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Church and monastery of San Nicola di Trullas

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■ The ceramic bowls

There are still seven ceramic bowls (four on the façade, three in the eastern wall, figs. 1-4) in the church of San Nicola di Trullas. Raffaello Delogu (1953) referred to the same solution chosen for the church of Santa Maria del Regno in Ardara, A Palatine chapel for the judges of Torres, identified by the expert as a possible architectural model for the church of San Nicola di Trullas, but it is solution widely found in several Romanesque churches on the island from the 11th to the 13th century. These are large ceramic bowls with a glass enamel surface placed in the wall for purely decorative reasons (often lost and where only the empty housing remains to indicate the presence in the past) that recent studies have referred to being of Islamic make, identifying the origin as eastern Sicily and dating back to the 11th century. It is possible, although cannot be proven, that these ceramic bowls reached Sardinia via Pisa merchants, or may have been directly imported from Sicily.



Fig. 1 - The ceramic bowls on the western side of the church of San Nicola di Trullas (photo by Unicity S.p.A.).



Fig. 2 - The ceramic bowls on the western side of the church of San Nicola di Trullas (photo by Unicity S.p.A.).



Fig. 3 - Detail of a ceramic bowl on the western side of the church of San Nicola di Trullas (photo by Unicity S.p.A.).



Fig. 4 - The ceramic bowls on the eastern side of the church of San Nicola di Trullas (photo by Unicity S.p.A.).

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