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# Archaeological area of Mount Sirai

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## ■ *Enchytrismos* tomb items

There are several tombs used for *enchytrismos* burials on Monte Sirai. This was the placing of the deceased in a large pottery container, in this case a commercial amphora (figs. 1-2). Burial in amphorae, only for infants and pre-pubescent children, is well documented by the secondary burial of their ashes, on a timeline from the end of the 6th to the 4th century BC.



**Figs. 1, 2** - Burials in amphorae in tombs 59 (BARTOLONI 2004, fig. 42) and tomb 16 (PIGA et al. 2008, fig. 3).

Items such as pottery, plates and small ornaments were sometimes, but not frequently, placed in the same amphorae. The necklaces sometimes included Egyptian-style protective amulets portraying Egyptian divinities (see for example, the times in the *enchytrismos* tombs nos. 46 and 47).

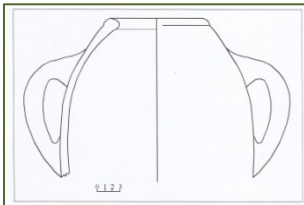
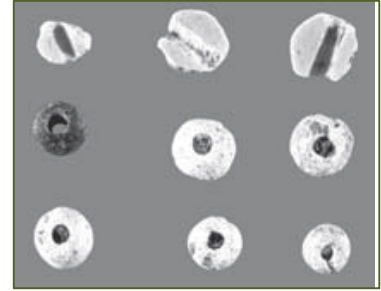
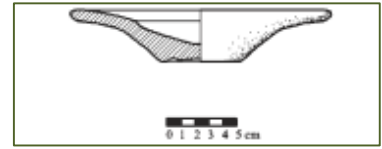


Fig. 98



**Figs. 3, 5** - Tomb 240, with the internal items (GUIRGUIS 2010, figs. 98-99); tomb 170 and items inside (BOTTO, SALVADEI 2005, figs. 23-25).

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