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A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND WITH HOLY MYRRHBEARERS ORTHODOX CHURCH AND FATHER GREGORY HORTON JANUARY 23 – FEBRUARY 01, 2017

- Mon. Jan. 23 Depart from the US
- Tue. Jan. 24 Arrive Ben Gurion Airport
Transfer to Bethlehem
Dinner & overnight in Bethlehem at the **Grand Park Hotel**
- Wed. Jan. 25 08:00 Bethlehem: Manger Square
Basilica & Grotto of the Nativity
St. Jerome's Caves – Grotto of the Holy Innocents
09:00 or 10:00 *Liturgy in the Church of the Nativity or in the Fields of the Shepherds*
Beit Sahour: Shepherds' Fields
Lunch in Beit Sahour at the **Shepherds' Valley Restaurant**
p.m. Monastery of St. Sabbas in the desert (taxi to the monastery)
Shopping opportunity at an olive wood shop
Dinner & overnight in Bethlehem at the **Grand Park Hotel**
- Thu. Jan. 26 08:00 Check-out of the hotel – Drive to Jerusalem
Mount of Olives: Russian Orthodox Monastery – Pater Noster Church
Panoramic view – Palm Sunday route – Dominus Flevit Chapel
St. Mary Magdalene Russian Orthodox Church (open 10:00 – 12:00)
Garden of Gethsemane – Church of All Nations (if time permits)
Tomb of the Virgin Mary
Lunch in Jerusalem at the **St. Andrew's Guest House or Notre Dame Center**
p.m. Greek Orthodox Monastery of the Holy Cross (10:00 – 16:00)
West Jerusalem – Village of Ein Karem: Church of John the Baptist
Israel Museum: Model of Ancient Jerusalem – Shrine of the Book (optional)
Dinner & overnight in Jerusalem at the **Golden Walls Hotel**
- Fri. Jan. 27 08:00 Old City of Jerusalem: Dung Gate – Western Wall
Temple Mount: view the El Aqsa Mosque & the Dome of the Rock
Via Dolorosa: Pool of Bethesda – Church of St Anne
Monastery of Sts. Joachim and Anna: birthplace of the Mother of God
Lunch in the Armenian Quarter at the **Bulghourji Restaurant**
p.m. Greek Orthodox Patriarchate (blessing by the Patriarch)
Church of the Holy Sepulchre
Dinner & overnight in Jerusalem at the **Golden Walls Hotel**
- Sat. Jan. 28 08:00 Monastery of St. Gerasimos
Qasr el-Yahud baptismal site on the River Jordan (renewal of baptismal vows)
Service at the baptismal site in Qasr el-Yahud
Opportunity to swim (float) in the Dead Sea
Lunch in Jericho at the **Al-Rawda Restaurant**

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- p.m. Desert oasis of Jericho: Tree of Zacchaeus – Monastery of the Prophet Elijah
Cable car up Mount of Temptation
Monastery of Sarantario (Temptation)
Wadi Qelt: view St. George's Monastery (walk down if situation & time permits)
Dinner & overnight in Jerusalem at the **Golden Walls Hotel**
23:00 Church of the Holy Sepulchre – Midnight Liturgy
- Sun. Jan. 29 08:00 Check-out of the hotel
Bethany: church & tomb of Lazarus – Monastery of Martha & Mary
Drive to Galilee via the West Bank and Nablus
Lunch in Sebastia at the **Samaria Restaurant**
p.m. Ruins of Sebastia – Nablus: Jacob's Well
Continue to the Sea of Galilee
Dinner & overnight in Tiberias at the **Ron Beach Hotel**
- Mon. Jan. 30 08:00 Greek Orthodox Church of Sts. Peter and Paul in Tiberias
Greek Orthodox Church of the Apostles in Capernaum
Site of the healing of the paralytic
Beitsaida – Kursi (associated with the story of the Gadarene swine...optional)
Ruins of Capernaum (Catholic site – optional)
p.m. Lunch by the lake at the **St. Peter Restaurant**
Church of the Loaves and Fishes at Tabgha
Mount of Beatitudes
16:00 Sail on the Sea of Galilee to the Ron Beach Hotel
Dinner & overnight in Tiberias at the **Ron Beach Hotel**
- Tue. Jan. 31 08:00 Drive to Nazareth
Cana, scene of Jesus first miracle (Greek Orthodox Church)
St. Gabriel's Orthodox Church – Mary's Well – Synagogue Church
Basilica of the Annunciation (if time permits)
11:30 Nazareth Village, a reconstruction of 1st Century Galilean life
Lunch in Nazareth at the **Holy Land Restaurant**
p.m. Mount Tabor:
14:00 Taxis to Mt. Tabor
Greek Orthodox Monastery – (Catholic Basilica if time permits)
Dinner & overnight in Tiberias at the **Ron Beach Hotel**
- Wed. Feb. 01 08:00 If departure is in the evening
Mediterranean Coast
Roman capital of Caesarea: restored amphitheatre – aqueduct – city
Lunch in Caesarea at the **Portcafe Restaurant**
p.m. Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for departure
OR If departure is in the morning
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