

A view to the east inside room VIII.1 of catacomb 20 shows the enormous amount of rock cut out by hand to form these chambers. Sarcophagi for the deceased stand right and left and in the background. The holes cut into the sarcophagi, as at right, were chiseled by robbers seeking treasure. The sarcophagus to the right is called the "circle" sarcophagus after its decoration, which consists of incised rosettes whose lines are painted red.