

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land  
Diocese of Chicago and Mid-America  
Russian Orthodox Church Abroad**

**August 12th, through August 30th, 2008**

**FLIGHTS**

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

The itinerary lists the flights of Bishop Peter for information purposes only. Vladyka bought his tickets through Mrs Lucy Borkowski at *Travel Gallery*. Tel: 773 - 763-6161.

The group will meet August 12th, around 3 pm at Ben Gurion airport in Tel-Aviv.

**COST AND CONDITIONS OF TRIP**

Cost of pilgrimage as per itinerary, per person -- \$1400 (double occupancy). This includes: hotels, meals and transport. Tips and beverages are not included.

Singles are available at \$200.

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 refund for cancellations before July 29. \$100 penalty after July 28.

**LUGGAGE**

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 August is usually hot, but dry. 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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Monday, August 11 Martyr Callinicus	3:45 p.m.	Depart Chicago (O'Hare) - <u>Lufthansa</u> 431 (via Frankfurt).
Tuesday, August 12 Apostles Silas & Silvanus	3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Arrive in Tel-Aviv - <u>Lufthansa</u> 686. Transfer to Jerusalem & check-in at <i>Hotel Mount of Olives</i> . Supper.
Wednesday, August 13 St Joseph of Arimathea	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	Breakfast. Walking tour of Jerusalem: St Stephen's Gate, House of Joachim & Anna, Bethesda; Via Dolorosa: Lithostroton, Prison of Christ, Russian Excavations, Basilica of the Resurrection. Reception at the Patriarchate. Lunch & rest. Vespers & Matins with the Procession of the Cross — <i>Eleon</i> . Supper.
Thursday, August 14 First feast of the Saviour	7:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Divine Liturgy & Lesser blessing of the water — Russian Excavations. Breakfast. Remainder of the morning at leisure. Lunch. Bethany: Tomb of Lazarus, Russian School, Greek Convent. Supper.
Friday, August 15 Archdeacon Stephen	6:30 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Breakfast. Depart for Jericho: Monastery of St George Hozebite, Mount of Temptations Russian gardens in Jericho, Spring of Prophet Elisha. Lunch in Jericho. Monastery of St Gerasim. Dead Sea. Ruins of the Monastery of St Euthemius the Great. Return to Jerusalem. Supper.
Saturday, August 16 St Anthony the Roman	6:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Divine Liturgy — Tomb of the Virgin Mary. Garden of Gethsemane: Cave of the Apostles, Church of all Nations, Church of Archdeacon Stephen. Return to hotel. Brunch. Afternoon at leisure. Vespers & confession — <i>Eleon</i> . Light supper. Depart for the Night Divine Liturgy at the Holy Sepulchre. Prayers before Communion.
Sunday, August 17 Holy Seven Youths of Ephesus	Midnight 11:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Matins and Divine Liturgy at the Holy Sepulchre. Return to hotel & rest. Brunch. Walking tour of Mount of Olives: Ascension site, Cave of St Pelagia, „Pater Noster“, Bethphage, Little Galilee. Supper.
Monday, August 18 Martyr Eusignius	8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	Breakfast. Mount Zion: Galikantou, Basilica of the Domition, Last Supper Room, Greek Seminary. Lunch & rest. Vigil — <i>Eleon</i> . Supper.
Tuesday, August 19 TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	7:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy — <i>Eleon</i> . Lunch at the convent. Depart for a three-day trip to Galilee. Mount Tabor. Supper & overnight in Galilee.

Wednesday, August 20 Martyr Dometius	7:00 a.m.	River Jordan - Great Blessing of the Waters. Sea of Galilee: Russian church in Magdala & breakfast, Mount Beatitudes, Tabgha - site of the multiplication of the loaves, Capernaum. Lunch. Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Cana in Galilee. Supper & overnight in Nazareth.
Thursday, August 21 St Emilian the Confessor	7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast. Nazareth: Greek church & singing of the Akathist to the Mother of God, Catholic basilica at the site of the Annunciation. Lunch. Jaffa: Russian convent & the Tomb of Tabatha. Lidda: Tomb of St George. Return to Jerusalem. Supper.
Friday, August 22 Apostle Matthias	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Breakfast. Tour of the Mount of Olives Convent. Lunch. Fara: Skete of St Hariton. Supper.
Saturday, August 23 Archdeacon Laurence	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Breakfast. Monastery of the Cross. Katamon. Ein-Karem: Site of the Nativity of John the Baptist, Russian Convent. Lunch at the convent. Vigil — Russian convent in Ein-Karem. Supper.
Sunday, August 24 Archdeacon Euplus	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Divine Liturgy — Trinity Cathedral of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission. Brunch. Remainder of the day at leisure. Supper.
Monday, August 25 Martyrs Anicetas & Photius	3:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Procession with the Shroud of the Mother of God. Breakfast. Morning at leisure. Lunch. Excursion to Mar-Saba (optional). Supper.
Tuesday, August 26 Свят. Тихона Задонскаго	5:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Depart for Bethlehem. Divine Liturgy — Basilica of the Nativity. Breakfast in Bethlehem. Shepherds' Field. Monastery of St Theodosius. Lunch. Afternoon at leisure. Supper.
Wednesday, August 27 Prophet Micah	11:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 9:30 p.m.	Matins with procession— Tomb of the Virgin Mary. Brunch. Rest. Vigil — <i>Gethsemane</i> . Supper.
Thursday, August 28 DORMITION OF THE EVER-VIRGIN MARY	7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy — <i>Gethsemane</i> . Lunch at the convent. Tour of the convent. Remainder of the day at leisure. Farewell dinner.
Friday, August 29 Martyr Diomedes	1:00 a.m. 2:00 a.m. 5:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Tea-coffee. Depart to Ben Gurion Airport in Tel-Aviv. Depart Tel-Aviv - <u>Lufthansa</u> 691 (via Frankfurt). Arrive Chicago (O'Hare) - <u>Lufthansa</u> 430.