



# Saint Pierre Church

the first church of Christianity



## Saint Pierre Church Visiting Hours

**April 1 - October 31**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30
19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00

**Box Office Closing:** 18.30

**October 31 - April 1**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30
17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00

**Box Office Closing:** 16.30

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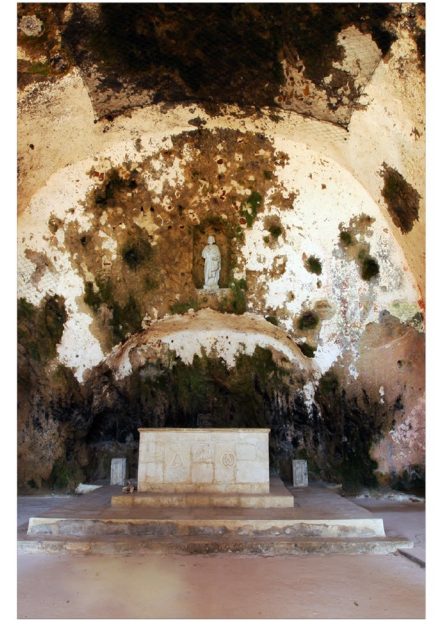
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There are mosaics at the floor of the church with some in side naves some had been demolished during 4th and 5th centuries AC. The cave had been turned into a church with 3 naves by adding pillars and vaults to the present church during 11th and 12th centuries.



### The relief of the Hell's boatman (Kharon)

It is located to the east of St. Pierre church at a distance covered in ten minutes by walking. The relief reached by walking a path is in the form of a bust reminding an incomplete portray with a head cover. In the antique Greek Myth, the boatman of the Hell (Kharon) had been charged to take souls of the dead persons to the underground country by sailing Stykus river. It is engraved in the rock at the crest of the mount overlooking the city in order to protect folk from the epidemic of plague that had emerged in the 2nd century BC and prevent more casualties St Pierre church located at Habib-i-Neccar mountain in Antakya (Antioch) is a natural cave converted into a church. It is known that Saint Pierre, one of the 12 apostels of Jesus Christ had come to Antioch (Antakya) trying o spread the religion of Christianity; He had converted this cave to a church and held his first meetings here. It is known also that the community believing in the Religion of Jesus Christ is named first as Christians here. The church has a special importance from the aspects of the Christianity. Saint Pierre church housing the religious ceremony arranged each year by the Catholics on June 29, is a quite important location for faith tourism.

