East of the Franciscan grounds, beyond the modern wall, is the property of the Greek Orthodox Church being excavated on behalf of the Israel Department of Antiquities and Museums under the direction of Vassilios Tzaferis. Excavation of these trenches has made it plain that Capernaum continued to grow and prosper after the Arab invasion of 637 C.E. Houses from the seventh-century C.E. and later have been found at this site.