

Dear Friends,

Because of the hollydays at 25. ve 26. Decembre
I have prepared this presentation for
Weihnachtsmann or
Santa Claus.

This file is also in Türkish and German available,
so You may send it to Your friends in other countries, if You like.





Where Santa Claus has lived ?

...we in Anatolia know this...

He has lived during the

4. century AD,

very close to Antalya

in Demre (Myra).

Santa was an important Bishop.

St. Claus became

the patron saint of

children and seafarers.

He distributed

frequently gifts

to the poor children

on their windows.

After he died, the people constructed a church on his name...

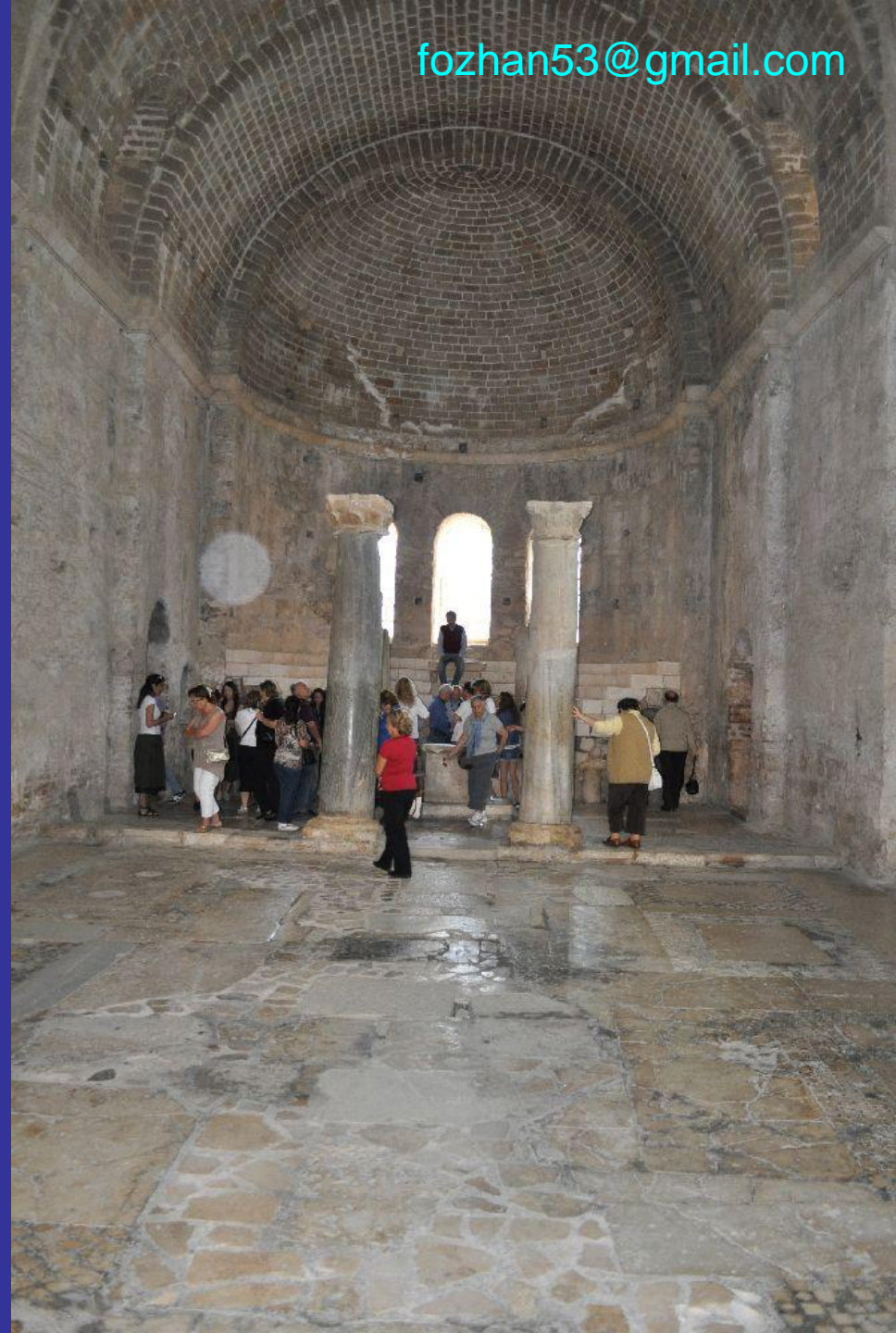
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The construction is dated to
5. and 6. century AD.

During the centuries,
the church was repaired,
restaured and enlarged
several times.

The foundations and
the floor are still
original.



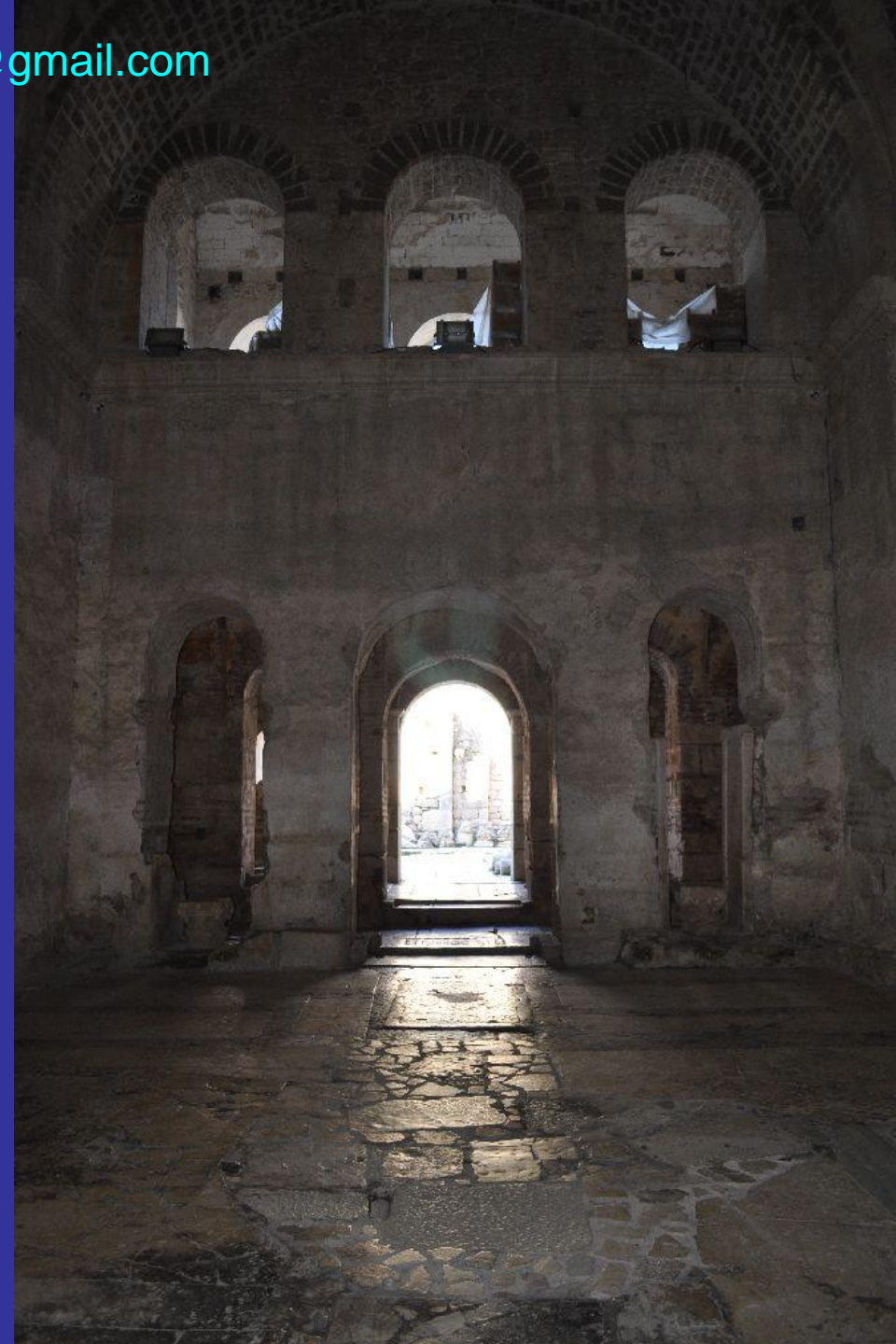


Especially the mosaics on the floor are somehow excellent because of the esthetic, variety of colors and forms...





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The garden with the fountain, also original...





The wear on the stone treshold carries
the signs of more than thousandfivehundred years...

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A marble Sarkophage in the church.
The bones of St. Claus were transferred in year 1087
by the Italiens to city Bari...

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Under the main dome, Prophet Jesus with the 12 Apostles...



Die frescoes between the vaults are still in very gut shape preserved...

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Exterior area of the altar...

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In case of a vacation in Antalya,
a visit of Demre and
the church of St. Claus
is necessarily recommended...

Please carry this recommendation
to your friends, which will visit
Antalya in the future.

So, by the way,
I wish You and Your family
a Merry Christmas.

With best regards from Anatolia...

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