

Diocese of Chicago and Mid-America
Russian Orthodox Church Abroad

P I L G R I M A G E
to the
H O L Y L A N D

April 29th through May 14th, 2010

for the feast of Ascension of our Lord

The group will be headed by Bishop Peter

Land Arrangements only — \$1600
Flights each pilgrim arranges independently

For information please contact the

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FLIGHTS

Each pilgrim makes his own flight arrangements and purchases his own ticket.

The itinerary lists the flights of Bishop Peter.

The group will meet April 30th, around 3 p.m. at Ben Gurion airport in Tel-Aviv.

COST AND CONDITIONS OF TRIP

Cost of pilgrimage as per itinerary, per person -- \$1600 (double occupancy). This includes: hotels, meals and transport. Tips and beverages are not included.

Singles are available at an additional \$250.

Land arrangements in the Holy Land are a package deal. Should anyone arrive later than the group, or leave earlier, no discounts are given.

DEPOSIT

A deposit of \$200 is required at registration. Only those who send a deposit will be registered, and in the order in which the deposits are received. Cheques must be made out to: *Diocese of Chicago*.

Full payment should be made by March 29th, 2010.

Full refund is given for cancellations before March 29th. \$100 penalty after March 28th.

LUGGAGE

When checking-in for your flight, your luggage should be checked to Tel-Aviv.

DOCUMENTS, VISAS AND INSURANCE

Citizens of USA do not need visas for Israel.

Insurance is not mandatory. Should any pilgrim desire insurance, he arranges this on his own. If an illness occurs or other personal expenses arise, pilgrims are responsible for these expenses themselves.

No vaccinations are required.

HOTEL

The group stays at the Mount of Olives Hotel, which is located next to the Eleon Convent.

TIPS and ENTRANCE FEES

In Jerusalem USA \$150 **in cash** will be collected from each pilgrim for tips and entrance fees.

MEALS

All instructions of the Orthodox Church concerning fasting are adhered to. No breakfast is served before Divine Liturgy. If anyone must follow a certain diet, please advise ahead of time.

RIVER JORDAN

At the River Jordan the Great Blessing of the Waters is served, after which all pilgrims submerge themselves in the sacred river. All pilgrims must have an ankle-length white gown (shirt), which is worn over a bathing suit.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Besides an icon and a prayerbook, to take the New Testament. Sacred Scripture comes to life in the Holy Land.

Have a hat and sunglasses.

The month of May is usually not hot, and evenings might be cool. A shawl or sweater is a must. It is best not to drink tap water and not to eat raw fruits and vegetables. Those who do not drink alcoholic beverages or soda, should bring a thermos bottle, or be prepared to buy bottled drinking water.

When visiting holy sites or monasteries, women must have a headcovering and wear dresses with covered shoulders. Pants suits are not allowed. Men cannot be in shorts.

Bring comfortable, low-heel shoes.

Those who wish to bring home Holy Water or oil from vigil-lamps, should bring little bottles with them, since these are not readily available in the Holy Land. The best solution is to save the little liquor bottles that are served during flight. Make sure the cap is tight-fitting.

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PILGRIMAGE to the HOLY LAND — MAY 2010

for the feast of **ASCENSION of our LORD**

APRIL

Thursday 29th 3:45 p.m. Depart Chicago's O'Hare International airport on *Lufthansa #431* (terminal 1).
Martyr Irene

Friday 30th 6:55 a.m. Arrive in Frankfurt.
St Zosima 10:15 a.m. Depart Frankfurt on *Lufthansa #686*
of Solovki 3:00 p.m. Arrive in Tel-Aviv.
Transfer to "Mt of Olives Hotel" in Jerusalem.
7:00 p.m. Supper.

MAY

Saturday 1st 7:30 a.m. Breakfast.
New martyr 8:30 a.m. St Stephen's Gate. Bethesda. Via Dolorosa. St Alexander Nevsky Church at the
John of Ioannina 1:00 p.m. Russian Excavations. Reception at the Patriarchate.
Lunch & rest.
5:00 p.m. Vespers at the Mt of Olives Convent. Confession.
7:00 p.m. Supper.
8:00 p.m. Depart for Night Liturgy. Prayers before Holy Communion.

Sunday 2nd Midnight Matins and Liturgy at the Holy Sepulchre.
St Matrona 11:30 a.m. Lunch.
of Moscow 1:00 p.m. Ein-Fara.
7:00 p.m. Supper.

Monday 3rd 6:00 a.m. Breakfast.
Apostle Zacchaeus 7:00 a.m. Depart for Galilee.
of the seventy 8:00 a.m. Lidda: Tomb of St George.
Jaffa: Russian Convent. Tabitha's Tomb.
Lunch in-route.
4:30 p.m. Nazareth: Akathist at Mary's Well.
7:00 p.m. Supper & overnight in Nazareth.

Tuesday 4th 7:00 a.m. Breakfast.
St Anastasios 8:00 a.m. Nazareth: Catholic Basilica.
of Mount Sinai 9:00 a.m. Depart for Sea of Galille with stop at Cana in Galilee.
Sea of Galilee: Russian church at Magdala, Mount Beatitude, Tabgha, Capernaum.
Late lunch in Capernaum.
Boat ride.
Check-in at Ein-Gev or Ron's Beach Hotel & rest.
7:00 p.m. Supper & overnight in Galilee.

Wednesday 5th 8:00 a.m. Yardenit (River Jordan): Great blessing of the waters.
Apostle Nathaniel 11:00 a.m. Early lunch in Ein Gev ("St Peter's fish").
of the seventy Mt Tabor: Greek monastery and Catholic basilica.
Return to Jerusalem.
7:00 p.m. Supper.

Thursday 6th Liturgy at the "Russian Excavations".
St George Breakfast at the "Excavations".
Victory-bearer 1:00 p.m. Lunch.
2:00 p.m. Monastery of the Cross. Katamon.
7:00 p.m. Supper.

Friday 7th 5:30 a.m. Depart for Bethlehem. Liturgy in Bethlehem.
Martyr Sabba 9:00 a.m. Breakfast in Bethlehem.
Stratelates Monastery of St Theodosius. Mar-Saba.
3:00 p.m. Late lunch & rest.
7:00 p.m. Supper.

<u>Saturday</u> 8th <i>Apostle Mark the Evangelist</i>	6:00 a.m.	Liturgy at the Tomb of the Virgin Mary in Gethsemane. Church of All Nations.
	9:00 a.m.	Breakfast.
	10:00 a.m.	Tour Mt of Olives: Ascension Site, Cave of St Pelagia, "Pater Noster", "Little Galilee".
	1:00 p.m.	Lunch.
	3:00 p.m.	Vigil at the Russian convent in Ein-Karem.
	8:00 p.m.	Supper.
<u>Sunday</u> 9th <i>St. Basil bishop of Amasea</i>	7:00 a.m.	Liturgy at the Holy Trinity Cathedral in the Russian Compound. Brunch at the Russian Compound.
	3:00 p.m.	Bethany: Tomb of Lazarus, Russian School, Greek Convent.
	7:00 p.m.	Supper.
<u>Monday</u> 10th <i>Apostle Symeon of the seventy</i>	6:30 a.m.	Breakfast.
	7:30 a.m.	Depart for Jericho: Wadi-Kelt. Jericho: Mt of Temptations (cable ride), Russian garden. Lunch at Jericho. St Gerasim Monastery.
		Supper.
	7:00 p.m.	
<u>Tuesday</u> 11th <i>Apostles Jason & Sospiter</i>	8:00 a.m.	Breakfast.
	9:00 a.m.	Galikantou. Mt Zion.
	1:00 p.m.	Lunch & rest.
	5:30 p.m.	Easter Vespers and Matins at the Russian Convent in Gethsemane.
	8:00 p.m.	Supper.
<u>Wednesday</u> 12th <i>Apodosis of Pascha</i>	6:00 a.m.	Paschal Liturgy at the Russian Convent in Gethsemane. Breakfast at the Convent. Tour of the Convent.
	1:00 p.m.	Lunch and rest.
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil at the Mt of Olives Convent.
	9:00 p.m.	Supper.
<u>Thursday</u> 13th <i>ASCENSION of OUR LORD</i>		Liturgy at the Mt of Olives Convent. Lunch at the Convent. Tour of the Convent.
	7:00 p.m.	Supper
<u>Friday</u> 14th <i>Prophet Jeremiah</i>	2:00 a.m.	Breakfast.
	2:30 a.m.	Depart to airport.
	5:00 a.m.	Depart Tel-Aviv on <i>Lufthansa #691</i> .
	8:30 a.m.	Arrive in Frankfurt.
	10:35 a.m.	Depart Frankfurt on <i>Lufthansa #430</i> .
	12:30 p.m.	Arrive at Chicago's O-Hare International airport (terminal 5).