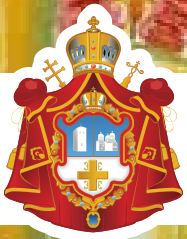
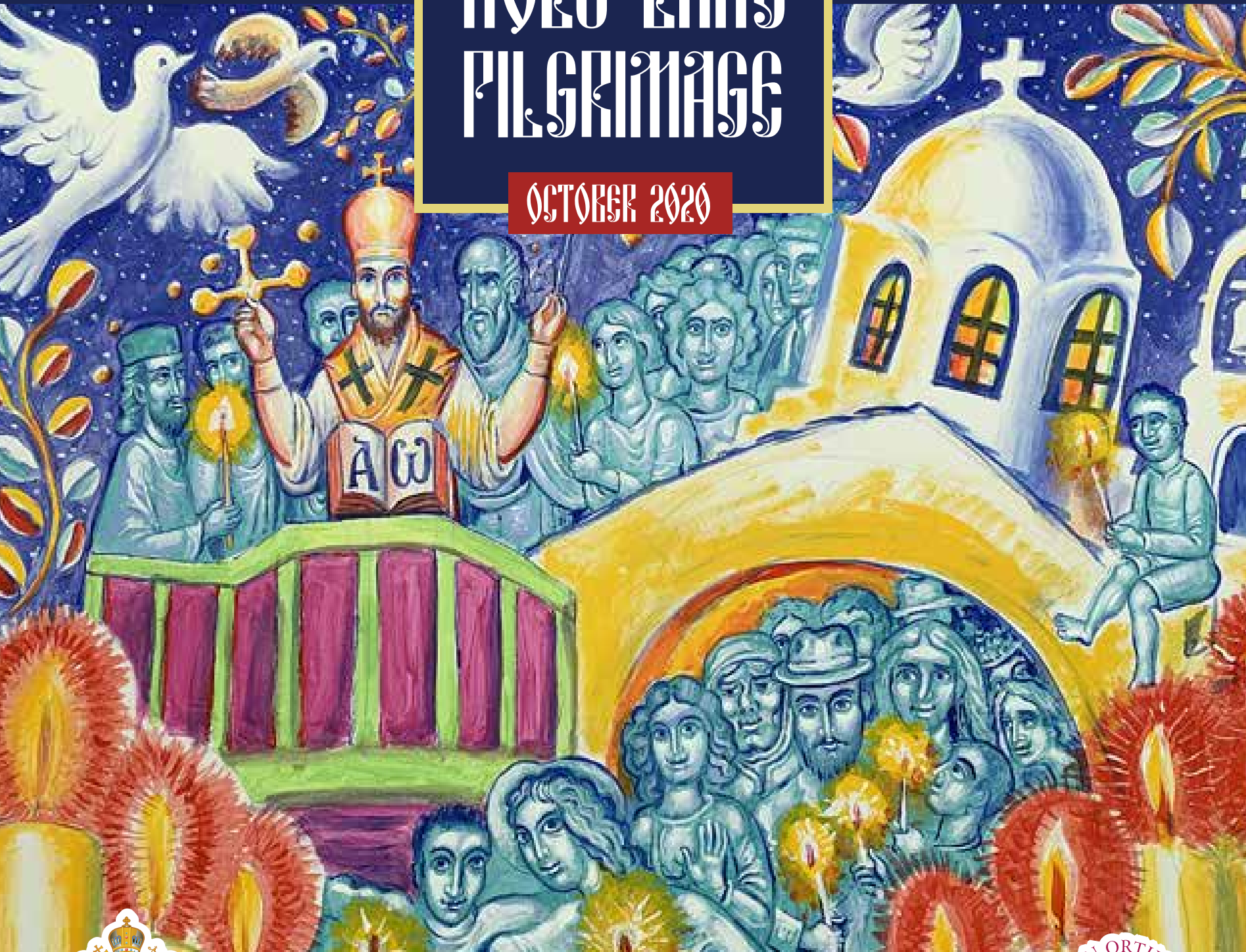


# HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

OCTOBER 2020



A Serbian Orthodox Pilgrimage  
Led by **His Grace Bishop Maxim**





Western Wall is the last remnant of the Second Temple and the holiest place in Judaism today. From there we will drive to Mt. Zion and visit the Room of the Last Supper and Tomb of King David. We will visit Caiaphas Palace, also known as the Church of Peter Gallicantu, the Prison of Christ (Praitonion) and venerate the cell where Jesus Christ was held prisoner before His crucifixion. We will return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

### **DAY 1** **October 20th, Tuesday** **Jerusalem (D)**

Upon arrival to Tel Aviv Ben Gurion Airport in Jerusalem, you will meet up with Via Jerusalem Tours representative and transfer to your hotel, Ibis Jerusalem City Center Hotel. After check-in, the representative will hold a brief orientation meeting, followed by dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

### **DAY 2** **October 21st, Wednesday** **Jerusalem (B,D)**

We will start our pilgrimage with Divine Liturgy at the Tomb of the Virgin Mary, from where we will follow Jesus Christ's footsteps along the Way of the Cross to reach the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (Basilica of Christ's Resurrection), chapels of the Divine Sepulcher, the stone of the Unction – Anointing, and Golgotha (Calvary).

We will have audience with His Blessedness Theophilos, the Patriarch of Jerusalem. We will finish the day with a visit to the City of David, a Palestinian Arab village intertwined with an Israeli settlement, and the archeological site which is believed to contain the original settlement core of Bronze and Iron Age Jerusalem. We will return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

### **DAY 3** **October 22nd, Thursday** **Jerusalem (B,D)**

After an educational visit to Children's Pavilion and Avenue of the Righteous at Yad Vashem Memorial Center, we will visit the Jewish Quarter, Temple Mount and Western Wall.

### **DAY 4** **October 23th, Friday** **Jerusalem (B,D)**

We will drive northeast of Jerusalem to Jericho and take a cable car to the Mount of Temptation. It was here that Christ was tempted by the devil and fasted for 40 days and 40 nights. We will see an altar built over the same slab of stone where Christ prayed and fasted.

The monastery was also built over this site, with an elderly monk taking care of it. Our drive through the Judean Desert will take us to the Monastery of St. John and St. Gorge of Chozeba. From there will go to Dead Sea, to visit caves where Dead Sea Scrolls were first discovered in 1947.

Monastery of St. Gerassimos in Qumran, our next stop, originally a cave, is one of the oldest monasteries in the world, built by St. Gerasimos in 455AD. It was here that the Virgin Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus rested for one night during their long journey to Egypt. Before drive back to Jerusalem we will stop by the site of Epiphany on Jordan River. We will return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

### **DAY 5** **October 24th, Saturday** **Jerusalem (B,L,D)**

We will visit the Lazarus tomb in Bethany, where St. Lazarus was raised from the dead by Christ after four days in the tomb. From there we will continue to Mount of Olives and visit the Chapel of Ascension located at the spot where Christ ascended into Heaven after his resurrection.

We will have lunch at the Mount of Olives and take in memorable views of city's domes and descending to the Garden of Gethsemane and visiting the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

An early dinner and free afternoon is scheduled before all-night vigil at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

We will return to the hotel for an overnight stay.

**DAY 6** **October 25th, Sunday**  
**Bethlehem (B,D)**

We will visit Bethlehem, birthplace of Jesus Christ and King David, and the cradle of biblical history. We will tour the Church and the Tomb of St. Simeon the Elder and Monastery of the Holy Cross. On the road to Mar Saba, we will visit the Monastery of Saint Theodosius.

Monastery was founded by St. Theodosius in 476. From here we will drive deeper into Judean Desert to the Monastery of Saint Sabbas the Sanctified (Mar Saba). Founded in 5th century by monk Saba, and overlooking the Kedron Valley, it is one of the oldest inhabited monasteries in the world, and still maintains many of its ancient traditions.

Women are restricted from entering the main compound and monks will bring the relics of St. Sava for women to venerate.

Dinner and overnight stay will be at the Diamond Hotel Bethlehem.

**DAY 7** **October 26th, Monday**  
**Bethlehem (B,D)**

We will drive to Ein Karem, the birthplace of St. John the Baptist and visit the Church of St. John the Baptist that was built over the home of John the Baptist's parents.

We will continue to Shepard's Field, where the angels announced the birth of Jesus Christ. Through the Door of Humility we will enter the Church of the Nativity. The Grotto of the Nativity, where Jesus was born forms the crypt of the Church of the Nativity.

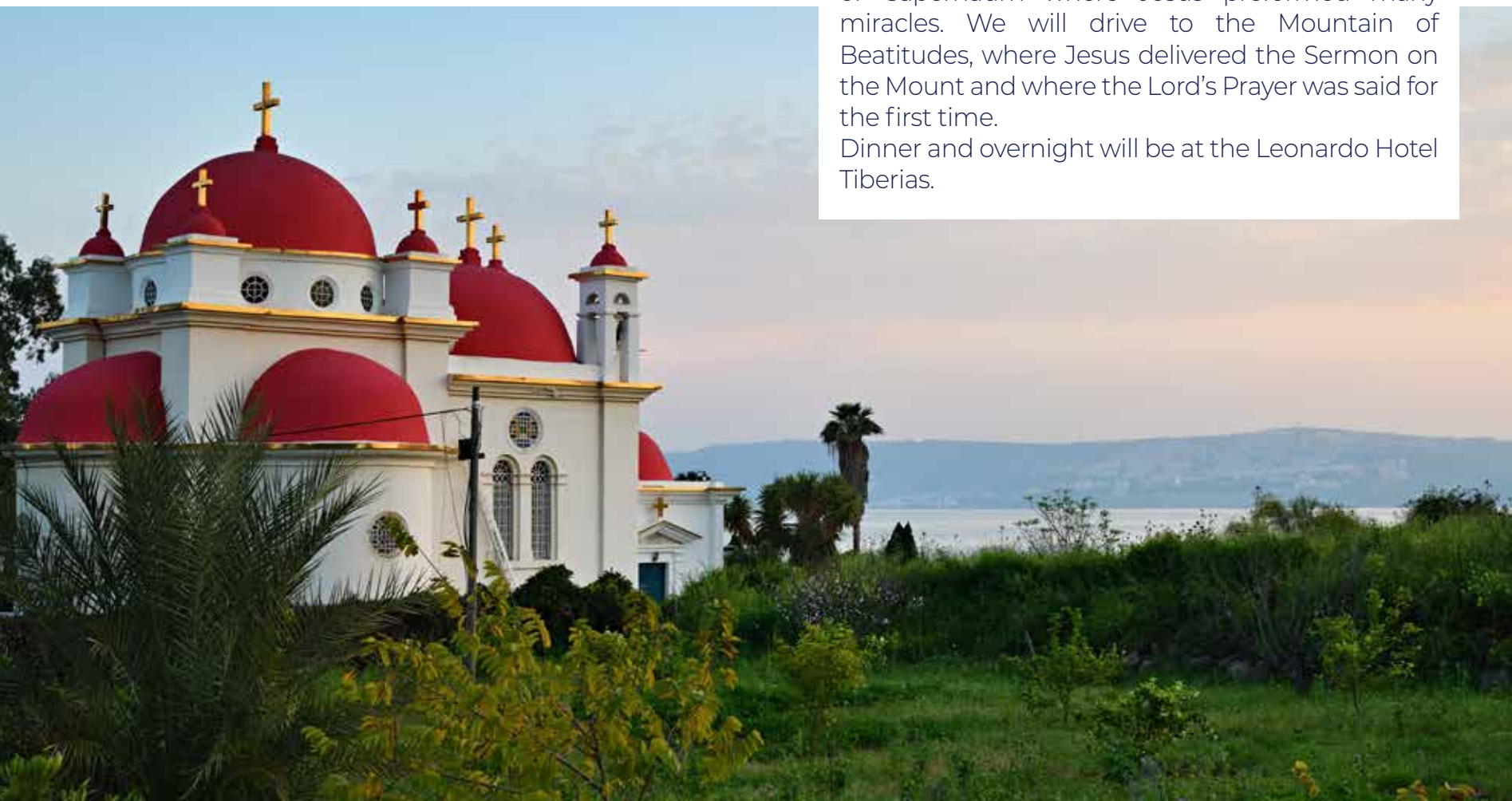
We will return to hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

**DAY 8** **October 27th, Tuesday**  
**Tiberias (B,L,D)**

Our journey takes us to the Lake of Galilee. We will take a boat ride to the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus walked on the stormy sea to His Apostles: Simon, Peter, James and John. We continue to Tabgha (Seven Springs) and the Church of the Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes.

After St. Peter's Fish lunch we will go to the village of Capernaum where Jesus performed many miracles. We will drive to the Mountain of Beatitudes, where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount and where the Lord's Prayer was said for the first time.

Dinner and overnight will be at the Leonardo Hotel Tiberias.



**DAY 9** **October 28th, Wednesday**  
**Tiberias (B,D)**

We will visit the prehistoric settlement of Tel Dan and enjoy some wine tasting at Katsrin Winery. At Katrzin, the region's capital, we will discover an excavated city from the Talmudic period.

Our day ends the Benias falls, also known as Romana Ceaserea Philippi, where Christ gave St. Peter keys to the Kingdom of Heaven.

We will return to hotel for dinner and overnight.

**DAY 10** **October 29th, Thursday**  
**Netanya (B,D)**

Before going to coastal Israel, we will visit the Church of Annunciation in Nazareth. We will visit the Virgin Mary's Well where the Archangel Gabriel told Mary she will bear a child. Special transportation to the Mt. Tabor the site of Transfiguration awaits us.

The church and monastery are built into a summit, 588 meters (2,000 feet) above sea level. From here we can admire the view of all lower Galilee and the valley of Armageddon.

Dinner and overnight stay will be at the Ramada Hotel Netanya.

**DAY 11** **October 30th, Friday**  
**Tel Aviv (B)**

We will check out of the hotel and transfer to the Ben Gurion Airport for departure flight.



## PACKAGE INCLUDES

- **5-night** accommodation at **Ibis City Center Hotel in Jerusalem**
- **2-night** accommodation at **Diamond Hotel Bethlehem**
- **2-night** accommodation at **Leonardo Hotel Tiberias**
- **1-night** accommodation at **Ramada Hotel Natanya**
- All sightseeing as indicated on the itinerary
- Entrance fees to sites on itinerary
- **10 breakfasts (B), 10 dinners (D), 2 lunches (L)**
- Services of professional bilingual (Serbian and English) tour guide
- Transportation by private, first-class, air-conditioned motorcoach
- Gratuities

## PRICE

The price of the tour is: \$1,950 for clergy, \$2300 for non-clergy.

Price is per person based on double occupancy. Single occupancy supplement is \$1075.00

Non-clergy applications will be reviewed on individual basis. Recommendation letter from your parish priest is required.

Prices above do not include international air travel. When planning your trip, allow one extra day before tour date for travel from US.

Should a single traveler wish to share a room with another traveler, and Trip Designs is unable to match him/her with a roommate, the single room supplement will apply.

## DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT POLICY:

Deposit in the amount of \$600 per person is due upon registration.

Final payment is due on Aug 17, 2020.



## HOTELS

Jerusalem  
**Ibis Jerusalem City Center**  
4 Elisar St., Jerusalem

Tiberias  
**Leonardo Hotel**  
Gdud Barak 17 St., Tiberias

Bethlehem  
**Diamond Hotel**  
St. Antonio St. Bethlehem, Palestine

Netanya  
**Ramada Hotel**  
41 Ben Ami Street Netanya

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