

PASTORAL CALENDAR

2026–2027

Pastoral activities, ecclesial meetings, celebrations and catechumenate

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August 2026 – June 2027
with additional annual dates through 2031

Prepared in a clean, web-friendly A4 layout. Dates and pastoral information follow the supplied calendar.

AUGUST 2026

- **Saturday 29/08:** Meeting for catechists and parish ministers – all day

SEPTEMBER 2026

- **Tuesday 08/09:** Ecclesial meeting followed by the Mass in honour of the Virgin Mary
- **Saturday 26/09:** Meeting of the Pastoral Council Commission

OCTOBER 2026

- **Saturday 03/10:** Opening of the Bayrakl■ Pastoral Centre and start of the year of catechumenate:
4.00 pm: meeting with the catechumens
5.30 pm: Mass followed by the blessing of the house and cocktail
- **Sunday 04/10:** 5.30 pm Mass for the Feast of St Francis in Bornova
- **Tuesday 06/10:** Ecclesial meeting
- **Friday 09 – Saturday 10/10:** Symposium “THE FIGURE OF THE VIRGIN MARY IN ARMENIAN TRADITION”
- **Saturday 10/10:** 5.00 pm: Mass of the Theotokos at the Basilica
- **Monday 12/10:** Mass at Saint Polycarp with pilgrims from Lyon
- **Sunday 18/10:** 9.00 am: Mass at Meryem Ana evi with pilgrims from Le Puy-en-Velay
- **Monday 19/10:** 6.00 pm: Mass at Buca with pilgrims from Le Puy-en-Velay
- **Saturday 24/10:** Pastoral Council at Saint Polycarp
3.00 pm: start of the meeting followed by the Holy Mass and meal
- **Sunday 25/10:** Meeting for all catechumens – Presentation by Fr Pio Murat, OFM Cap
- **Wednesday 28/10 – Saturday 31/10:** Catechists’ Symposium in Istanbul

NOVEMBER 2026

- **01/11:** All Saints' Day – No catechumenate
12.00 am: Mass at the Cathedral
- **02/11:** Commemoration of All Souls' Day
Cemetery of Pa■aköprü: Mass by the parish of Buca
Cemetery of So■ukkuyu: 3.00 pm: Mass celebrated by the Archbishop
- **08/11:** Meeting for all catechumens – Presentation by Fr Pio Murat, OFM Cap
- **10/11:** Ecclesial meeting

DECEMBER 2026

- **Sunday 06/12:** First call for second-year catechumens – Meeting for all catechumens – Presentation by Fr Pio Murat, OFM Cap
- **Tuesday 08/12:** Feast of the Immaculate Conception
4.00 pm: Ecclesial meeting
6.00 pm: Holy Mass at Santa Maria church
- **Friday 11/12:** Meeting for the priests
- **Friday 18/12:** 7.00 pm: Penitential celebration in Saint Polycarp church
- **Thursday 24/12:** 9.00 pm: Christmas Eve in the Cathedral
- **Friday 25/12:** Christmas Day – 11.00 am: Diocesan celebration in the Cathedral
- **Sunday 27/12:** Feast of St. John the Apostle – 11.00 am: Celebration in the Cathedral
- **Thursday 31/12:** 6.00 pm: Mass of thanksgiving in the Cathedral

JANUARY 2027

- **Friday 01/01:** Feast of the Virgin Mary, Mother of God – 10.30 am: Holy Mass at Meryem Ana evi
- **Sunday 10/01:** Meeting for all catechumens – Presentation by Fr Pio Murat, OFM Cap
- **Tuesday 12/01:** Ecclesial meeting
- **18/01–25/01:** The week of prayer for the unity of Christians
- **Friday 29/01:** Meeting for the priests
- **Sunday 31/01:** Half-yearly holidays – No catechumenate

FEBRUARY 2027

- **Monday 02/02:** Day of Consecrated Life
morning: reflection for consecrated women
afternoon: Ecclesial meeting
6.30 pm: Holy Mass in Saint Polycarp church followed by a meal
- **Sunday 07/02:** Half-yearly holidays – No catechumenate
- **Wednesday 10/02:** Ash Wednesday – 7.00 pm: Mass in the Cathedral
- **Thursday 11/02:** Notre Dame de Lourdes – 7.00 pm: Mass at Göztepe: Prayer for the Sick
- **Sunday 14 – Monday 22/02:** Novena to Saint Polycarp at 19.00; Meeting for all catechumens – Presentation by Fr Pio Murat, OFM Cap
- **Sunday 21/02:** Rite of the last call for the third year catechumens
- **Monday 23/02:** 7.00 pm: Celebration of the Feast of Saint Polycarp

MARCH 2027

- **Tuesday 09/03:** Ecclesial encounter
- **Sunday 14/03:** Meeting for all catechumens – Presentation by Fr Pio Murat, OFM Cap
- **Friday 19/03:** Feast of Saint Joseph – 07.00 pm: Mass in the Cathedral
- **Sunday 21/03:** Palm Sunday – No catechumenate
11.00 am: Celebration at the Cathedral
4.00 pm: Way of the Cross at Meryem Ana evi
- **Holy Monday 22/03:** 07.00 pm: Penitential celebration in the Cathedral
- **Holy Wednesday 24/03:** 6.30 pm: Chrism Mass
- **Holy Thursday 25/03:** 7.30 pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper
Eucharistic Adoration and Silent Vigil Prayer
- **Holy Friday 26/03:** 3.00 pm: Way of the Cross; 7.00 pm: Liturgy of the Passion
- **Holy Saturday 27/03:** 9.00 pm: Easter Vigil in the Cathedral
- **Easter Sunday 28/03:** No catechumenate – 11.00 am: Solemn Pontifical Mass for the entire diocesan community in the Cathedral

APRIL 2027

- **Saturday 03/04:** (First Vespers of the Second Sunday of Easter) – 6.00 pm: Celebration of baptism for third-year catechumens
- **Thursday 08/04:** Meeting for the priests
- **Tuesday 13/04:** Ecclesial meeting

MAY 2027

- **Sunday 02/05:** Meeting for all catechumens – Presentation by Fr Pio Murat, OFM Cap
- **Saturday 08/05:** 05.00 pm: Ecumenical celebration at St John's Basilica
- **Sunday 09/05:** Feast of the Ascension – no catechumenate
12.00 am: Mass in the Cathedral
- **Tuesday 11/05:** Ecclesial Encounter
- **Sunday 16/05:** Pentecost
11.00 am: Solemn Pontifical Mass for the entire diocesan community in the Cathedral
Conclusion of the 2026/27 Catechumenate year
- **Thursday 27/05:** Solemnity of Corpus Domini
Meeting for the priests
6.30 pm: Diocesan celebration (Mass and procession) – Commemoration of ordination anniversaries

JUNE 2027

- **Tuesday 08/06:** Ecclesial Encounter

OCTOBER 2027

- **Friday 08/10 – Saturday 09/10:** Symposium
- **Saturday 10/10:** 5.00 pm: Celebration of the Theotokos

RECURRING / REFERENCE DATES

Dates of ecclesial meetings

08/09
06/10
10/11
08/12
12/01
02/02
09/03
13/04
11/05
08/06

Dates for the celebration of the Feast of the Theotokos and Pastoral Council until 2031

YEAR	THEOTOKOS	PASTORAL COUNCIL
2027	09/10	24/10
2028	07/10	28/10
2029	13/10	27/10
2030	12/10	26/10
2031	11/10	25/10

Editorial note: The supplied calendar was reorganized for publication, with clearer hierarchy, spacing, consistent date formatting and corrected obvious typographical/spacing errors. Dates and substantive event information were retained.