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# Necropolis of Sant'Andrea Priu

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## ■ The Church of San Lorenzo in Rebeccu

The Romanesque church of San Lorenzo stands in the municipal area of Bonorva, close to the *domus de janas* necropolis of S. Andrea Priu, in the countryside at the foot of the small hamlet of Rebeccu (figs. 1, 2).



**Fig. 1** - View of the area where the church of San Lorenzo in Rebeccu stands (photo by Unicity S.p.A.).



**Fig. 2** - The church of San Lorenzo in Rebeccu (photo by M.G. Arru).

At the beginning of the 1970s, the archaeologist Giovanni Lilliu created the theory, noting its progressive decline, that the church of "Santu Larentu" had been built on the ruins of a nuraghe complex.

According to tradition, the church was the parish church of Ribeccu, before being the settlement was transferred onto the hill. In the 19th century, the church was in ruins and in 1831, it was partly demolished to take materials for the construction of the parish church of Rebeccu. The wooden roof and south wall of the building were renovated in 1982, while the northern side, the facade and the apse are Romanesque. The building was constructed by Tuscan master builders in the giudicato of Torres in the second half of the 12th century A.D.

The wall coverings are limestone ashlar of medium size, with basalt trachyte inserts, that give a hint of two-tone (fig. 3).



**Fig. 3** - The main facade (photo by M.G. Arru).

On the two façades, completed with semi-circular arches that are parallel to the slopes, there is a cross-shaped light. The front has a bell-gable end and an architraved doorway with a semi-circular window described by an load-bearing arch that was made using limestone and trachyte wedges (figs. 4, 5).



**Fig. 4** - The bell-gable (photo by M.G. Arru).



**Fig. 5** - The semi-circular arches and the single lancet window (photo by M.G. Arru).

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