

A JOURNEY OF FAITH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & CONSTANTINOPLE
Led by Rev. Protopresbyter Basil C. Gikas of Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Wyckoff, NJ
October 27 – November 8: 13 Days / 12Nights



THE HOLY LAND: 8 Nights

Your trip to the Holy Land will be an unforgettable and spiritually rewarding journey! Visit and venerate Christendom's most sacred sites. See where Jesus spent most of his life and performed the many miracles you have read about in the Bible. Visit the cities of Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum, and Tiberias! Pray in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Church of St Anne, the Pool of Bethesda, the Tomb of the Virgin Mary, the Prison of Christ (Praitonion), and The Church of the Holy Apostles and the Church of the Transfiguration on Mt. Tabor. Take the cable car up to the Mount of Temptation Monastery and see the rock that Jesus prayed by. Visit the Church of the Nativity and touch the spot where Christ was born! Additional sites you will see are the Church of Tabgha (the Church of the Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes), Cana of Galilee, the Church of the Annunciation, the Garden of Agony, the Monastery of St. Gerasimos, the Church of St. Elisseos and the Tree of Zacchaeus. Take a boat-ride on the Sea of Galilee and attend midnight Liturgy at the Holy Sepulchre. Enjoy an audience with the Patriarch of Jerusalem (Subject to confirmation)

CONSTANTINOPLE: 4 Nights

Our Pilgrimage will end in Constantinople, the heart of Orthodoxy. Visit the 17th century Greek Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarchate. Pray at the St George Cathedral and venerate the Holy Relics of Saints Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom and the relics of the three female Saints - Euphemia, Solomone and Theophano. Participate in a private audience with His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew (subject to his availability). Visit the most important sites for the Greek Orthodox in Constantinople: Agia Sophia, the Hippodrome and Panaghia Blacherna where the beautiful hymn, "Te Ypermacho" was chanted over 1,400 years ago and the Grand Bazaar. Visit Topkapı Palace which houses the relics of St. John, the Baptist, Enjoy a boat ride to the island of Halki, home of the renowned Halki Patriarchal School of Theology. St. Photios the Great is believed to have founded the monastery in the late 19th century.

SPACE IS LIMITED and on a FIRST COME BASIS

RATE: Per person double occupancy \$4735* & Single occupancy \$6650*

*Rates include the air tax/fuel surcharge of approximately \$575 which is not guaranteed until ticketing.

Rate above reflect a 4% check discount which does not apply if payment is made any other way.

Deposit of \$700 due by May 1, 2023, or late booking fee of \$50 per person will apply

TOUR INCLUDES:

- *Round trip air EWR / IST / TLV & TLV / IST/ EWR on Turkish Airlines
- *Private arrival and departure transfers throughout in a deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach with English speaking escort
- *Nine and a half days of private sightseeing with a deluxe air conditioned motor coach and English/Greek Speaking, Greek Orthodox tour guide (subject to availability). All entrance fees as per itinerary are included.
- *Two nights deluxe class hotel accommodations at the U Boutique Hotel in Tiberias, Six nights first class accommodation at the Ambassador Boutique in Jerusalem and four nights first class hotel accommodations at the Divan Taksim Hotel in Constantinople or similar including all services fees and taxes
- *Daily breakfast and dinner in Israel. Daily breakfast and one Farewell dinner in Constantinople
- *One lunch in Bethlehem and one St. Peter's fish lunch and one lunch in Halki
- *Private audience with His Beatitude Theophilos III (subject to his availability).
- *Private audience with H.A.H Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew (subject to his availability).
- *Roundtrip boat to Halki and lunch