

St. Paul Memorial Museum

Don't Miss



St. Paul Well Visiting Hours

April 1 – October 31

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| 8.00 | 8.00 | 8.00 | 8.00 | 8.00 | 8.00 | 8.00 |
| 19.00 | 19.00 | 19.00 | 19.00 | 19.00 | 19.00 | 19.00 |

Box Office Closing: 18.45

October 31 – April 1

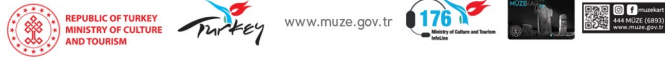
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St. Paul Well



St. Paul of Tarsus



ST. PAUL KUYUSU (ST. PAUL'S WELL)



St Paul's well, located in the Kizilmurat quarter in the city centre of Tarsus, is considered a place where St Paul, who had an important place in the spread and institutionalization of Christianity and whose name is mentioned in the Bible as the "herald", was born and lived.

He was born in Tarsus in the early 1st century B.C. to a Jewish aristocratic family with Roman citizenship, one of the greatest rights to be acquired at the time. At that time, the wealth and sophistication of Tarsus was reflected in the cultural life of the city, and one of the philosophy schools of the period was established in Tarsus. St Paul received his primary education in Tarsus and continued his education in Jerusalem, where he went to complete his studies, developing his ideas and thoughts. Got acquainted with Christianity in this period; he was initially involved in the attacks against Christianity, and for a long time sought to dissuade those who believed in Jesus from their faith.



In his dream, St. Paul, who went after the Christians who had fled to Damascus, embraced Christianity when he saw Jesus in his dream. During his life, St. Paul worked for the spread of Christianity until he was captured and died, and travelled through a large part of the Roman Imperial lands for this purpose, and was loved and respected with his thoughts and ideas, and with these endeavours he gained an important place in the Christian Church and was considered as the founder of the church along with St. Pier. Disturbed by his trips and activities to spread Christianity, the Romans arrested him and took him to Rome for trial, where he died in 60 B.C. after according to sources.

St. Paul, whose post-Christian life was immortalised in the Bible, is today regarded as one of the greatest symbols of Christianity. The theorist and philosophy man, who saved Christianity from being a sect of Judaism and established its rules by shaping the religion and is considered the founder of the first churches, is recognized as an Tarsusian, more importantly an Anatolian, and is considered among the most valued Saints in the history of Christianity. Love extended to him for his services to Christianity often made him referred to as the "Apostle of Tarsus" in literature; the letters he wrote during his trips were considered as an archaeological document, as well as valuable examples of Christian literature, including detailed information about the period.



The historic structure, described as the "St Paul's well", is located in the courtyard, which is considered to be the site of the house where St. Paul lived. The 18 metre deep well, located about 200 metres northeast of the ancient Street, is known to have been built in the name of Saint Paul, where the remains of an ancient site have been used as a visiting place for many years.

This sanctuary, which has been restored and landscaped, is also a popular place of attraction for local and foreign visitors today. Christians visit this holy place for pilgrimage and believe that the well water is sacred and has healing power.