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**Zaldapa's Basilica 2 ant the Christian fabric of a Constantinian city**

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Zaldapa (Krushari, Bulgaria) is the largest known Late Roman stronghold of the hinterland of the Lower Danubian provinces. Fortified in the early 4th century, the city was known in the 6th as the fatherland of general Flavius Vitalianus who rebelled against emperor Anastasius, and it is mentioned in medieval sources as an episcopal see. This presentation will focus on a lavish sixth-century basilica at the northern end of the intramural city, where the rampart juts out to overlook both a large, vaulted cistern at the foot of the fortified hill and the access to the city from the north.

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