



PRINCE OF PEACE
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

PILGRIMAGE

JOURNEY OF PAUL

July 28 - Aug. 9, 2024

**13 Day Pilgrimage with
Mediterranean Cruise**

Led by Fr. Ebin

Thessalonica

Philippi & Lydia

Ephesus

House of Mary

Athens

Corinth

Santorini & Mykonos

Crete & Rhodes

Isle of Patmos



JOIN US!



the opportunity to journey on Pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey where the Gospel of St. Paul will come alive as missionaries walk in the footsteps of this great Apostle. Mass will be celebrated each day by Fr. Ebin, recognizing where we are on our journey.

A sacred Pilgrimage is often a life changing experience – a special time for spiritual and personal contemplation. There is much to be learned from visiting these ancient holy sites and celebrating faith together as did many generations who came before us. Your faith will deepen as you experience important sites in our Church history.

Each of the eleven days is well-planned with tours to spiritual and historic sites as well as time to enjoy the striking landscapes, culture and cuisine. By worshipping and missioning together with fellow parishioners, you will form relationships and make memories to last a lifetime.

I invite you to prayerfully consider signing up soon for this unique opportunity. Seats are limited.

Your Brother in Christ,

Father Tom

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Imagine walking where Saints dared to tread and preach nearly 2,000 years ago! We can learn from these saints and be encouraged in our own spiritual journeys knowing others have walked the path before us.

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JOIN YOUR PRINCE OF PEACE FAMILY
GREECE & TURKEY - "THE OTHER HOLY LAND"



THESSALONIKI

TRAVEL DAY

Sunday, July 28

We meet in the afternoon in Terminal D or E of the Houston Intercontinental Airport, where we will check-in for our flight to Thessaloniki. The flight, TBD, departs Houston at TBD. Get some rest, as tomorrow, we will begin our pilgrimage, and trace some of the missionary journeys of Paul, the Apostle.

Monday, July 29

After we arrive the airport in Thessaloniki, we meet our guide, load our coach and travel to our beautiful hotel located in the historic old city. We freshen up and have a light supper together at our hotel restaurant to celebrate the beginning of our pilgrimage. [D]

Tuesday, July 30

We take time to enjoy a traditional breakfast, which is included every morning, in all of our hotels, throughout our pilgrimage. A morning guided walking tour of the ancient city of Thessalonica, which is not only a significant Biblical civilization, but an UNESCO world heritage site as well. Our day concludes with the entrance to the Byzantine museum. We have free time in the late afternoon to explore the vibrant city of Thessaloniki, dinner is on your own. [B]

Wednesday, July 31

Our guide will lead us on a scenic journey to Philippi, where we visit the archeological site and ruins of the Biblical civilization where Paul preached. We see the cell where he was imprisoned, and the excavation of a 1st century church. We take time for a devotional to ponder the words that Paul shared with the church in Philippi. A delicious fish lunch is served in Kavala. We visit Lydia, where Paul baptized the first Gentile woman, Lydia. We celebrate Mass, before we return to our hotel in Thessaloniki. Dinner is on your own. [B,L]



Thursday, August 1

We bid adieu to Thessaloniki, and head to Meteora. We travel by coach, and enjoy the incredible views of Mount Olympus, and the beauty of God's creation. Meteora is made up of a unique landscape, with several monasteries dotting the top of its rock formations. We stay one night at the Divani Meteora Hotel. The evening is at your leisure, but we enjoy dinner in our hotel restaurant, together. [B,D]

Friday, August 2

We transfer to the Plaka Hotel located in the most ideal center of Athens, where we will stay for the next three nights. After we check-in, we will enjoy a welcome toast and light snacks on the hotel's rooftop bar, with views of the Acropolis and Mars Hill. We will have a brief orientation meeting regarding the next two days, and our upcoming cruise. The remainder of your day is free time to relax, sightsee on your own and enjoy this historic and vibrant city. Have fun! [B,L]

Saturday, August 3

Following breakfast, we tour ancient Athens, the foundation of democracy. We visit the Acropolis and its Museum, the Parthenon, and Erechtheum and take in the views of Athens atop Mars Hill, where Paul stood and preached the truth to the Gentile nation. The rest of the evening will be at your leisure. Dinner on your own this evening, enjoy! [B]



4 NIGHT CRUISE

AUGUST 5-9 CRUISE SCHEDULE

5 August Athens - Mykonos
6 August Ephesus
6 August Isle of Patmos
7 August Rhodes
8 August Crete
8 August Santorini
9 August Athens - Houston

Sunday, August 4

At 8:30 AM, we travel by coach to the city of Corinth, where early Christians received Paul's letters to the Corinthians. Here we will see the pillars, steps, and places where Paul preached as well as celebrate Mass in the midst of the ruins. We return to Athens and break bread together at a restaurant near our hotel. [B,L,D]

Monday, August 5

We set sail on a four-night cruise, embarking first for the beautiful Isle of Mykonos. Choose to spend the evening on the boat or disembark to explore the local scene. Mykonos is one of the Mediterranean's most famous tourist destinations, well known for its beaches and turquoise water. Later this evening, we depart for Ephesus and Kusadasi, Turkey. [B,L,D]

Tuesday, August 6

A guided, morning excursion to Ephesus includes the Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the World, House of Mary as well as other ancient sites in this biblical city. In the afternoon, we depart for the Isle of Patmos, where John received and recorded his Book of Revelation, the last book of the New Testament. [B,L,D]





Wednesday, August 7

We arrive on the Greek island and city of Rhodes. Optional excursions include beautiful beaches and the city's old town, which features the medieval Street of the Knights and the castle-like palace of the Grand Masters. The cruise ship departs later this evening. [B,L,D]

Thursday, August 8

This morning, we dock at Crete, the largest and the most rugged of the Greek islands. Take a tour to Heraklion and the fantastic ruins of the Palace of Knossos. Our ship departs this afternoon for the island of Santorini, perhaps the most breathtaking of all the Greek Islands. We depart Santorini this evening to arrive Athens the next morning. [B,L,D]

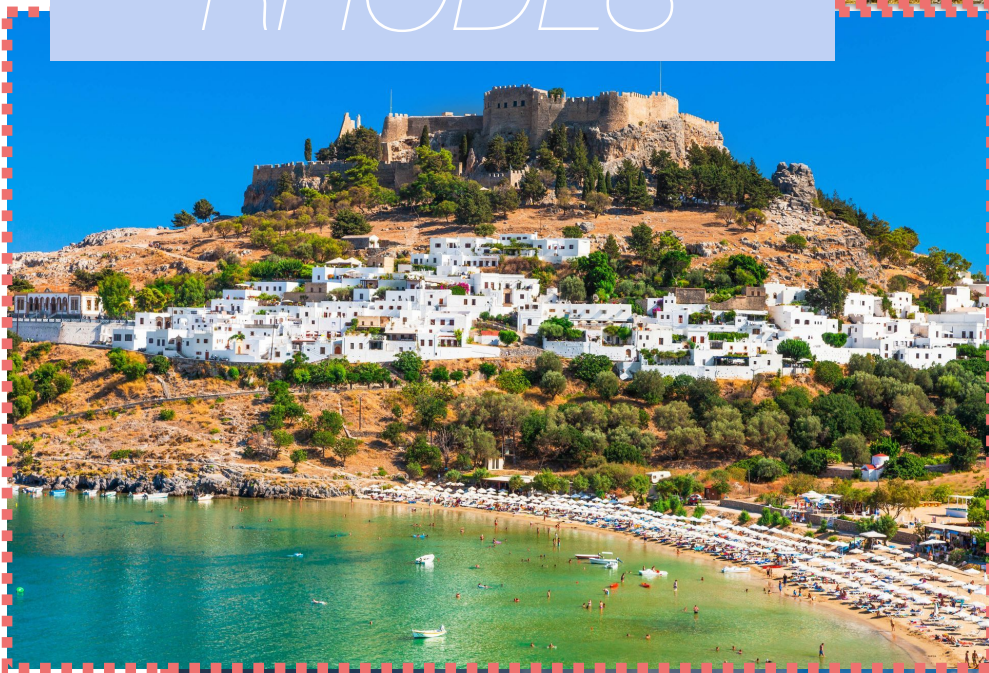
Friday, August 9

We disembark at 7 AM. Our coach will transport us from the cruise docks to the airport, where our pilgrimage unfortunately must come to an end. We fly as a group from Athens to Houston.



CORINTH

RHODES



ISLE OF PATMOS

4-Night Cruise on the Celestyal Olympia

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