

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS
MISSION PILGRIMAGE TO PALESTINE/ISRAEL

SAT, JUN 20 – TUE, JUN 30 -2009

FRI, JUN 19:

DEPART U.S.A

SAT, JUN 20:

ARRIVE TEL AVIV / TRANSFER TO JERUSALEM

Proceed to St. George's Guest House in Jerusalem
Meeting with Nichola Akel, Diocesan Office Director

19:00 Dinner with Bishop Suheil
Overnight at St. George's Guest House
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SUN, JUN 21: **DOME OF THE ROCK / ST. GEORGE'S / MT. OF OLIVES**

07:00 Breakfast
07:30 Depart for El – Aksa Mosque
08:00 Tour the Dome of the Rock with Dr. Ali Qleibo
10:30 Return to Saint George's
11:00 Sunday Eucharist in Arabic at St. George's Cathedral
13:00 Lunch Dr. Harry Gunkel. He is an ECUSA a Volunteer for Mission who is now based in Jerusalem at the Diocesan office
14:00 Depart for Mt. Of Olive's
15:00 Walk the Palm Sunday road
15:30 Dominus Flevit Church
16:00 Garden of Gethsemane
19:00 Dinner with Fr. Hussam Naoum
Overnight at Saint George's Guest House

MON, JUN 22:

PEACE CENTER / TENT OF NATIONS / BETHLEHEM

07:00 Breakfast
08:00 Depart for Bethlehem
09:30 Peace Center (Jihan Anastas)
10:45 Church of the Nativity
11:30 Tent of Nations (Mr. Daoud Nassar)
13:00 Lunch
15:00 Shopping Opportunity
16:00 Return to Jerusalem
19:00 Dinner
Overnight at Saint George's Guest House

TUE, JUN 23: PROJECT IN COMMUNITY (NABLUS & RAMLA)

WED, JUN 24: PROJECT IN COMMUNITY (NABLUS & RAMLA)

THU, JUN 25: PROJECT IN COMMUNITY (NABLUS & RAMLA)

FRI, JUN 26:

RAMLA / CAESAREA MARITIMA / HAIFA / NAZARETH

07:00 Breakfast

09:00 Depart for Ramla

10:00 Visit Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Ramla, our host will be The Rev. Samuel Fanous

12:30 Lunch in Ramla

14:00 Depart for Caesarea Maritima

15:00 On the sea, we come to Caesarea Maritima, a seaport on the Mediterranean Sea, located about 30 miles north of Joppa and 70 miles northwest of Jerusalem. This was built by Herod the Great as his summer palace and built in honor of Caesar Augustus. Caesarea became the home of the Roman procurators, including Pontius Pilate. Peter preached to Cornelius here (Acts 10); Paul spent two years in prison here (Acts 23 & 26); Philip lived here and had four daughters who prophesied (Acts 8:40; 21: 8-9).

17:30 Visit St. John's the Evangelist & St. Luke's. The Rector there is The Rev. Hatem Shehadeh and his wife Liza

19:00 Dinner in Shefa Amr

Overnight at Sisters of Nazareth

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SAT, JUN 27:

MT. OF BEATITUDE / CAPERNAUM / RAINEH

07:00 Breakfast

08:00 Depart for the Sea of Galilee

09:00 Mt. of Beatitudes where we read and meditate on the Sermon on the Mount

10:30 Capernaum where Jesus lived during his Galilean Ministry

11:30 Tabgha, Multiplication of Loaves and fishes the feeding of the five thousand

13:00 Lunch

15:00 Eucharist at the Primacy of Peter

16:30 Raineh just outside Nazareth where we will visit The Rev. Samuel Barhoum, the Rector of The Holy Family Episcopal Church. Fr. Samuel and his wife Susan

19:00 Dinner

Overnight at the Sisters of Nazareth

SUN, JUN 28:

NAZARETH / SHEFA 'AMR

- 07:00 Breakfast
- 09:00 Depart for Shefa Amr
- 10:30 Eucharist at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Shefa 'Amr.
- 13:00 Lunch in Shefa Amr
- 14:00 Visit with the Rector of the parish Rev. Fuad Dagher, his wife Hana, he will show us his church and the vacant lots adjacent to the parish house which the Diocese of Los Angeles and Jerusalem and Church of Our Saviour San Gabriel CA purchased. As he will explain, a pre-school serving all of the children of Shefa 'Amr is planned for the property. Fr. Fuad also will discuss the ecumenical and inter-faith work he is doing in this city of 34,000 Palestinian Israelis.
- 19:00 Dinner and Overnight at Sisters of Nazareth

MON, JUN 29:

MT. TABOR / NAZARETH

- 07:00 Breakfast
- 08:30 Depart for Mt. Tabor
- 09:15 Mt. Tabor and the Basilica of the Transfiguration 'And he was transfigured before them and his garments became glistering ...' (Mark 9.2)
- 10:30 Visit the Church in Nain , raising the widow's son
- 13:00 Lunch in Nazareth

FREE AFTERNOON IN NAZARETH

TUE, JUN 30:

RETURN TO U.S.A