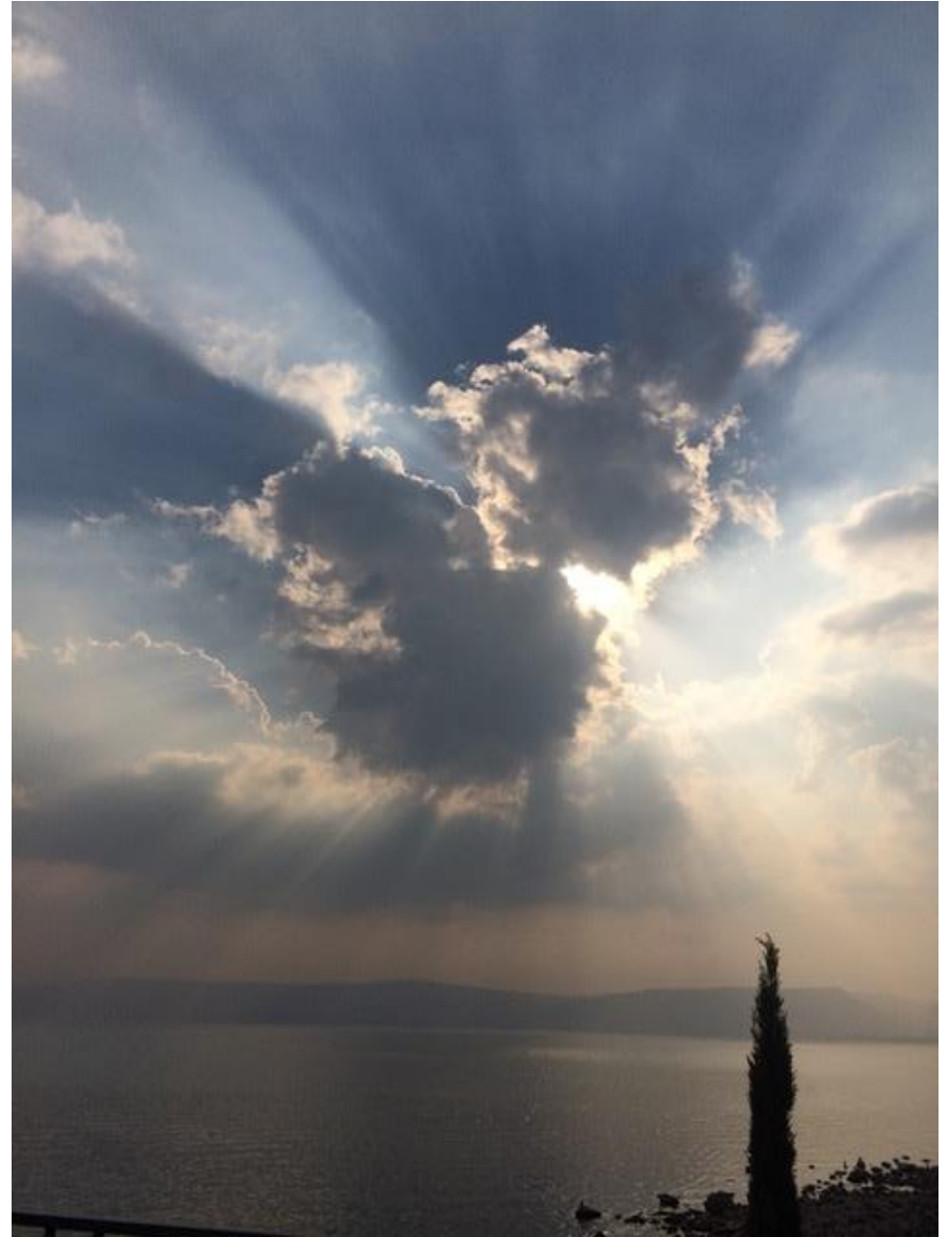


St. Mary's Holy Land Pilgrimage April 21-May 2, 2025



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A Journey to the Holy Land

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The Episcopal Church of St. Mary The Virgin, CA
A Journey to The Holy Land

Led by The Reverend David Erickson
Local Guide Canon Iyad Qumri & Rami Qumri

12 Days: April 21-May 2, 2025

Updated on May 30, 2023

Apr 22-26	Saint George's Guest House
Apr 26-29	Sisters of Nazareth
Apr 29-May 2	Saint George's Guest House

MONDAY, APRIL 21, DAY 1: DEPART U.S.A

On our way to the Holy Land

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, DAY 2: ARRIVE BEN GURION AIRPORT / TRANSFER TO JERUSALEM

Arrival to Tel Aviv you will be met by your guide, transfer to our accommodation in Jerusalem. Introductions.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

Saint George's Guest House

Tel: ++972-2-6283302

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, DAY 3: HORIZONS OF JERUSALEM / HERODIUM

We depart for MT. Scopus, view the Judean desert, Mt. of Olives, view the city of David.

Lunch. Depart for Herodium some 12 km. south of Jerusalem, on a hill shaped like a truncated cone that rises 758 m. above sea level, stood Herodium, the palace-fortress built by King Herod. It had a breathtaking view, overlooking the Judean Desert and the mountains of Moab to the east, and the Judean Hills to the west.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, DAY 4: OLD CITY / CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHER

Group Photo. Briefing for the Holy Sepulcher. We then walk the Cardo to the Constantinian Entrance of the Holy Sepulcher, Lunch, continue our visit to the Holy Sepulcher.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

Guest Speaker: Lecture on Islam

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, Day 5: SHEPHERD'S FIELD / BETHLEHEM

We depart Jerusalem for Bethlehem and the Shepherds' Field, visit a 1st century cave dwelling, Lunch is in Beit Sahour (Shepherds' Field), 'And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night' Church of the Nativity located in Manger Square. It is the Oldest Church in Christendom, constructed by Constantine in AD 326 and the traditional site of the Nativity.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

Guest Speaker: Contemporary Issues – A Palestinian Perspective

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, DAY 6: JERICHO / NAZARETH

Wadi Qelt early morning to get the feel for the desert, depart for Jericho to hike up Mt. of Temptation and view Tell Jericho, 20-minute meditation on Mt of Temptation Lunch, in Nazareth. In Nazareth we will visit Mary's Well, the site of the only spring-fed fountain in the city, and most likely the place where Mary would have gone to draw water. We then visit the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation where we will have an opportunity to have an introduction to the Icon, we then follow on foot the path to the Latin Church of the Annunciation, the traditional site of the Angel Gabriel's appearance to Mary, telling her she would conceive Jesus, the Emmanuel.

Dinner and Overnight at the Sisters of Nazareth

Tel: 972-4-6554304

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, DAY 7: CHRIST CHURCH / SEPPHORIS

Sunday Eucharist at Christ Church in Nazareth, the liturgy will be celebrated in English and Arabic, the language of our Arabic Palestinian Christians in the Holy Land and the whole Middle East. Meet with Fr. Nael Abu Rahmoun. Lunch, Sepphoris, where we explore the excavations of the Roman / Byzantine city, the capital of Galilee at the time of Jesus.

Dinner and Overnight at the Sisters of Nazareth

A treat you will not want to miss!!!!

MONDAY, APRIL 28, DAY 8: JORDAN RIVER / CAPERNAUM / BEATITUDES / TABGHA

Today we depart for the Sea of Galilee-Lake Kinnereth. Stop at the Jordan River for the renewal of Baptismal vows, Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, we then visit Capernaum where we see the Ancient Synagogue and St. Peter's House. We continue to the Mount of Beatitudes, Lunch, visit to Tabgha (Heptapegon), The Loaves and Fishes Church and the Chapel of St. Peter's Primacy.

Dinner and Overnight at the Sisters of Nazareth

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, DAY 9: BURQIN / NABLUS / TAYBEH

Depart for Burqin. Jesus had passed through Burqin on his way to Jerusalem from Nazareth, and as he was passing by the village he heard cries for help from ten lepers who were isolated in quarantine in a cave, Nablus to visit (St. Photini the Greek Orthodox Monastery), St. Photini lived in first century Palestine, she was the Samaritan woman who Christ visited at the well asking her for water, the church built over Jacob's well where will tour the church and drink from the Well, Lunch in Taybeh, visit Taybeh, the only 100% Christian town, in the fourth century the Emperor Constantine and his mother St. Helen built the church of St. George in the village, the ruins of the Church are still found on a hill in the town. We will also visit the brewery.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

Guest Speaker: Contemporary Issues – An Israeli Perspective

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, DAY 10: WESTERN WALL / DOME OF THE ROCK / ISRAEL MUSEUM

We depart for the Western Wall near Elharam Esh Sharif (The Dome of The Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque). St. Anne's Church and the pools of Bethesda. Lunch. Israel Museum and the Shrine of the Book, where the *Dead Sea Scrolls* are housed. We will also visit a scale model of the Old City of Jerusalem, describing the city as it would have been during Jesus' time.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

THURSDAY, MAY 1, DAY 11: BETH-PHAGE / DOMINUS FLEVIT / GETHSEMANE / DEAD SEA

Depart for Beth-phage, here we will begin the Palm Sunday Procession. We will stop at Pater Noster and Dominus Flevit, where Jesus wept over the city. It is known as *Dominus Flevit* [Latin for “The Lord wept”]. Afterward, we will walk to the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations. Lunch, Dead Sea, where you will have the option to swim – or really, float (Rocky Beach).

Dinner and overnight at Saint George’s Guest House

FRIDAY, MAY 2, DAY 12: WAY OF THE CROSS / EMMAUS

Early this morning we walk and pray the Way of the Cross, Emmaus Nicopolis. We celebrate the Eucharist at the ruins of the Byzantine Church.

Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for our return flight

OUR LEADERS



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The Most Revd Suheil Dawani, The Rev. Scott J. Brown, Ripp Hardaway, & Canon Iyad Qumri

Land Trip Cost: \$3350

The land cost price includes the following:

- Accommodation on F/B basis (includes Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)
- Transportation in comfortable air-conditioned bus
- Guiding Fee
- All entrance fees on your itinerary
- All guest speakers
- Portage at all hotels
- Tips for restaurant and hotel staff
- Bus driver tips

Excluded from price:

- Personal expenses such as: phone calls, alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, laundry, and medical insurance are not covered.

Cancellation and refund policy:

- The \$2,000 deposit to hold pilgrimage dates will be non-refundable 10 months of the departure date of pilgrimage.
- The \$750 per person is non-refundable once it is paid 3 months before pilgrimage arrival.
- After full payment, there is no refund and pilgrims are expected to have travel and medical insurance. **Please note – We do not hold deposits and other funds as credit, to be applied for another pilgrimage in case of a voluntary cancellation.
- If we must cancel the pilgrimage due to safety concerns, there is a refund except for the first two deposits.

Travel and Medical Insurance:

Pilgrims must have international medical insurance. Also, pilgrims are expected to have travel insurance to cover the cost of flight cancellations and trip cancellations for personal reasons. This is extremely important. After paying your deposits for lodging and food, we cannot make reimbursements for any cancellations. However, a good trip insurance policy should cover the pilgrim's expenses.

\$750 Deposit **FULLY** refundable until 1/14/2025 (not refundable after that date without travel insurance)

Final \$2600 Payment due 3/14/2025 (fully refundable)

Land Cost assumes double occupancy. Limited single occupancy for +\$600

Passport **MUST** be at least 6 months old

Minimum of 22 people, maximum 45

Airfare Separate. Coach \$1100-1500. Will figure out in Fall.

Pilgrim Events in the Fall/Winter

In order to build relationships and camaraderie for the trip, we will have a few pilgrim events starting in the Fall. These events will focus on getting to know each other, and will also include aspects of prayer and study. I will also suggest we read a book about the Holy land together.

These events will not be mandatory, but I highly encourage you to attend what you can so as to make the trip more meaningful.



How to Register

- Email Max Kirby at pilgrimage@smvsf.org. Let him know of your intention. He will record your interest and send you a FAQ sheet and travel tips sheet.
- Mail/Deliver \$750 deposit check to St. Mary's via Ashley Ryan. Please add "Holy Land Pilgrimage" in the memo line. Ashley will confirm you deposit to Max.

Questions? Email Max Kirby at
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