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The site of medieval Euchaita, on the northern edge of the central Anatolian plateau, was the centre of the cult of St Theodore Tiro ('the Recruit'). Unlike most excavated or surveyed urban centres of the Byzantine period, Euchaita was never a major metropolis, cultural centre or extensive urban site, although it had a military function from the seventh–ninth centuries. Its significance lies precisely in the fact that as a small provincial town, something of a backwater, it was probably more typical of the 'average' provincial Anatolian urban settlement, yet almost nothing is known about such sites. This volume represents the results of a collaborative project that integrates archaeological survey work with other disciplines in a unified approach to the region both to enhance understanding of the history of Byzantine provincial society and to illustrate the application of innovative approaches to field survey.

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Rather than abandon our strategy, therefore, we have chosen to retain a minimum of illustrative material in the hard-copy publication, but to make all our material available online, and to direct readers to the location at which they will be able to access the imagery. The full locational reference is made in the notes for each and every individual image. While we are aware of some disadvantages attendant upon this system of referencing, we also believe that making our material available to a wider scholarly readership balances any such disadvantages.

For full access to figures, maps and underlying project data, go to: Haldon, J.F., Elton, H.W., and Newhard, J. (Eds.). 2017. "Avkat Archaeological Project". *Open Context*. <https://opencontext.org/projects/117-avkat-archaeological-project>. DOI: 10.6078/M73J3B1J

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ACO	<i>Acta Conciliorum Oecumenicorum</i> II, 2.1-2: <i>Concilium universale Constantinopolitanum tertium</i> , ed. R. Riedinger (Berlin 1990–1992)
AE	<i>L'Année Epigraphique</i>
AS	<i>Anatolian Studies</i>
AASS	<i>Acta Sanctorum</i> (Paris 1863–1940)
BAR	British Archaeological Reports
BCH	<i>Bulletin de correspondance Hellénique</i>
BHG	F. Halkin, <i>Bibliotheca Hagiographica Graeca</i> (Subsidia hagiographica 8a. 3rd ed. Brussels 1957)
BHG, Auct.	F. Halkin, <i>Novum Auctarium Bibliothecae Hagiographicae Graecae</i> (Subsidia hagiographica 65. Brussels 1959)
BHL	<i>Bibliotheca Hagiographica Latina</i> (Subsidia hagiographica 6. Brussels 1949)
BIA	British Institute (of Archaeology) at Ankara
BMGS	<i>Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies</i>
BZ	<i>Byzantinische Zeitschrift</i>
CIG	<i>Corpus Inscriptionum Graecarum</i> , ed. A. Böckh (vols.1 and 2), I. Franz (vols. 3ff.) (Berlin 1828-)
CIL	<i>Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum</i> , edd. Th. Mommsen, O. Hirschfeld, A.von Domaszewski et al. (Berlin 1863-)
CIRB	<i>Corpus Inscriptionum Regni Bosporani</i> , ed. V. Struve (Moscow 1965)
CFHB	<i>Corpus Fontium Historiae Byzantinae</i>
CSEL	<i>Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum</i>
CSHB	<i>Corpus Scriptorum Historiae Byzantinae</i>

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- EA *Epigraphica Anatolica*
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