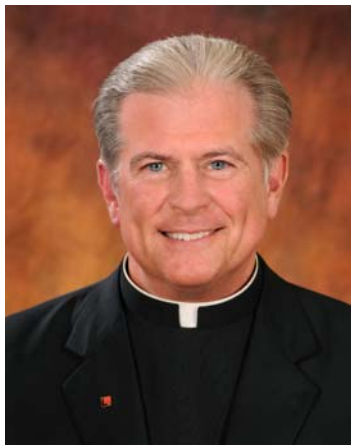




# **PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN**

**June 12 - 24, 2017**

Escorted By



**Fr. Dave Heney**

*Hello!*

*Join me for a walk in the footsteps of the Lord!*

*When you meet Jesus you cannot stay the same, and when you walk where Jesus walked, you meet Him in a most very special way.*

*I am inviting you to join me for an exciting trip to the Holy Land this coming June, 2017 to visit and investigate the places you might have only read about in the scriptures. The impact of seeing these scriptural places is a teaching in itself and forms what many have called "The Fifth Gospel." Nothing can take the place of a personal experience and I would like to invite you to join me in seeing and walking in the very places where Jesus lived.*

*Our thirteen day trip will have a special emphasis on the archaeological information available for each site. Our guides have special expertise in this important scientific area. I know they will be highly informative whether you are already familiar or brand new to the field of archaeology.*

*This is a well planned trip by my friends at George's International Tours, which was founded in 1931 in Jerusalem. They are a trusted and reliable company that for years planned many trips for our Archdiocese to this same area.*

*More and more people are returning to the Holy Land now as the prospects for long term peace become a reality. That is why I cannot resist the chance to visit again the place where Jesus Himself revealed, in actual historical places that we will see, the plan for the salvation of the world. I hope you will join me there!*

*Fr. Dave*

## ITINERARY

### **Day 1 - June 12: Depart U.S.A.**

Our pilgrimage begins today as we depart on our flight to Israel. Meals and drinks served aloft.

### **Day 2 - June 13: Arrive Tel Aviv / Jerusalem**

After arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, we will be met by our local guide who will arrange the schedules of our visits and make the scripture come alive as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Drive to our hotel in Jerusalem for check-in.

### **Day 3 - June 14: Jerusalem**

This morning, drive to the top of the Mt. of Olives for a spectacular view of Jerusalem. Visit the Church of Pater Noster, Ascension, and then walk the "Palm Sunday Road" to Dominus Flevit, where Our Lord wept over Jerusalem. Proceed to the Garden of Gethsemane to visit the Church of All Nations and celebrate Mass in the Gethsemane Grotto. In the afternoon proceed to the Israel Museum to see the Shrine of the Book which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls and a scale model which depicts Jerusalem as it appeared during the time of Jesus. We will then have an opportunity for an optional visit to the Temple Mount Sifting Project where those who are interested in joining will have an opportunity to help sift through debris that had been removed from the Temple Mount in search of archaeological finds.

### **Day 4 - June 15: Jerusalem**

This morning we will visit the Western Wall Tunnel which explores the underground portions of the Western Wall of the Temple Mount. Then drive to Bethlehem to celebrate Mass at the Nativity

Church which was built by Constantine in the 4th Century above the traditional Grotto of Jesus' birth. Then tour the Grotto of St. Jerome, the Church of St. Catherine, and the Shepherd's Fields. After a brief visit at Bethlehem University we will return to Jerusalem. This evening enjoy a cocktail reception atop the Notre Dame Center with a beautiful view overlooking the Old City.



*The Old City of Jerusalem*

### **Day 5 - June 16: Jerusalem**

This morning we will drive through the Judean Wilderness and along the Dead Sea (the lowest spot on earth) to Masada. An exciting ascent by cable car will take us to this last stronghold of the Jewish Zealots in their war against the Romans in 73 A.D. Then proceed to Qumran to see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Continue onto ancient Jericho to visit the ruins of the ancient city which was conquered by Joshua. From the top of the ancient "tel" we'll have an excellent view of Elisha's Fountain and the Mt. of Temptation. Motor over the winding mountain roads and via Good Samaritan Inn back to Jerusalem.



*Fr. Dave at Qumran*

### **Day 6 - June 17: Jerusalem**

After an early morning Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre we will return to our hotel for breakfast. Then later in the morning we will visit the Temple Area of the Old City featuring the Dome of the Rock, Mosque el Aqsa, and the Wailing Wall. Then enter the Old City of Jerusalem to visit the Church of St. Anne, the Pool of Bethesda, the Chapel of Flagellation, Lithostrotos, and the Arch of the "Ecce Homo". Follow the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre to visit Golgotha and the Tomb of Our Lord. While at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre we will also have an opportunity to visit St. Vartan's Chapel (subject to permission). Continue to Mt. Zion to visit the Cenacle, St. Peter in Gallicantu where Peter denied Jesus three times and the House of Caiphas and the famous steps where most archeologists agree that Jesus walked on the night of His arrest.



### Day 7 - June 18: Jerusalem / Petra

Drive to the Allenby Bridge and cross into the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Visit the traditional Baptismal Site on the Jordan River which was visited by the Pope during his pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Travel south to Mount Nebo where Moses viewed the promised land. After Mass on Mount Nebo we will visit a mosaic store where we will see how mosaics are made. The highlight of our day will be the descent into Petra, one of the most magnificent sites in the Middle East.



Petra

### Day 8 - June 19: Petra / Dead Sea

This morning will be spent in Petra, one of the most magnificent sites in the Middle East. This "Rose Red City" is literally carved into the sides of a deep gorge. Petra's most famous monument, the Treasury, appears dramatically at the end of the canyon. Used in the film "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade," the towering facade of the Treasury is only one of myriad archaeological wonders to be explored at Petra. We will have an option to walk, ride a horse (no riding experience required) or take a horse-drawn carriage into this ancient site and after passing through the narrow 100 foot cliffs we will see a remarkable sight: temples, tombs, and dwellings chiseled right into the limestone walls. After touring Petra we will drive north to the Crusader Fortress of Shobak. Then continue to the Dead Sea for check-in at our local hotel.

### Day 9 - June 20: Dead Sea / Amman / Galilee

This morning will be at free to enjoy the hotel's facilities and take a swim in the Dead Sea. At noon we will depart for Amman, the capital of Jordan. Amman is a city of wide streets, modern shops and spacious villas dotting the hills - all signs of growth; yet the entire area reflects a bygone civilization. A drive around the city takes us to the impressive Roman amphitheater which once accommodated 6,000 spectators and the hilltop Citadel. We will then visit the Amman Archaeological Museum before departing Amman and driving north to Jerash which was founded by the soldiers of Alexander the Great in 300 B.C. Jerash now stands as the best preserved ruins of a provincial Greco-Roman city in the world. Along a 2-mile stretch we'll see the oval shaped forum encircled by 56 graceful Roman columns, Hadrian's Arch, the Temples of Artemis and Zeus, and the massive Roman theater. Continue to the Sheikh Hussein Bridge and cross into Israel. Transfer to our hotel in Galilee.

### Day 10 - June 21: Galilee

This morning we will visit the Mt. of the Beatitudes for Mass at the site of the Sermon on the Mount. Here we will also visit the small cave which archaeologists believe Jesus used as a retreat. Then enjoy a scenic boat ride on the Sea of Galilee to Kibbutz Ginossar where we will see a perfectly intact 2,000 year old wooden boat recently

discovered on its shores. Continue to Capernaum, home of Our Lord during his ministry. After visiting the Synagogue where he taught we proceed to Tabgha - the site of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. The Church of St. Peter's Primacy will be our next stop. Then drive to Cana of Galilee, where Our Lord performed the first miracle - changing water into wine at the wedding feast.

### Day 11 - June 22: Galilee

Following breakfast, drive to we will visit the recent and exciting discovery of the Magdala Synagogue where we will celebrate Mass. Then drive to Megiddo, the Armageddon of the Book of Revelations where it is said the last battle between good and evil will occur. Then drive to Nazareth to visit the Annunciation Basilica and enjoy a complete visit of Our Lord's boyhood town including Mary's Well. We will then visit "Nazareth Village" for a firsthand experience of ancient life through its recreated historical homes, shops and farms. Proceed to Sepphoris where we will have an opportunity to explore the excavations of this ancient capital city of Galilee.

### Day 12 - June 23: Galilee / Jerusalem

This morning we will check out from our hotel and return to Jerusalem for a free afternoon to explore on our own. This evening we will enjoy a farewell Middle Eastern dinner.

### Day 13 - June 24: Jerusalem / Tel Aviv / U.S.A.

This morning we will transfer to the airport to catch our return flight home.

*The sequence of sightseeing and schedule of events detailed in the preceding itinerary may be subject to change based upon availability at the time of arrival and at the discretion of our local guide and Fr. Dave.*

**\$4,092.00**

per person/double occupancy

For single occupancy please add \$835.00.

#### This price includes:

- ✦ Roundtrip airfare from Los Angeles
- ✦ Air taxes/fuel surcharges as currently levied
- ✦ Accommodation in First Class hotels
- ✦ All hotel taxes
- ✦ Breakfast and dinner daily
- ✦ Cocktail Reception at Notre Dame Center
- ✦ Farewell dinner party in Jerusalem
- ✦ Land transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- ✦ All transfers & baggage handling
- ✦ Sightseeing with professional Christian guides
- ✦ All entrance fees as per itinerary
- ✦ Border-crossing taxes
- ✦ Entry visa to Jordan
- ✦ Church donations
- ✦ Gratuities to guide, driver and hotel staff

***For those who prefer to arrange their own flights the land-only cost is \$2,626.00 per person based upon double occupancy.***

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**Travel Documents:** A passport with a minimum of 6 months validity remaining is required of all U.S. citizens. U.S. citizens do not require visas for entry to Israel but visas are required for entry to Jordan. The cost of the Jordanian visa is included in the cost of your trip and George's International will be procuring a group visa on your behalf. If you are not a U. S. citizen, please call to find out if you need a visa. George's International is not responsible for individual visas or passports.

**Tour Cost:** All quoted prices are based upon airfares, tariffs and currency exchange rates at the time of printing and are subject to change at any time. Should the minimum number of 20 tour members not be reached, the right is reserved to increase the tour cost accordingly.

**Tour Documents and Tickets:** Final tour documents are mailed, provided we have received full payment, within 3 weeks of departure.

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