

Metropolitan New York Synod of the ELCA

Steps of Paul

Turkey and Greece



Bishop Paul Egensteiner



Pastor Khader Khalilia

February 03 - 14, 2025

Package Price! \$4790.00 From New York, NY (JFK)

Package Price Includes

** Roundtrip Airfare * Accommodations in double occupancy luxury hotels * Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily * 11 days sightseeing in modern air-conditioned private bus * English speaking tour guide on duty)*



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Turkey and Greece Pilgrimage Itinerary February 03 - 14, 2025

Day 1 | Monday, February 3 | Departure

Depart for your overnight flight to Istanbul; meals will be served on board.

Day 2 | Tuesday, February 4 | Arrival in Istanbul

Upon arrival at the Istanbul Airport, we will meet our guide in the arrivals hall and head to our hotel for dinner and overnight in Istanbul.

Day 3 | Wednesday, February 5 | Full day tour of Istanbul

After enjoying our Turkish breakfast, we depart from our hotel and begin our tour of the historical highlights of Istanbul. First, we will stroll through Hippodrome Square, the former sporting and social center of Constantinople that hosted chariot races during the Roman period. And then, we will walk to the domed masterpiece of the Hagia Sophia before we head to Topkapi Palace. Located on the very cape of the peninsula where Constantinople was founded, Topkapi Palace is the former abode of Ottoman Sultans that still houses their legion of treasures, including an extensive collection of royal jewels. Then, we will end our day with an evening of shopping at the Grand Bazaar. Continue to Istanbul Airport and fly to Izmir Airport via flight TK2334, departing at 18:00, and arriving at 19:15. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to Kusadasi.

Day 4 | Thursday, February 6 | Tour Ephesus—Istanbul

After breakfast, we are off to explore Ephesus. Located in the modern town of Selcuk, ancient Ephesus is one of Turkey's most well-preserved archaeological sites. Originally an ancient Greek Ionic city built in the 10th century B.C., Ephesus became the largest metropolis and capital of the Roman province of Asia Minor. The city's political influence and its large Jewish community attracted the apostles' attention, including Paul. Then, continue the visit to the House of the Virgin Mary. Drive to Izmir Airport and fly to Istanbul on TK 2329, departing at 16:55 and arriving at 18:15. Transfer to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 5 | Friday, February 7 | Cross the border to Greece

After breakfast, we drive to the Greek Border. Cross the customs area to meet the Greek bus and guide and drive to Kavala, the ancient port of Neapolis (Acts 16:9-11)—dinner and overnight.

Day 6 | Saturday, February 8 | Philippi and Kavala to Thessaloniki

Today, we will visit ancient Philippi, named after Alexander the Great's father. Paul preached here and established the first church in Europe, to whom he wrote one of his epistles while imprisoned in Rome (Acts 16:11-40; Philippians). In this area, Paul met Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She and her household accepted Christ and were baptized in the nearby river (Acts 16:11-15).

Continue to Thessaloniki, named after Alexander the Great's sister, who figured prominently in the New Testament when this provincial capital was considered a world cultural center. This community was the center of Paul's activities in Northern Greece. It is where he preached and founded a church to whom he wrote two epistles (Acts 17:1-9; 1 Thessalonians and 2 Thessalonians)—dinner and overnight.

Day 7 | Sunday, February 9 | Thessaloniki—Veria—Kalambaka

This morning, we will see the White Tower, the Arch of Galerius, St. Demetrius and St. Sophia churches, and the Roman Forum and Rotonda. Continue to Veria (Berea of the New Testament), where friends sent Paul and Silas after being accused of treason in Thessaloniki (Acts 17:5-15). Visit the Bema of St Paul. Continue to Kalambaka for dinner and overnight.

Day 8 | Monday, February 10 | Kalambaka—Delphi

Today, we will see the unique hanging Byzantine monasteries from the Medieval centuries. There are 24, but only six are inhabited, and we will visit one to get an idea of the monks' lives in the 13th century. They were looking to be as far as possible from human life and as close as possible to God. Then, we will continue to Delphi for dinner and overnight.

Day 9 | Tuesday, February 11 | Delphi—Athens

Today, we will visit the center of the ancient world (navel) of the earth, whose prestige extended far beyond the boundaries of the Hellenic world. On the slopes of Mount Parnassus, in a landscape of unparalleled beauty and majesty, lie the ruins of the Sanctuary of Apollo Pythios. Visit the site and the museum and continue to Athens, one of the most glorious cities in the world and the cradle of Western civilization as we know it today. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Day 10 | Wednesday, February 12 | Corinth

After breakfast, we will have a short drive on the coastal road to the peninsula of Peloponnese towards Corinth, where St. Paul worked for 18 months with tent makers Aquila and Priscilla (Acts 18:1-18). We will stop by the amazing Corinth Canal connecting the Aegean with the Ionian Seas through the Corinthian Gulf—a handmade canal with unforgettable scenes. Return to Athens for some free time and leisure—dinner and overnight.

Day 11 | Thursday, February 13 | Athens

We will spend our day in Athens. You will see the Acropolis, Parthenon, Areopagus, and Mars Hill, where the Apostle Paul delivered his well-known sermon. You will also have a panoramic tour of the Parliament House, the Academy, Omonia Square, and Panathenaic Stadium. You will have a free afternoon to explore and enjoy the city for activities of interest, walking in Plaka with plenty of shops and taverns, shopping, etc. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Day 12 | Friday, February 14 | Back home

We will say goodbye to Greece today, packing and driving to the airport, savoring our amazing experience.

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS: A deposit of \$500.00 per person is required to make a reservation. An additional payment of \$1000.00 per person is due by December 03 2024. The final payment is due no less than 60 days prior to the departure date of the tour (December 03 2024). Payment can be made by personal check or money order. Credit card payments will be accepted but will incur a 4% Surcharge at the time of booking. Reservations received after December 03 2024 may incur additional charges due to supplier contract terms.

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ACCEPTANCE: Registration for trip and payment of deposit constitutes your acceptance of the "Fine Print."

Trip date:
February 03 - 14, 2025

Package Price: \$4790.00
Single supplement is \$1190.00 (Private Room)

Package price includes the following:

- Round trip airline tickets
- Meet & Assist at Airports upon arrivals and departures.
- 10 nights' accommodation in four/five-star hotels based on double occupancy with breakfast and dinner.
- Air-conditioned motor coach throughout for all tours and transfers
- Services of English-speaking professional, licensed guide for all sites and museums as per itinerary
- Transfers from and to airports
- Entrance fees as per itinerary
- Road tolls and all applicable taxes
- Tour guide system (Wisper devise)
- Greek Border crossing fee
- Portage of luggage at the hotels
- Lunches

Package price does not include the following:

- Tips to guide and driver.
- Visa Fees (If any)
- Personal expenses
- Travel Insurance
- Beverages at hotels, restaurants and elsewhere.
- Portage of luggage at Airports.
- Anything not mentioned above.

NOTES:

- Rates are per person in US dollar in twin/double and include port and service charges (\$ 136.00 per person) and are All-Inclusive
- Single Supplement + 50% except categories XF, SJ, SB, SG which are + 100% from given rates.
- Shore Excursions Package Deal (includes tour to Ephesus, Patmos and Rhodes) \$ 168.00 per person and is compulsory (Included) All

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RESERVATION APPLICATION

Pilgrimage to Turkey and Greece

**Led By: Bishop Paul Egensteiner
& Pastor Khader Khalilia**

(February 03 - 14, 2025)

Group Reference Number: **GT020325**

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please complete one application per person)

Full Name (as printed on your passport):				
First Name:		Middle Name:		Last Name:
Name (as you wish it to appear on your name badge):			Date of birth:	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Mailing Address:	Street:		Mobile phone:	Home phone:
City:	State:	Zip code:	Work phone:	
Email address:				

PASSPORT INFORMATION

Country of citizenship:	Passport number:
Passport date of issue:	Passport date of expiration:
Frequent flyer number:	Known traveler number:

ROOM ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

Please check one: Double/Triple occupancy <input type="checkbox"/> Single occupancy (Private Room) \$1190.00 additional <input type="checkbox"/> <i>*All prices are in US Dollars based on per person in a double/Triple room, Passengers rooming alone is subject to single supplement*</i>
If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate if known at the time of booking:
If choosing single occupancy, would you be willing to share a room with another person? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Please list the name, relationship, and phone number for a family member/close friend who is <u>NOT</u> traveling with you:

I agree to the terms and conditions as stated in this tour contract: Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please enclose a copy of current passport and a deposit of **\$500.00 per person** made payable to

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