A PILGRIMAGE TO

The Holy Land

Special Event: Exaltation of the Cross

Attend the Special Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre

Spiritual Director:
H.E. Bishop Paul Bootkoski (sp) Emeritus

November 9th-19th, 2019

$3,999 All Inclusive from Newark
(Optional Pre Tour to Jordan available)

Visits to:
Mt. of Beatitudes Cana * Nazareth * Haifa * Sea of Galilee * Temple Mount * Mt. Tabor * Jordan River
Jericho * Jerusalem * Bethany * Bethlehem * Bethlehem University * Qumran * The Church of the Holy Sepulchre

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Sample Day-by-Day Itinerary
Day 1: Monday - September 9th: Depart for the Holy Land
Depart for the Holy Land Make your way to your local airport where you will board your overnight flight. Your meals are served on board.

Day 2: Tuesday - September 10th: Arrive in Tel Aviv - Sea of Galilee
Upon arrival in Tel Aviv you will be met by your Tours representative and transfer to your hotel at the sea of Galilee. In the evening, you will make your way for the “Welcome Drink Reception”, followed by dinner. Return to your room for a restful nights sleep.

Day 3: Wednesday - September 11th: Cana - Nazareth - Caesarea - Haifa - Sea of Galilee
Theme: The Annunciation
This morning, after breakfast, you will start the day by visiting Cana where you will visit the Franciscan Wedding Church. Couples will have the opportunity participate in the ceremony of renewing their vows, led by your Spiritual Director. Your next visit will be to Nazareth, where you will visit the Byzantine Church of St. Joseph and Mary’s Well. From there, you will walk the pilgrimage train into the Church of the Annunciation to celebrate the Liturgy, and then a quick tour, including the Archeological Garden where you will see 1st century remains of houses from the time of Christ. You will also visit the Museum where we see inscriptions left by pilgrims venerating the Virgin Mary, including the 2nd century A.D. inscription showing Xeria Maria ‘Ave Maria’, considered to be the oldest venerating signs of the Blessed Virgin. From there, it is on to Caesarea, which was once the ancient capital of the Roman province. Lunch, and then tour starting with the impressive archaeo-

Day 4: Thursday - September 12th: Tiberias: Banias - Sea of Galilee
Theme: The Transfiguration
After breakfast, we will begin the day with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. After this, see the remains of a boat that dates back to the time of Jesus, found buried in mud. Travel north to visit Caesarea Philippi, also known as Banias, where Peter recognized Jesus as the Messiah and where Jesus gave Peter the Pontifical Keys. You are also in the vicinity of the Garden of Gethsemanis, the site where Peter, James, and John witnessed Jesus’ agony that he experienced. The tour continues as you will visit the house of the High Priest Caiphas (Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu). This Church commemorates where Jesus was taken following his arrest, and his eventual trial and crucifixion. It also commemorates Peter’s Denial of Christ, Peter’s repentance, and Jesus’ forgiveness of Peter. Your group will see the Pilgrim Cross in the lower chapel, and also visit the Upper Room on Mt. Zion. The Upper Room is where Jesus and His disciples celebrated the Last Supper and where Jesus predicted to His disciples the betrayal of Judas. Lunch, and then tour starting with the impressive archaeo-

Day 5: Friday - September 13th: Mt. Tabor - Jericho - Jordan River - Bethany - Jerusalem
Theme: The Resurrection
After breakfast, drive to Mount Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration, with time to reflect on Christ’s humanity and Divinity. Celebrating Mass here will be a good preparation for the journey to Jerusalem where Jesus was to suffer the crucifixion and resurrection. Drive down the Jordan Valley to Jericho, a city that has continuously inhabited city in the world, where we will reflect on Mt Temptation and an example of a Sycamore Tree. Visit the Baptismal site on the Jordan River, and on our way to Jerusalem, where you will check-in to your hotel in time for dinner and overnight.

Day 6 & 7: Saturday - September 14th: Jerusalem: Via Dolorosa - Church of the Holy Sepulchre - Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross - Our Lady of Palestine Theme: The Way of the Cross, the Crucifixion, and the Resurrection
Today will be an early morning, as we will depart the Hotel at 5:30 A.M. and make our way to the Via Dolorosa in the Old City of Jerusalem. This is the street where Jesus was condemned to death by Pontius Pilate. Following his condemnation, he was (on the Road to Calvary) His place of Crucifixion. Your group will reflect upon the Stations of the Cross as you travel through the markets of the Old City to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre is the most revered Church and is located over the cave where Elijah was taken into heaven. Crossing the border at Allenby bridge into Israel meeting Patrick (Patrick@206tours.com) or Sandra (Sandra@206tours.com) or Sandra (Sandra@206tours.com) for dinner and overnight.

Day 8: Sunday - September 15th: Jerusalem: Temple Mount - St. Anne’s Church - Mount of Olives – and Mt. Zion
Theme: The Visitation
Following breakfast at your hotel, you will visit the Temple Mount, and continue to visit the Church of St. Anne’s, the home of Jesus’ maternal grandparents (Anne and Joachim). Nearby, head to see the Pool of Bethesda, which supplied the water for the Temple, and where Jesus healed the crippled man. Next, we will make our way to the Mount of Olives, where you will be able to take in the beautiful, panoramic view of Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives was a mandatory transit point for Jesus during many iconic moments. Your group will visit the Pater Noster Shrine, where Jesus taught His disciples the Lord’s Prayer (Pater Noster). You will have the opportunity to stop at Dominus Flevit, which is a Church that commemorates where Jesus wept for Jerusalem. The tour continues on to Gethsemane, a garden at the foot of the Mount of Olives. Jesus brought His disciples here to pray the night before He was crucified. The Garden still contains trees with roots that date back to the time of Jesus. Beside the Garden is the next stop, the Church of All Nations, formerly called the “Rock Church,” where Jesus prayed alone on the night of His arrest. Throughout this time, you are invited to remain in prayer and to reflect on Christ’s agony that he experienced. The tour continues as you will visit the house of the High Priest Caiphas (Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu). This Church commemorates where Jesus was taken following his arrest, and his eventual trial and crucifixion. It also commemorates Peter’s Denial of Christ, Peter’s repentance, and Jesus’ forgiveness of Peter. Your group will see the Pilgrim Cross in the lower chapel, and also visit the Upper Room on Mt. Zion. The Upper Room is where Jesus and His disciples celebrated the Last Supper and where Jesus predicted to His disciples the betrayal of Judas. Lunch, and then tour starting with the impressive archaeo-

Day 9: Monday - September 16th: Church of the Nativity - Bethlehem University - Shepherds Fields - Meeting with the Latin Patriarchate (Receive the Pilgrim Shell)
Theme: The Nativity
Today, after breakfast, we will depart to Bethlehem, beginning at the Manger Square, which stands in front of one of the oldest of Christian churches, the Church of the Nativity. Enter the Church and make your way down to the Grotto of the Nativity which marks the spot of Jesus’ birth. Beneath the Altar, there is a silver star with the Latin inscription: HIC DELIVERTIS NOBIS NASCHRISTSEUM NATUS ‘HIC’ means ‘Here’ and expresses the idea that Jesus was born to the Virgin Mary.) We will celebrate Mass in the Church of Nativity, and then continue to visit Bethlehem University to visit the Campus, and meet with its students and faculty. We have prepared a special lunch for your group at the University. From there, we will head to our final stop of the day, the Shepherds Fields. The caves have soot marks of the fires that shepherds lit to keep warm while watching over their flocks. In the afternoon, we will visit the Office of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, where all Knights and Ladies will receive the Pilgrim Shell (TBC). Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 10: Tuesday - September 17th: Return Home
After breakfast, we will depart for the Holy Land, beginning at the Manger Square, which stands in front of one of the oldest of Christian churches, the Church of the Nativity. Enter the Church and make your way down to the Grotto of the Nativity which marks the spot of Jesus’ birth. Beneath the Altar, there is a silver star with the Latin inscription: HIC DELIVERTIS NOBIS NASCHRISTSEUM NATUS ‘HIC’ means ‘Here’ and expresses the idea that Jesus was born to the Virgin Mary.) We will celebrate Mass in the Church of Nativity, and then continue to visit Bethlehem University to visit the Campus, and meet with its students and faculty. We have prepared a special lunch for your group at the University. From there, we will head to our final stop of the day, the Shepherds Fields. The caves have soot marks of the fires that shepherds lit to keep warm while watching over their flocks. In the afternoon, we will visit the Office of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, where all Knights and Ladies will receive the Pilgrim Shell (TBC). Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 11: Wednesday - September 18th: Final Day
After breakfast in the morning, followed by free time to spend at your own leisure before you meet back at the Hotel. With heartfelt farewells to your fellow pilgrims, you will board our overnights transfers to Tel Aviv Airport for our return flights home.

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