

# UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX PILGRIMAGE to the HOLY LAND & St. Catherine's Monastery

**October 17 to 29, 2012**

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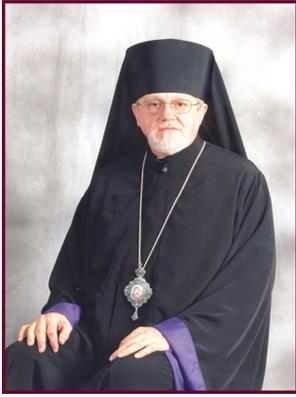
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# Pilgrimage to the Holy Land & St. Catherine's Monastery



## Greetings in our Lord!

Would you like a life changing and never-to-be-forgotten experience? If so, it is our joy to invite you to join us on a trip to the Holy Land, where you will find a new dimension in the understanding of Biblical history and the life of our LORD. We will visit places where our Savior walked, lived, taught and performed miracles - where He was crucified and rose from the dead.

So, come and join us on a journey to the land of the Bible where you will see, touch, feel and experience the land of the Bible. It is still basically as it was in Biblical times. If you have dreamed of understanding and experiencing more about the origins of Faith and want to know personally the land that Christ walked and ministered, let us guide you in bringing Holy Scriptures to life.

-Archbishop Antony & Bishop Daniel

## **OCT 17- WEDNESDAY - DAY 1: DEPART THE U.S.A.**

Depart on an overnight flight to Tel Aviv.

## **OCT. 18 - THURSDAY- DAY 2: ARRIVAL TEL AVIV-LOD-TRANSFER TO BETHLEHEM**

Upon arrival in Tel Aviv, the group is met by our Orthodox tour escort who will accompany us for the entire trip in the Holy Land. Our first stop is at **Lod**, “**Church of St. George the Dragon Killer**”. We then continue to Bethlehem for an overnight stay. (D.)

## **OCT 19- FRIDAY- DAY 3: BETHLEHEM—ST. SABAS—SHEPHERDS’ FIELD**

We enjoy the day in **Bethlehem**, beginning with a visit to the **Church of Nativity** and then onto **Shepherds’ Field** (Orthodox Church). Lunch is on your own. **Men will visit the Monastery of St. Sabas** in the desert, while the women will enjoy shopping in Bethlehem at Kando, a Christian family-owned store, and the Palestinian Heritage Center, where we see crafts made by local women. Tonight, we enjoy a welcome dinner at the Tent restaurant and again stay overnight in Bethlehem. (B.D.)

## **OCT 20 - SATURDAY - DAY 4: BETHLEHEM—MAMARE—SINAI**

After breakfast we depart for **Mamare**, visiting the **Orthodox Monastery** and the **oak tree** where God Almighty has made his covenant with Abraham. We then drive onto **Sinai** as our journey takes us through Arad into **Negev**, **Ramon Crater**, **Arava Valley** and **Eilat** where we cross the border at Taba into Sinai and meet our local guide. Later check into the hotel for our overnight stay in Sinai. (B.D.)

An optional climb of Mt. Sinai will be offered at approximately 1:00 am to view the sunrise over the peninsula..

## **OCT. 21- SUNDAY-DAY 5: EILAT**

We depart to **St. Catherine Monastery** where we visit the museum and the church. Divine Liturgy will be served at the Monastery. What an amazing privilege it is for us to participate in the Divine Liturgy at this Holy place! Following Liturgy we return to Israel and enjoy a day of rest and relaxation in the beautiful resort of Eilat, where we have an overnight stay. (B.D.)

## **OCT. 22- MONDAY- DAY 6: DEAD SEA—JERICHO**

After breakfast we start the day with a visit to the site on the River Jordan where St. John the Baptist baptized Jesus. We then travel to the **Dead Sea** for a swim (or a float) in the mineral rich water. We proceed onto **Jericho**, the “oldest city in the world” and our hotel for an overnight in Jericho. (B.D.)

## **OCT. 23- TUESDAY -DAY 7: JERICHO - MT. OF TEMPTATION—RIVER JORDAN—SEA OF GALILEE**

After breakfast we start the day with a visit to the **city of Jericho**. We then take a cable car to the **Greek Orthodox Monastery** on the **Mt. of Temptation**. From here you will have a great view of Jericho, the Dead Sea, Mt. Moab and Mt. Nebo in Jordan. We then descend the mountain and depart for Mt. Tabor, where we see the Greek Orthodox Monastery of Transfiguration and overnight in the Sea of Galilee area. (B. D.)

## **OCT. 24- WEDNESDAY- DAY 8: MINISTRY ON THE SEA OF GAILILEE**

We start the day early with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. We then visit the Greek Orthodox Church at Capernaum, followed by a visit to the ancient synagogue where Jesus preached. We then visit the **Mt. of Beatitudes**

and the **Church of the Multiplication of Fishes and Loaves**, with its Mosaic showing the five loaves and two fish. Lunch at a local restaurant of St. Peter's fish—the same caught in the Galilee and partaken of by our Lord and the Holy Apostles, is included. We will overnight in the Sea of Galilee area. (B.L.D.)

**OCT. 25-THURSDAY- DAY 9: NAZARETH—CANA—CAESAREA—JERUSALEM**

After breakfast we proceed onto **Nazareth** and visit the **Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation and Gabriel's Well**. We then visit **Cana of Galilee and the Greek Orthodox Church** where we see two of the six jars that Jesus used in his very first miracle of turning water into wine for the wedding feast. We depart for **Caesarea** traveling along the plains of Sharon. We have a guided tour of Caesarea that includes the **Theater, Herod's Place, the Hippodrome Port** and the **Aqueducts** before arriving in Jerusalem for our overnight stay. (B.D.)

**OCT. 26- FRIDAY- DAY 10: JERUSALEM—BETHANY—MT. OF OLIVES—MT. ZION**

We start the morning with a visit to the **Greek Orthodox Church at Bethany** marking the place where Jesus met the Sisters of Lazarus (Martha and Mary) at the entrance of the town – just before He called Lazarus forth from the tomb. We then visit the **Greek Orthodox Church** built over **Lazarus Tomb** and ascend the **Mt. of Olives** to walk down the path of our Lord's entrance into Jerusalem on **Palm/Willow Sunday**. We stop to visit the **Orthodox Church of Mary Magdalene**. We then visit the **Garden of Gethsemane** and the **Grotto** built at this holy place. On route to **Mt. Zion** we pass **St. Stephen Church** where this first Christian Martyr was stoned to death. Lunch is on your own, after which we visit **St. Peter in Gallicantu, the Upper Room, King David's Tomb and Dormition Abbey**, the underground burial site of the Mother of God. We overnight again in Jerusalem. (B.D.)

**OCT. 27-SATURDAY - DAY 11: HOLY SEPULCHRE—WAILING WALL—TEMPLE MOUNT—ST. ANN CHURCH—MONASTERY OF THE CROSS**

Today we visit **Ecce Homo** a church and convent along the path (**Via Dolorosa**), where Pontius Pilate presented the tortured Christ to the crowds and washed his hands of Him. We will see the **prison** where Christ our Lord was tortured and humiliated with a crown of thorns before He was forced to carry His cross along the **Via Dolorosa –the Path of Suffering**. We enter the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, which is so large that both **Golgotha** (the site of the Crucifixion) and the **Holy Tomb of Christ** are located. We continue on to the **Temple Mount** where we visit the Mosque before moving on to the **Pools of Bethesda**. We also visit the **Wailing Wall** at the base of Temple Mount. The remainder of the day is at leisure in Old City. A farewell dinner will be at a restaurant in Jerusalem before our third overnight in Jerusalem. (B.D.)

**OCT. 28- SUNDAY- DAY 12: JERUSALEM**

After breakfast we participate in **Divine Liturgy** at the **Patriarchate of Jerusalem**. Following lunch we drive to **Ein Karem** to see **St. John Ba Harim**, "birthplace of John the Baptist, **Mary's Spring**, where Mary came to share the good news announced to her by the Archangel Gabriel with her cousin Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist. After a visit the local Orthodox Church, we depart for the airport for our overnight flight home. (B.D.)

**OCT. 29- MONDAY- DAY 13: WELCOME HOME**

**B/L/D** means breakfast , lunch or dinner included

**YOUR COMPREHENSIVE RATE INCLUDES:**

- Roundtrip airfare from Newark Liberty Airport (Airport taxes and fuel surcharge of \$557.00 included but subject to change at time of final invoicing)
- English speaking tour guide
- Breakfast and dinner as per itinerary, one lunch of St. Peter's fish, welcome dinner at Tent restaurant and farewell dinner in Jerusalem.
- First-class hotel accommodations
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- Taba border taxes
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