



The Hellenic Society Prometheas

Invites you to a presentation by:

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Excavations on the hill of Ayios Vasileios, Xerocambi, Laconia

The results of the first systematic excavation on the hill of Ayios Vasileios at Xerocambi, Laconia, will be discussed in this lecture. A small number of fragmentary inscribed clay tablets constitute physical testimony of the presence of an archive of Linear B texts for the first time in Laconia, suggesting a palatial character for the site. Surface archaeological surveys, along with techniques using measurements of the electrical resistance of the soil, reveal that the Mycenaean settlement covered the largest part of the Main Hill with dense human occupation and large building complexes. In addition, human occupation extended to many other parts on the hill range.

Currently under excavation are the main construction phases of three Mycenaean building complexes, dating to the 14th century BC. This excavation has produced a great number of significant and precious finds: bronze weapons and vases, cultic objects, seals, and various ornaments in gold and ivory. As a 14th century palatial settlement, Ayios Vasileios is expected to add not merely to the history of Mycenaean Laconia but to that of the Mycenaean mainland in general.



The lecture will be in Greek; Reception will follow.

Friday, December 7, 2012 at 8:00 pm.

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