



## **PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND, ST. CATHERINE MONASTERY & CONSTANTINOPLE**

Join Rev. Fr. Anastasios Bourantas, Protopresbyter of Cathedral of the Annunciation of Baltimore, MD.

**February 16 – March 01, 2024 - 15 Days /13 Nights**



**THE HOLY LAND (9 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 Sepulcher, the Church of St Anne, the Pool of Bethesda, the Tomb of the Virgin Mary, the Prison of Christ (Praetorium), 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 St. George of Lydda, 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. Eliseos and the Tree of Zacchaeus. Take a boat-ride on the Sea of Galilee and attend midnight Liturgy at the Holy Sepulcher. Enjoy an audience with the Patriarch of Jerusalem (Subject to confirmation)

**ST. CATHERINE'S MONASTERY SINAI: 1 Night:** The Monastery of St. Catherine is a Greek Orthodox monastical center with continuous life since the 6<sup>th</sup> Century. Attend Esperinos (Subject to arrival time) and Divine Liturgy. Venerate the relics of St. Catherine and see the Burning Bush. See the Historic Museum with its incredible icons and manuscripts. Possible climb to the top of the Mountain of where Moses received the Ten Commandments (optional).

**CONSTANTINOPLE (3 Nights):** Our Pilgrimage will end in Constantinople, the heart of Orthodoxy. Visit the 17<sup>th</sup> century Greek Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarchate. Pray at the St George Cathedral and venerate the Holy Relics of Saints Gregory the Theologian, John Chrysostom and St Basil 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, Balukli Monastery and Panaghia Blacherna were the beautiful hymn, "Te Ypermacho" was chanted over 1,400 years ago.

### **SPACE IS LIMITED and on a FIRST-COME BASIS**

**RATE: Per person double occupancy \$4400\* & single occupancy \$5795\***

\*Rates include the air tax/fuel of approximately \$590 which is not guaranteed until ticketing one month prior to departure.

\*Rate above reflects a 4% check discount which does not apply if payment is made any other way

**Deposit of \$700 due by October 6 or late booking fee of \$50 per person will apply**

### **YOUR TOUR WILL INCLUDE:**

\*International air on Turkish Airlines from IAD / IST / TLV & TLV / IST / IAD

\*Private arrival and departure transfers in a deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach with English speaking escort throughout.

\*9 ½ 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.

\*First class accommodations: 2 nts in Tiberias at the Gai Beach, 5 nts in Jerusalem at the Grand Court, 1 nt in Eilat at the Herods, 1 nt in Sinai at the Morganland Inn, 1 nt in Tel Aviv at the Renaissance and 3 nts in Constantinople at the Titanic Taksim including all service fees and taxes

\*Daily breakfast and dinner in Israel. Daily breakfast and one farewell dinner in Constantinople

\*Audience with His Beatitude Theophilos III of Jerusalem (subject to his availability)

\*Israeli departure tax and Taba border crossing fees

\*Private audience with H.A.H Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew (subject to his availability)

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