What happens inside of a mosque?
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What do you NOT see inside the mosques that you DO see in most kinds of churches?
Why is this one different?
Design and Art

• The depictions of human forms could be considered idolatry, a sin

• Primary forms of Islamic Art are
  – Ceramics
  – Architecture
  – Calligraphy
  – Geometric patterns
The simple neighborhood mosque
Friday Prayer inside a small mosque
Other Faiths

• 97% of the people of Turkey are Muslim
• Syria:
  – 87% Muslim
  – 10% Christian
Hamam

• A hamam is a Turkish bath (like a spa), once used all over the Middle East and Eastern Europe

• Why provide a public bath?
  – Because regular people didn’t have indoor baths and plumbing
  – Also a good place to socialize
DAMAS. — Intérieur d’un bain turc.
NOUR AL-DIN AL-SHAHEED
BATH

NAASB is considered one of the oldest public baths, still existing in the old part of Damascus. It is located in Al-Bzouria market, adjacent to Khan As’ad Pasha in Damascus. It was established by Sultan Nour Al-Din Al-Shaheed in the year 555 H. - 1169 AD. Repairs and invigilating directorate commonality for aftermath and museums 1979.