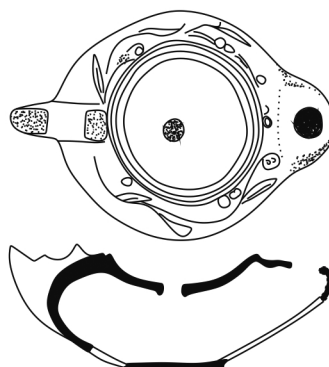
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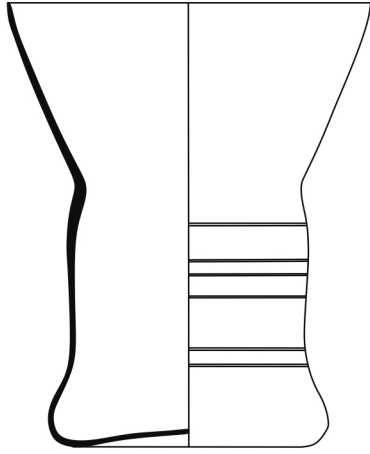
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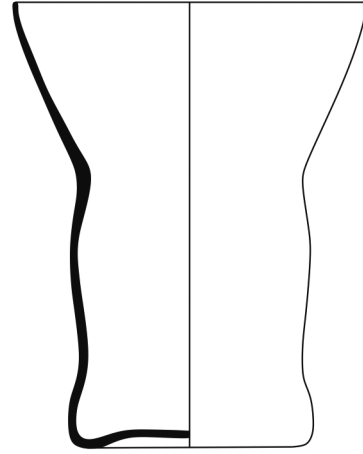
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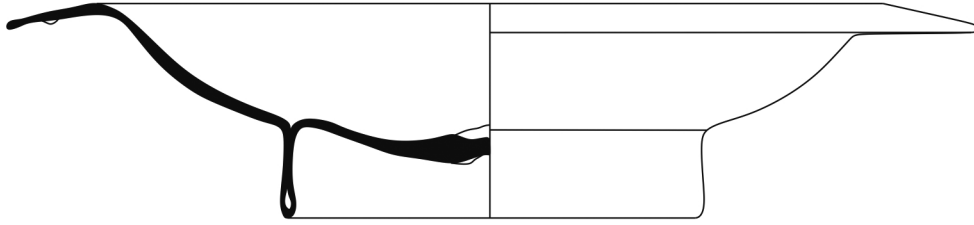
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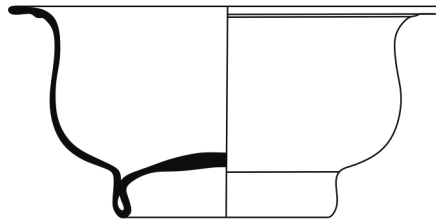
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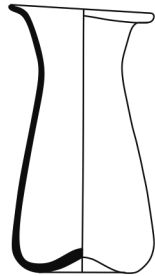
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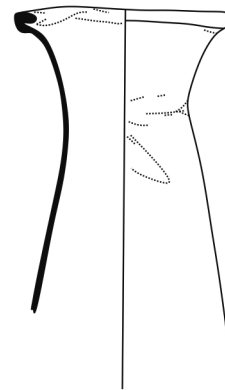
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Conclusion

By a chance, a substantial part of a table or kline service vessels belonging to a café or a banquet hall was discovered in the north part of the *palaestra*. It was possible to date the context securely because of the presence of coins of the 3rd and 4th century A.D. and of Constantinus I (317–337 A.D.) being the latest *terminus post quem*. The study of this set of pottery clearly indicates that the bath-gymnasium complex was used not only for washing and bathing purposes but also as a social meeting place with drinking and eating facilities. Also it seems that one-handed thin walled mugs, especially with a volume of ca. 290–330 cm³ corresponding to a *kotyle*, are very popular as a drinking cup not only in the café/banquet hall at Metropolis, but possibly in the neighbouring cities of Ionia i.e. Ephesos.

The general character of our assemblage is also the same as the context in the Vedius Gymnasium which is dated to the third quarter of the 3rd century A.D. and interpreted as service vessels for the customer of the bath-gymnasium¹⁷. The context from the bath-gymnasium of Metropolis provides another example of an inventory from a Roman bath which is related to drinking and eating by the bath customers, and therefore proves the existence of a suitable locale in such extensive building complexes. This locale may have been situated in the *ambulacrum*, which is a long and monumental corridor or halls where exercise and walking took place, in addition to meetings and ceremonies including banquets.

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Abstract

Aygün Ekin Meriç, A new Deposit from a ›Banquet Hall‹ of the Bath-Gymnasium in Metropolis

This article presents the pottery, glass and coin finds deposited in a drain in the bath-gymnasium complex at Metropolis. The context, which includes table ware and coarse ware, suggests that eating and drinking took place within the establishment. This observation supports the proposal that bath-gymnasium complexes in antiquity were sites of social interaction, in addition to their functions of exercise and bathing. A catalogue of the finds, which date primarily to the 3rd–4th centuries A.D., completes the article.

Keywords

Late Roman pottery – Glass – Coins – Bath-gymnasium complex – Metropolis