



ST. PAUL'S
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The Holy Land Pilgrimage

MARCH 29 - APRIL 9, 2027



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After Jesus' resurrection from the dead, Luke says he appeared to his disciples and said, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things." ~Luke 24:46-48

Christians around the world have borne witness to "those things" ever since, and yet, as Jesus says, the movement begins in Jerusalem. The movement we inherit in Ohio has its roots in the land Christ called home, both rugged and beautiful, and our sisters and brothers in the movement continue to bear witness through hospitals and schools that serve the most marginalized in the name of Jesus.

WITNESS



Led by Father T.J. Freeman (Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Cleveland Heights), this pilgrimage will **encounter the Gospel in stone and flesh**, visiting the sights that mark the story of our faith and the people who keep that faith alive in the Holy Land today, with special emphasis on the people and institutions of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. **We'll come home changed, restored, and renewed.**



"We moved from bustling, populated areas full of life, to river valleys with rich, fertile soil, and then to the desert. Whether it was the twisted branches and trunks of olive trees in the Garden of Gethsemane, the poppies that lined the path of the Via Maris, the sweeping vistas from the Mount of Transfiguration, or the isolation of the barren landscape in the Judean Desert, all in our group were touched. **Prayers lifted us to a level of unexpected tranquility.**"

~The Rt Rev'd Gutiérrez, Diocese of PA, after a 2019 pilgrimage. Father Freeman traveled to the Holy Land with Bishop Gutiérrez in 2023.

TRANQUILITY

You are invited to consider whether **God is calling you** on this journey.

The pilgrimage is \$3,100 plus airfare, insurance, and incidentals.
Registration is now open, and our 35 slots are filling up.



Proposed Itinerary

MARCH 29

DAY ONE DEPART U.S.

Travel to Tel Aviv on the airline and flight of your choice, flying overnight (*arrive between 2 - 6 p.m.*)



MARCH 30

DAY TWO ARRIVE

Travel to Jerusalem and settle in to the Guest House and neighborhood between the Anglican Cathedral & Damascus Gate



MARCH 30

DAY THREE JERUSALEM & HERODIUM

We travel Jerusalem's perimeter to appreciate its geography and then to Tekoa in the southern West Bank to visit Herod's palace in the Judean Desert



APRIL 1

DAY FOUR OLD CITY/CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHER

Walk the Cardo to the Church of the Resurrection, where we spend much of the day. *Group Photo*



Proposed Itinerary

APRIL 2

DAY FIVE BETHLEHEM

Morning Prayer in Shepherd's Field, prayerful visit to the Church of the Nativity, and a solemn tour along the separation wall



APRIL 3

DAY SIX JERICHO & NAZARETH

Sunrise Holy Eucharist in the Judean Desert, visit the Mount of Temptation and Jericho. Visit Mary's well and the Latin Church of the annunciation, the traditional site of the Angel Gabriel's appearance to Mary



APRIL 4

DAY SEVEN CHRIST CHURCH & SEPPHORIS

Tour the ruins of Sepphoris, the nearby Roman city for which Nazareth was a suburb, and then into the Golan Heights, site of Caesarea Philippi



APRIL 5

DAY EIGHT GALILEE

Renew your baptismal vows at the Jordan River, Holy Eucharist on the Mt. of Beatitudes, tour Capernaum, and take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee



Proposed Itinerary

APRIL 6

DAY NINE WEST BANK

Visit the Church of the Ten Lepers in Burqin, Jacob's Well in Nablus, and, for fun, Taybeh Brewery, the first brewery in Palestine



APRIL 7

DAY TEN WESTERN WALL & DOME OF THE ROCK

Tour the Western Wall and Dome of the Rock, worship with the local Episcopal congregation at St. Andrew's in Ramallah, and visit the Israel Museum



APRIL 8

DAY ELEVEN MOUNT OF OLIVES & DEAD SEA

Walk the Palm Sunday procession, prayerful visit to Gethsemane, and a chance to float on the Dead Sea



APRIL 9

DAY TWELVE WAY OF THE CROSS & EMMAUS

Early morning Stations of the Cross ending with the Rector's blessing at the Holy Sepulchre, Holy Eucharist in Emmaus, and fly home



A PURPOSEFUL PILGRIMAGE

FIVE COMMITMENTS WE MAKE

- 1** Each day will include prayer, either the Daily Office or the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist with local congregations or in holy sites like the Judean Desert, the Mount of Beatitudes, and the ruins of Emmaus.
- 2** We will pray for one another in assigned prayer partnerships, and through our shared meals, we will create lasting relationships with our fellow pilgrims.
- 3** We commit to deepening our relationship to the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem by praying with our sisters and brothers and celebrating their ministries, such as at the Princess Basma Center, a safe, healing place for children with disabilities.
- 4** While this pilgrimage is not a political tour, we commit to bearing witness to the experience of Christians, Muslims, and Jews through our travels and in several evening presentations.
- 5** While the itinerary is always tentative, given political uncertainties in the region, we commit to providing an equally appealing alternative if our plans should change.

WHERE WE STAY



IN JERUSALEM

ST. GEORGE'S GUESTHOUSE

Accommodations are well regarded here at the guesthouse adjacent to St. George's Cathedral, and the gardens are sublime.

IN NAZARETH

SISTERS OF NAZARETH CONVENT

Accommodations are a bit monastic here, but the rooms are very well kept. The central location and breathtaking rooftop views don't disappoint.



WHO ARE OUR LEADERS?

The Rev'd T.J. Freeman is the pilgrimage's spiritual leader and will coordinate logistics before and during the trip. Canon Iyad Qumri and Rami Qumri, Palestinian Episcopalians with decades of experience making pilgrimages meaningful, will be our local guides.

HOW ARE WE GETTING THERE?

Pilgrims will have the opportunity to book their own flight to Tel Aviv on the airline of their choice, maximizing travel flexibility. Airport arrival information and tips on traveling from the airport to Jerusalem will be provided. Occasionally ground travel can be arranged if several flight times align.

WHAT WILL I NEED TO TRAVEL?

A passport not to expire before October 10, 2027. Visas are not required for US citizens.

AM I HEALTHY ENOUGH?

There is a fair amount of walking in this pilgrimage, much of it uphill or on uneven terrain, and some sites require the use of stairs. On-site lectures often require standing, and the weather will be hot during our stay. Some churches use ample incense which may upset some allergies. The pilgrimage leaders will make every effort to accommodate your physical needs but may ask that you sit a particular activity out or help you craft an alternative personal day if you are unable to keep up with the group.

MAY I INVITE A FRIEND?

Of course! While the pilgrimage is rooted in Anglican spirituality, it is open to all people.

WHAT ELSE MAY I EXPECT?

Father T.J. Freeman is available to answer any questions you might have. Expect a reading list, and tips on packing and travel. You'll have your own custom prayer book and an opportunity to meet your fellow pilgrims at two orientation receptions prior to the trip.



\$3,100

INCLUDES

- double-occupancy lodging
- all meals in-country
- ground transportation in Israel in a deluxe, air-conditioned motor coach
- guiding fees
- all entrance fees
- guest speaker fees
- tips for restaurant and hotel staff
- bus driver and guide
- pre-trip receptions and prayerbook
- donation to support the ministries of the Diocese of Jerusalem

DOES NOT INCLUDE

- airfare
- ground transportation to and from Ben Gurion airport
- medical and travel insurance
- some personal expenses like bottled beverages, alcohol, or souvenirs

SINGLE ROOMS

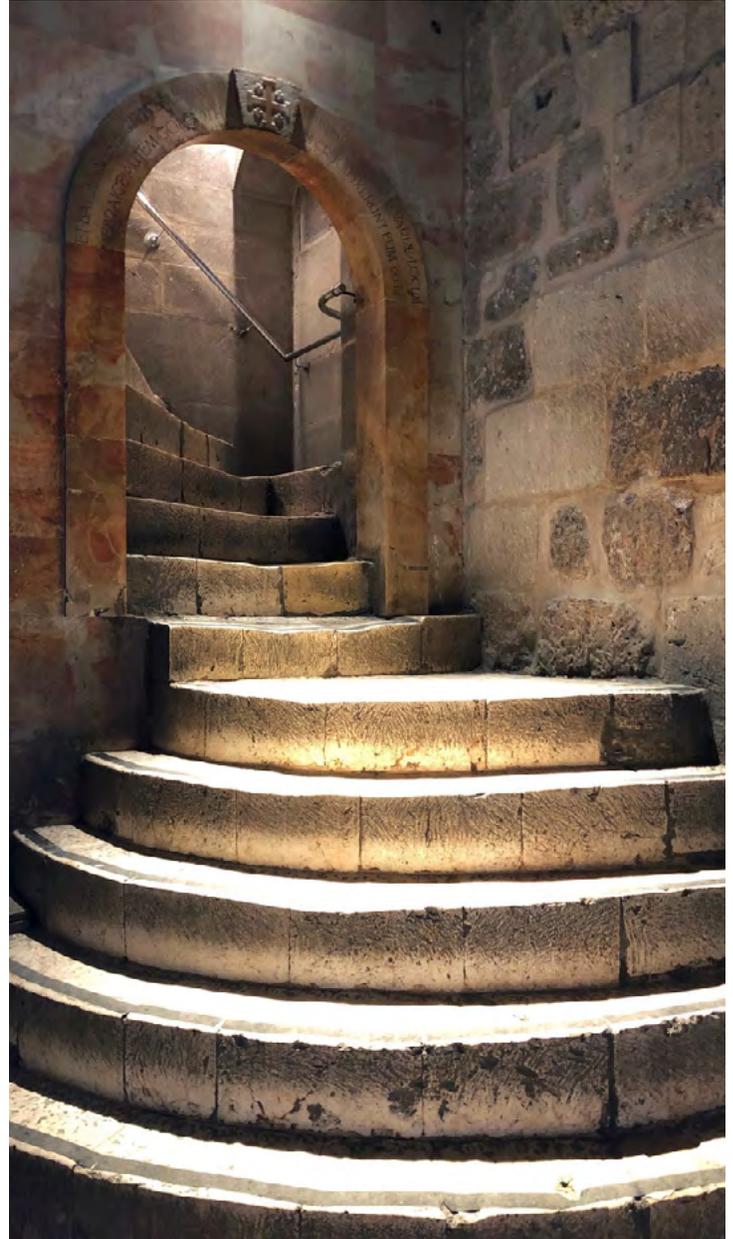
- A limited number of single rooms are available for an additional \$560

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- Non-refundable deposit of \$500 due upon registration.
- \$750 due by December 29, 2026
- Final balance, including single supplement if applicable, is due by February 29, 2027.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

- All payments are non-refundable once received.
- **Pilgrims must obtain travel insurance with a cancellation clause.**
- All notice of cancellations must be received and acknowledged in writing.
- The proposed itinerary is subject to change, and refunds are not available should the pilgrimage not include a particular site.
- If we must cancel the pilgrimage due to safety concerns: the final payment part of the trip will be refunded.



PASSPORT INFORMATION

NAME (EXACTLY AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT)

PASSPORT NUMBER COUNTRY OF ISSUE EXPIRATION DATE

NOTE: THE EXPIRATION DATE ON YOUR PASSPORT MUST NOT BE BEFORE OCTOBER 10, 2027, OR ENTRY INTO ISRAEL MAY BE DENIED. PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT'S INFORMATION PAGE TO THIS REGISTRATION FORM, ALONG WITH YOUR DEPOSIT.

ADDRESS

CITY STATE POSTAL CODE

EMAIL

PHONE (HOME OR OFFICE) PHONE (CELL)

PARISH AFFILIATION, IF ANY

EMERGENCY CONTACT

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME

RELATIONSHIP PHONE (BEST NUMBER)

ROOM TYPE

[] SHARED DOUBLE BED WITH SPOUSE IN SHARED ROOM

[] TWIN BED IN SHARED ROOM FOR TWO

I REQUEST TO ROOM WITH

WE ARE HAPPY TO ARRANGE ROOM PAIRINGS IF YOU ARE TRAVELING SOLO AND WOULD LIKE A ROOMMATE.

[] SINGLE BED IN PRIVATE ROOM

NOTE: THERE ARE A LIMITED NUMBER OF SINGLE ROOMS, AND THERE IS A \$560 SUPPLEMENT CHARGE FOR EACH SINGLE ROOM. THESE ARE ASSIGNED ON REQUEST BASED ON EARLIEST DEPOSIT AND AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PILGRIMAGE COORDINATOR.

PERMISSIONS AND RELEASES

PERMISSION FOR PUBLICITY

DURING THE PILGRIMAGE, THE GROUP'S LEADERS OR PARTICIPANTS MIGHT MAKE PHOTO, AUDIO, OR VIDEO RECORDS THAT INCLUDE TRIP PARTICIPANTS. I CONSENT TO THE USE OF ANY SUCH AUDIO OR VISUAL RECORD TO BE USED, DISTRIBUTED OR DISPLAYED AS AGENTS OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA AND ITS CHURCHES SEE FIT.

I GIVE MY PERMISSION FOR PUBLICITY (SIGNATURE)

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

BY SIGNING THIS WAIVER FORM, I ATTEST THAT I AM PHYSICALLY ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE ACTIVITIES, UNLESS I HAVE ALREADY ADDRESSED ANY ISSUES WITH THE PILGRIMAGE COORDINATOR. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN RISKS INVOLVED WITH TRAVEL. I RELEASE ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND ITS AGENTS, AFFILIATES, EMPLOYEES, AND VOLUNTEERS OF ALL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ANY INJURIES TO BODY OR PROPERTY WHICH MAY OCCUR DURING THE COURSE OF THE PILGRIMAGE. IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY IN WHICH I AM UNABLE TO RESPOND, AND MY EMERGENCY CONTACT CANNOT BE REACHED, I AUTHORIZE THE PILGRIMAGE COORDINATOR TO MAKE ANY IMMEDIATE MEDICAL DECISIONS AND ADMINISTER OR SOLICIT FIRST AID AS DEEMED NECESSARY. I FURTHER AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND ITS AGENTS, AFFILIATES, EMPLOYEES, AND VOLUNTEERS OF ANY AND ALL CLAIMS ARISING FROM MY PARTICIPATION IN THE PILGRIMAGE OR AS A RESULT OF INJURY OR ILLNESS I SUSTAIN DURING SAID ACTIVITIES.

I REPRESENT THAT I AM THE PARTICIPANT, AND I HAVE READ THIS WAIVER FORM AND AM FULLY AWARE OF ITS CONTENTS THEREOF.

PLEASE PRINT NAME

PLEASE SIGN

DATE OF SIGNING



HEALTH INFORMATION

YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION IS CONFIDENTIAL. THE PILGRIMAGE COORDINATOR WILL ONLY SHARE THIS INFORMATION AS NEEDED, EITHER TO PREPARE FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION OR IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY.

WHAT MEDICAL INFORMATION WOULD WE NEED TO TELL A DOCTOR IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FOR YOURSELF, INCLUDING ABOUT MEDICATIONS?

ALLERGIES

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS



IS THERE ANY OTHER INFORMATION WE SHOULD KNOW PRIOR TO OR DURING THE PILGRIMAGE?

AGREEMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS

AGREEMENTS

BY INITIALING AND SIGNING BELOW, I CONFIRM THAT I AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

INITIALS

I WILL HAVE A VALID PASSPORT THAT DOES NOT EXPIRE BEFORE OCTOBER 10, 2027.

INITIALS

MODERATE WALKING, INCLUDING CARRYING MY LUGGAGE FOR SHORT DISTANCES, IS PART OF THIS PILGRIMAGE.

INITIALS

I WILL OBTAIN INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL AND TRAVEL INSURANCE AND RELY ON THIS INSURANCE FOR ALL RESTITUTION.

INITIALS

MY REGISTRATION INCLUDES A NON-REFUNDABLE \$500 DEPOSIT. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH MAKES NO GUARANTEE TO REFUND ANY FURTHER PAYMENTS FOR ANY PURPOSE UNLESS THE TRIP IS CANCELED BY THE CHURCH OR QUMRI PILGRIMAGES, ALTHOUGH I UNDERSTAND IT WILL ATTEMPT TO DO SO IF FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE.

INITIALS

I AGREE TO MAKE PAYMENTS PER THE SCHEDULE. IF MY PAYMENTS ARE DELAYED, MY PARTICIPATION MAY BE IN JEOPARDY.

INITIALS

SHOULD I CANCEL MY PARTICIPATION, I MUST NOTIFY THE PILGRIMAGE COORDINATOR IN WRITING.

SIGN HERE

TO COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION, PLEASE SUBMIT...

- The completed REGISTRATION page (*Page 11*)
- The signed PERMISSIONS AND RELEASES page (*Page 12*)
- The HEALTH INFORMATION page (*Page 13*)
- The AGREEMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS page (*this page, 14*)
- A \$500 **non-refundable deposit** by personal check, cashier's check, money order, or [ACH funds transfer](#). *The Second and Final payments may be made by credit/debit card.*
Make checks out to: St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Memo: Holy Land Pilgrimage
- A photocopy of your passport's information page

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