AGIOS LAZAROS

We’re all familiar with the miracle of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead four days after his entombment in John 11:1-44. But what happened to Lazarus afterwards – what did he do with the rest of his (second) life?

He left Judea to live on the island of Cyprus. There he met Paul the Apostle and his evangelizing partner Barnabas who was a Cypriot. They appointed him the first Bishop of Kition (present day Lanarca), where he lived for another 30 years, then upon his second death was buried for the last time.

A church was built over his marble sarcophagus which has undergone many resurrections itself over the last two millennia. But here it stands today after all those ravages of time, *Agios Lazaros*, the Church of St. Lazarus, over his still-preserved sarcophagus. On every *Lazarus Saturday* (eight says before Easter), an icon of St. Lazarus is taken in procession through the streets of Lanarca. (*Glimpses of Our Breathtaking World #165* photo ©Jack Wheeler)