

## ITINERARY FOR HOLY LAND

Hosted by Fr. Sarantos Serviou

June 10, 2012 – June 22, 2012

- Sunday, June 10 Depart from Pittsburgh for Tel Aviv
- Monday, June 11 Arrive in Tel Aviv we will be met by Representatives of Jerusalem Travel and Tours and are transferred to the **Ron Beach Hotel Tiberius**.
- Tuesday, June 12 Early in the morning we will take a boat ride on the **Sea of Galilee**. Visit the **Mount of Beatitudes** and **Tabgha**, where the Miracle of the Five Loaves and Fishes took place, site of the **Sermon on the Mount, Dodekathronon, House of St. Peter**, the **Old Synagogue**, the **Jordan River** for the Agiasmos and for our spiritual baptism. Stop for lunch and in the afternoon visit the **Holy Monastery of Tiberius** .  
*Dinner and overnight at the Ron Beach Hotel Tiberius.*
- Wednesday, June 13 Today we visit the **Church of the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor, Cana of Galilee**, where the first miracle of our Lord took place, the changing of water into wine. Then we drive on to **Nazareth** and the **Church of the Annunciation** to visit the well where the **Annunciation** took place. We will stop for lunch at the “Mizra” or “Tanourim” ((Tiberius) Restaurant.  
*Dinner and overnight at the Intercontinental Hotel Jericho.*
- Thursday, June 14 Leave from our hotel early in the morning to visit the **Springs of the Jordan River** and the ancient city **Paneiada**. Walk from the springs to the Falls. Drive to **Jericho** to visit the **Monastery of St. Gerasimos “Iordanites.”** Return to *Intercontinental Hotel* in Jericho for dinner and overnight.
- Friday, June 15 Today early in the morning we will visit the **Church of Prophet Elisha (Elissaios)**, as well as the **Sycamore Tree of Zacchaeus**, upon which Zacchaeus ascended to see Jesus. Afterwards we will ascent the “**Sarantarion Oros,**” **Mount of Temptation**, where our Lord fasted and was tempted by the devil, (ascent by cable cars.) Visit the Holy Monastery of **St. George Hotzevites** and the cave of Prophet Elias. On the way back to Jerusalem we will visit the Monastery of **Mary and Martha in Bethany and the Tomb of Lazarus**. Visit the **Monastery of Bethpage**, built on the location

where Jesus rode the donkey to come to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

*Dinner and overnight at the Grand Court Hotel Jerusalem.*

Saturday, June 16

Today we visit the **Temple of Solomon**, the **Wailing Wall**, **Church of St. Anna** and the house of **Joachim and Anna** (Birthplace of Virgin Mary), **Pool of Bethesda** (also called Pool of the sheep,) where Jesus healed the paralytic. We will proceed to **walk the Way of the Cross**, or (**Via Dolorosa in Latin**), visit the Monastery of the **Prison of St. Peter** and the **Prison of Christ**, the **Lithostrotos** and the **Praetorium**.

Visit the **Patriarchate of Jerusalem** and have an audience with His **Beatitude Patriarch of Jerusalem Theofilos**. In the afternoon we visit the **Monastery of St. Nicholas** which is very close to the Patriarchate and where Fr. Aristovoulos (our guide) is the Abbott. In the afternoon we drive to **Samaria** to visit **Jacob's Well** the **Church of St. Fotini the Samaritan** which is built over Jacob's Well.

*Dinner and overnight at the Grand Court Hotel Jerusalem.*

Sunday June 17

Early rise today to attend the Divine Liturgy at the **Holy Sepulcher**.

In the afternoon we visit **Mt. Zion**, the **Room of the Mystical Supper**, the **House of St. John the Evangelist**, the **Tomb of David** and the **Patriarchal School**. We return back to Jerusalem to visit the **Mount of Olives** for a panoramic view of the Holy City of Jerusalem, the **chapel of Ascension**.

*Dinner and overnight at the Grand Court Hotel Jerusalem.*

Monday, June 18

Early morning rise to visit the **Holy Sepulcher**, **Golgotha**, The **Holy Apokathelosis** (Holy Unction Stone), the **chapel of Adam**, the **chapel of St. Helen** and the chapel of the **Finding of the Holy Cross**, the **chapel of Longinos**, the **chapel of Mary Magdalene** and the **Tomb of Longinos**.

Visit the **Garden of Gethsemane**, **Garden of Agony**, **Church and the Tomb of Virgin Mary**, **St. Stephen** and the **Church of All Nations**.

In the afternoon we visit the **Monastery of the Holy Cross**, the **Church and the Tomb of the Symeon the Just** and "Ein Karem," the **Birthplace of St. John the Baptist**.

*Dinner and overnight at the Grand Court Hotel Jerusalem.*

Tuesday, June 19

Today we rise very early, and leave from our hotel by 6:00 am, to visit **Bethlehem** and attend the Divine Liturgy, which is held at the **Manger**. We will visit the **church of the Nativity** and depart for the **Monastery of St. Theodosios**. There we will have breakfast

(ox breakfast prepared by the hotel) and depart with vans to visit the **Monastery of St. Savvas** deep in the Judean Dessert the village of the shepherds and the **Shepherds' Field**. We visit **Kanavatis** store for shopping. The afternoon is free for those who would like to walk around the **Old City of Jerusalem** for more shopping or visit the **Holy Sepulcher**, if it is not too crowded and others may wish to return back to the hotel.

*Dinner and overnight at the Grand Court Hotel Jerusalem.*

Wednesday, June 20

Today after breakfast we drive to the **Dead Sea**. (There are facilities to change for those who wish to swim in the Dead Sea.) Others may wish to remove their shoes and just walk in, it is very shallow.

Lunch at a restaurant by the Dead Sea and return to our hotel.

*Dinner and overnight at the Grand Court Hotel Jerusalem.*

Thursday, June 21

Today we leave from Jerusalem for **Tel Aviv**. No sightseeing today. We will rest and relax at a hotel by the **Mediterranean Sea**. Those who wish may take a walk in the city of Tel Aviv (optional) and in the evening walk on the Boardwalk where there are many cafés, restaurants and shops.

Overnight at a hotel (to be announced).

Friday, June 22

After breakfast we depart from the hotel to visit the **Monastery and the Tomb of St. George in Lydda**, the ancient city of **Joppa** and the **Monastery of the Archangels**. Late in the afternoon we will have dinner at a close by restaurant and to the airport for our departure. (Flights leave late in the evening or after midnight.)