

# History of Paralimni and Ayia Napa

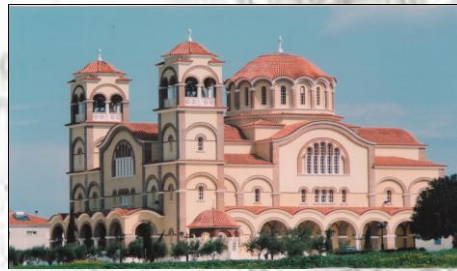
## **Acient History 1000BC – 300AC**

Lefkolla: An important Ancient Port  
Battle Ship of Demetrios in Konnos Area  
Settlements of nomades in Mantalli, Xistaria and Pyria Area.



## **Byzantium 300AC – 1200AC**

First Christians in the area. They used gaves to pay respect to their religion  
Ancient pagan shrines are set aside.  
Arab raids forces the inhabitants of Paralimni to move to invisibile from the raiders areas such as Agios Demetrios.



## **Foreign Domination 1200AC – 1960AC**

Paralimni referred to as Royal Village with rich vineyards.  
Rebuilding the temple of Holy Mary (now known as Agia Anna) and Profet Elias Church.



Siege of Famagusta (1571): Muslims camped in Paralimni and enslaving its inhabitants.

1893- A massive irrigation system was constructed close to the lake in Paralimni in order to pump water for agricultural purposes.

During the 19th century the church of St. George was built.

By the end of 19<sup>th</sup> century and up to the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century the British Rule.

1955 – 1959: Paralimnites contributed to the fight against the British for their independence.

## **Cyprus Indepence 1960 - Today**

1974: Turkish Invation and Occupation. Most of the inhabitants of Famagusta district settled in Paralimni area.

1978 – Today: Most Flurishing Period. A new type of industry makes its appearance, The Tourism Industry.

The first hotel was built in Protaras Area.

2000 - "Natura 2000 Program": Paralimni lake has been designated to a Conserved Site under the «Natura 2000» program.

