



America Journeys Presents

# A PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE

*In the Footsteps of St. Paul & the Early Christian Community*

Under the Leadership of Fr. Sam Sawyer, SJ  
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**10-Days: October 14 to 23, 2024**

*Land Only Package*



## AN INVITATION TO JOIN US



*Fr. Sam Sawyer, SJ*



*Mrs. Heather Trotta*

Dear Friends,

We are thrilled that you are interested in joining America Media's "A Pilgrimage to Greece: In the Footsteps of Paul and the Early Christian Community" This special **10-day pilgrimage from October 14-23, 2024** will take us to some of the holiest sites in the life of St. Paul and his first Christian followers.

With the help of our friends, the professionals from Catholic Travel Centre, we have designed a pilgrimage to bring you to UNESCO World Heritage Sites that are also some of the most spiritually significant places in Greece. In addition to America Media staff members and editor in chief Sam Sawyer, SJ, we will also benefit from the spiritual leadership of Michael Simone, SJ, a past *Word* columnist and current contributing editor for America who is a trained Scripture scholar.

Together, we will visit and pray in Thessaloniki (where Paul wrote the both the First and Second Epistles of the Thessalonians), in Philippi (where Paul came and established a strong church), at the Agora (the 5th century Basilica), at Delphi (among the most important religious sanctuaries of the ancient Greek world), and in Athens, among other sacred spots.

As we have designed it, this journey will be an inspirational retreat for us all. Visiting historical sites, participating in Masses, and gathering for faith sharing will accompany times for personal reflection, prayer, and silence that connect us more deeply to our faith, St. Paul, the early Christians, and, of course, our heavenly Father.

In addition to providing a unique opportunity for deep spiritual nourishment, your participation on this journey also:

- Offers the chance for extended conversations with each of us; learn about our respective ministries and share your own experiences as a Catholic, as we all look to build and live lives that are in service to each other and more reflective of Christ's example.
- Supports the ministry of America Media to create intellectual content and spiritual resources that help spread the Good News to expanded audiences.
- Helps to introduce or connect you more deeply to the riches of Ignatian and Pauline spirituality

Throughout our journey, we will enjoy four and five star accommodations, well-organized activities, delicious food, and, most especially, a thoughtfully (and prayerfully) developed itinerary that is intended to maximize our time together in these special places. Please note that there will be a considerable amount of walking on this trip and much of the terrain is hilly with cobblestones.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Alessandra Rose, our group coordinator, at [ARose@americamedia.org](mailto:ARose@americamedia.org) or call her directly at: 212-515-0116 or 914-720-1058.

If you would like to register for this pilgrimage, please act quickly! We accommodate pilgrims on a first-come basis, so it is important to return your registration forms promptly.

We look forward to being together in Greece for this life-changing experience and growing together as Catholics - and as people.

With Christ's Peace,



Fr. Sam Sawyer S.J.  
Editor in Chief



Heather Trotta  
VP for Advancement

# OUR DAILY ITINERARY

## **DAY 1, MONDAY, OCTOBER 14: DEPART THE USA UNDER OUR OWN TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS**

Each person will be making their own flight arrangements to the city of Thessaloniki in northern Greece.

## **DAY 2, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15: ARRIVE THESSALONIKI**

Upon your arrival in Thessaloniki, you can easily catch a taxi to our hotel. Check-in time is 3:00pm. If you arrive earlier and your room is not yet ready, you are welcome to check your luggage with the bell stand. We gather this evening for a welcome reception at our hotel, followed by dinner. (D)

**Note:** *Those parties wishing to arrive a day earlier in Thessaloniki will need to book their own reservation for this pre-night at the Monastery Hotel. Please make your pre-night reservation in the same category of room as our group reservation: Classic Rooms.*

## **DAY 3, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16: THESSALONIKI: VISIT OF THE SITE AND LEISURE**

This morning, after breakfast and our morning talk, we visit this ancient city. Founded around 315 BC by King Cassander of Macedonia, the king named the new city after his wife Thessaloniki, a half-sister of Alexander the Great. At the time of the Apostle Paul's arrival, Thessaloniki had a population of about 200,000 people and served as an important economic and political part of the Roman Empire. There was a large synagogue here — a religious center for the Jewish part of population of the smaller towns, which surrounded Thessaloniki and which had only church-houses.

About 50 AD, while on his second missionary journey, Paul spoke to the Jewish population from the city's chief synagogue on three Sabbaths and sowed the seeds for Thessaloniki's first Christian church. During Paul's time in the city, he convinced some people among both Jews and Greeks to adopt Christian beliefs, as well as some of the city's leading women. However, Jews who kept their faith banned Paul and his companions from their midst. Because they were no longer welcome, Paul, Silas and Timothy were eventually sent out of Thessaloniki by the new Christian converts. The men eventually continued their travels, and Paul wrote two letters to the new church at Thessaloniki, probably between 51AD and 53AD, the First Epistle to the Thessalonians and the Second Epistle to the Thessalonians.

Today, we will visit the Greek Orthodox Church of Saint Demetrius, named for a 4<sup>th</sup> century Thessalonian Christian martyr. We see as well the Church of Hagia Sophia, modeled on the church of the same name in Constantinople, dating from the 8th century. It is one of the oldest standing churches in Thessaloniki and a UNESCO World Heritage site monument.

We will celebrate Mass at the local Catholic parish of the Immaculate Conception, followed by the afternoon on your own

to explore. Take some time to enjoy watching the life of the city at the Aristotelous Square, viewing the Rotunda of Galerius, used as a church for over 1200 years, and The Arch of Galerius built in 298 to 299 AD. We gather for faith sharing. Dinner this evening is served at a local restaurant. (B, D)

## **DAY 4, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17: THESSALONIKI: EXCURSION TO PHILIPPI AND KAVALA**

After breakfast and our morning talk, we set out to Philippi, the site where the apostle Paul came and established a strong church. The New Testament records a visit to the city by the Paul during his second missionary (AD 49 or 50). On the basis of the Acts of the Apostles and the Letter to the Philippians, early Christians concluded that Paul had founded their community. Accompanied by Silas and Timothy, Paul is believed to have preached for the first time on European soil in Philippi. According to the New Testament, Paul visited the city on two other occasions, in 56 and 57. Later he sent his Letter to the community at Philippi. Of all the churches Paul founded, probably none was so near and dear to him as the church at Philippi (Acts 16:9-33). We will celebrate an outdoor Mass here (need to bring a Mass kit).

Philippi was built on the Via Egnatia, the Roman road which ran from Rome to Byzantium. We see the river where Lydia is thought to have been baptized, the ruins of a prison where Paul and Silas had been kept, the Agora, the 5th century Basilica and the Theater. Following the baptism of Lydia, the first Christian church in Europe was established here. We continue to the nearby port of Kavala, the ancient port of Neapolis (Acts 16:11) for a late lunch in the seaside port. We return to our hotel in Thessaloniki for faith sharing, and dinner is on our own this evening. (B, L)

## **DAY 5, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18: THESSALONIKI / VERIA (St. Paul) / VERGINA (Museum of the Royal Tombs / KALAMBAKA**

This morning, after breakfast and our morning talk, we check-out and we travel first to Veria, also known as Berea. During the Roman Empire, Veria became a place of worship for the Romans. Within the city there was a Jewish settlement where Paul, after leaving Thessalonica and his companion Silas, preached to the Jewish and Greek communities of the city in AD 50/51 and 54/55. Acts 17 10-15 records:

*As soon as it was night, the brothers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. Many of the Jews believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men. When the Jews in Thessalonica learned that Paul was preaching the word of God at Berea, they went there too, agitating the crowds and stirring them up. The brothers immediately sent Paul to the coast, but*

*Silas and Timothy stayed at Berea. The men who escorted Paul brought him to Athens and then left with instructions for Silas and*

Paul returned through the area of Berea during his third missionary journey, and despite the earlier opposition, many of the Bereans were converted. Sopater, one of Paul's traveling companions, was from Berea. We stop at the site, where tradition holds, Paul stood and delivered his sermons.

After some time for lunch on our own, we continue on to Vergina and the Museum of the Royal Tombs. The Royal Tombs were built by the ancient Kingdom of Macedon and these tombs predate Christianity by several centuries. The underground museum contains the burial cluster of Philip II of Macedon, and are a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After our visit, we continue on to our hotel in Kalambaka, situated at the foot of the stunning Meteora peaks. We check-in to our hotel for Mass and faith sharing followed by dinner and the evening. (B, D)

#### **DAY 6, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19: KALAMBAKA: VISIT OF THE MONASTERIES OF METEORA**

After breakfast and our morning talk, we visit the breathtaking Byzantine monasteries of Meteora. Derived from the Greek word "meteorizome," meaning "to hang in the air," the structures seem to do just that. Perched on a mountain of strangely shaped pinnacles in the Peneus Valley, they are far removed from the world and its distractions. During their heyday in the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries, the number monasteries grew to 24. The buildings were decorated with frescoes and icons from the great artists of the day.

Colossal symmetrical gray and reddish boulders, as though pushed upwards from the bowels of mother earth by an invisible hand, sustain breathtaking beautiful monasteries perched precariously high above the ground. Originally the only access was by means of very long ladders which could be drawn up when not in use, or in a basket or net suspended on ropes from a winch which was mounted in a winching tower above the void below: according to travelers in the past the ropes were not replaced until they broke. Steps have now been cut in the rock face, and there is a fine modern road serving the main monasteries.

We will reach the monasteries by climbing the stairs – no ropes for this group! The monasteries are veritable Byzantine museums exhibiting superb icons, old manuscripts and unique mosaics and frescoes. After our visit of two of the monasteries, we have some time at leisure to explore the village, followed by Mass and faith sharing, followed by dinner at our hotel. (B, D)

#### **DAY 7, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20: KALAMBAKA / DELPHI (Oracle of Delphi) / ATHENS**

This morning, after breakfast and Mass, we board our motor coach for Athens, stopping first at Delphi, one of the most important religious sanctuaries of the ancient Greek world, home to Apollo and the most famous oracle of antiquity. Its history dates to the Mycenaean period and in Homer's Iliad, the site was referred to as Pytho. The oracle or the Pythia as it was called was a woman

over 50 who abandoned normal life and lived her life in seclusion to serve the many who came to have their questions answered. The Pythia would pronounce her prophesies while the priests wrote them down and translated them to the people. Among the most noted to come with questions were King Croesus and King Midas. After our visit, we gather for lunch at a local restaurant, then we continue on to our hotel in Athens for check-in. Faith sharing is not scheduled this evening. Dinner is on our own this evening. (B, L)

#### **DAY 8, MONDAY, OCTOBER 21: VISIT OF THE AGORA & PARTHENON**

After breakfast and our morning talk at our hotel, we begin with Mass at the Cathedral of St. Denis. After Mass, we enjoy a tour of the city of Athens, including the agora, where Paul addressed the Athenians. According to the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 17:16-34), while he was waiting for his companions Silas and Timothy to arrive, Paul was distressed to see Athens full of idols. His sermon at the Areopagus, the high court in Athens, is the most dramatic and fullest reported speech of his missionary career.

We also visit the famed Acropolis (the ancient citadel) located on a rocky outcrop above the city, and the Parthenon, Hadrian's Arch and the Temple of Zeus. We gather for lunch together at a restaurant in the Plaka area. The balance of the day is at leisure to explore the city. Faith sharing will be at our hotel. Dinner is on our own to explore the local restaurants. (B, L)

#### **DAY 9, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22: ATHENS: EXCURSION OF CORINTH**

This morning after breakfast and our morning talk, we journey to Corinth. Here Paul spent 18 months, preaching to the Jews and Gentiles. The site is overlooked by an Acropolis housing the remains of the Temple of Aphrodite, goddess of love. In Corinth, Paul worked with Aquila and Priscilla, and his trial by Gallio took place in the agora. The community he founded here caused him much grief and prompted him to write at least four letters. We celebrate our Mass today in Corinth, with a reflection on Paul the Missionary. After our visit and Mass, we gather for faith sharing and lunch at a local seaside restaurant. We return to Athens for the balance of the afternoon at leisure. Dinner this evening is on our own to explore the local restaurants and to prepare for our journey home. (B, L)

#### **DAY 10, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23: RETURN TO THE USA**

This morning after an early breakfast, we bid farewell to our fellow pilgrims. The concierge at our hotel will be able to arrange private transfers to the airport for those interested, at an additional cost. (B)

**Note:** *While no changes are anticipated, there may be unforeseen occasions when certain alterations become necessary to this itinerary. All Masses are subject to local church schedules and substitution with alternate Mass sites if churches mentioned are not available.*

# OUR SELECT ACCOMMODATIONS

## Our Hotel in Thessaloniki

### Hotel MonAsty \*\*\*\*\*

Elegant and luxurious as a silk thread, MonAsty Thessaloniki located in the heart of the city, connects the vibrant city's entertainment and business life. This tapestry of inspiration reflects in its name, Mon from monastery, and Asty which means city. That heritage acted as a base for the luxury hotel's interior design with unique elements of monastic design, colors and imagery drawn from Byzantine tradition.



## Our Hotel in Kalambaka

### Divani Meteora Hotel \*\*\*\*

Surrounded by immense natural beauty, the hotel offers a stunning base from which to view the immense natural rock formations of Meteora and the monasteries perched atop them. Ideally situated at the entrance of Kalambaka village, the flagship hotel is easy walking distance to shops and restaurants.



## Our Hotel in Athens

### Hotel NJV Athens Plaza \*\*\*\*\*

The NJV offers a chic décor, state-of-the-art amenities and splendid views on the Acropolis. Situated in the heart of Athens on Syntagma Square, the hotel is steps away from all the major tourist sites and prime shopping areas.



## Pricing & Registration Information: Tour Number 24-041-1014

**HOW TO REGISTER:** To make your reservation, complete the Registration Form included in this PDF document and submit your \$2,000 per person deposit to the address shown on the bottom of the registration form. Registrations are sent directly to America Media. Deadline for initial registration is **April 1, 2024**. Please note submission of your registration materials DOES NOT indicate confirmation. You will receive an email from America Media indicating you have been either confirmed or placed on the waitlist. America Media will forward registrations and deposits for all confirmed passengers to Catholic Travel Centre (CTC). CTC will mail an invoice within two weeks of their receipt of your registration materials. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure, by **June 16, 2024**.

**LAND ONLY PACKAGE:** This package is sold exclusively on a 'Land Only' basis, meaning all travelers will make their own airline arrangements.

### **PAYMENT OPTIONS:**

- 1) Discount Price (payment by check or money order)
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**DISCOUNT PRICE** (payable by check or money order):  
**Land Only Package:** \$8,999 including gratuities.

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**Land Only Package:** \$9,498 including gratuities.

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT:** \$3,350

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. A very limited number of single rooms may be available at the supplement shown below.

**YOUR PRICE INCLUDES:** Deluxe hotels in Thessaloniki and Athens, first class in Kalambaka or best available accommodations (all with private facilities); sightseeing; and meals per itinerary (B, L, D); all gratuities; and is based on a minimum of 40 fully paying passengers per motor coach. Please see the Registration Form and Terms & Conditions for more details.

**GRATUITIES:** Tips are included in the total package price for restaurants, hotel porters, motor coach drivers, local guides and your tour manager.

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**WALKING:** Please note, this journey involves considerable walking on cobblestone streets and uneven pavement, stairs and uphill climbs, and requires being on your feet more than usual. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy this pilgrimage to its fullest.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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**POLICY AGAINST DISCRIMINATION:** CTC does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, age, sexual orientation, or status as a Vietnam or other veteran in the provision of its tour and pilgrimage services.

**CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS ONLY REGISTERED SELLER:** Catholic Travel Centre is a registered Seller of Travel in the State of California: CST#: 2018667-40. "Registration as a Seller of Travel does not constitute approval by the State of California." Section 17550.24(f). CTC subscribes to the California Travel Consumer Restitution Fund. Non-residents of California are not eligible to make claims to this fund. A claim must be submitted to the TCRF within 12 months after the scheduled completion date of travel. For more information, visit [www.tcrfinfo.org](http://www.tcrfinfo.org). In accordance with California law, CTC has a trust account to protect Traveler's purchase money.

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**JURISDICTION/VENUE/CLASS ACTION WAIVER/LIMITATION OF DAMAGES/ NOTICE OF CLAIM:** These Terms and Conditions shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California without regard to conflict of law principles. Any dispute arising from the contract shall be litigated in a court of competent jurisdiction in the County of Los Angeles. You agree you will only bring claims against CTC in your individual capacity and not as a plaintiff or class member in any purported class action or representative proceeding. CTC shall not in any case be liable for other than compensatory damages, and your payment of a deposit on a trip means you agree to these conditions of sale and expressly waive any right to punitive damages. You understand and agree no claims will be considered and you will not bring suit against CTC unless you have first provided a typewritten notice of claim to CTC within 30 days after the trip or cancellation of the trip.

**TERMS & CONDITIONS CHANGES:** Changes in any of the Terms & Conditions can be made only in writing signed by an officer of CTC.

**FOR CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS ONLY:** Upon cancellation of the transportation or travel services, where the passenger is not at fault and has not canceled in violation of any terms and conditions previously clearly and conspicuously disclosed and agreed to by the passenger, all sums paid to CTC for services not provided will be promptly paid to the passenger, unless the passenger advises the CTC in writing, after cancellation. This provision does not apply where CTC has remitted the payment to another registered wholesale seller of travel or a carrier, without obtaining a refund, and where the wholesaler or provider defaults in providing the agreed-upon transportation or service. In this situation, CTC must provide the passenger with a written statement accompanied by bank records establishing the disbursement of the payment, and if disbursed to a wholesale seller of travel, proof of current registration of that wholesaler.



# A PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE

October 14 to 23, 2024 • Tour #: 24-041-1014 • Group Name: AMERICA MEDIA

**\*\*If any section below is left blank, your registration form will not be processed and you will not be confirmed on this pilgrimage\*\***

## 1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please print in **BLOCK LETTERS** your complete Last Name, First Name and Middle Name **as they appear on your PASSPORT:**

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

How would you like your first name to appear on your nametag?

Email *(Forms submitted without email address cannot be processed)*

Date of Birth

Gender

Street Address

Apt

City

State

Zip

Home Tel

Mobile Tel

## 2. PASSPORT INFORMATION

Will you hold a U.S. Passport at the time of travel? (Yes / No)

If "no," what nationality?

**You must select one of the two choices below:**

- I have enclosed a copy of the photo page of my passport showing my name, passport number and expiration date.
- I understand I must submit a copy of the photo page of my passport 90 days or more prior to departure.

*Note: Catholic Travel Centre is not liable for passports expiring within 180 days of the return date of the pilgrimage.*

## 3. ROOMING INFORMATION

**You must select one of the three choices below:**

- I wish to room with: (enter name)

- Please try to find a roommate for me. I understand if you cannot find a roommate for me, I will be obliged to pay the single room supplement.
- I wish a single room at a supplement of \$3,350. A limited number of single rooms are available at this price.

## 4. PAYMENT INFORMATION

**Registration Deposit:** \$2,000 by April 1, 2024

**Final Payment:** by June 16, 2024

**You must select one of the two choices below:**

### DISCOUNT PRICE

\$2,000 deposit & balance paid check or money order. Make check payable to Catholic Travel Centre.

- LAND ONLY PACKAGE:** \$8,999 including gratuities.

### STANDARD PRICE

\$2,000 deposit and payment by credit or debit card. Please fill in your credit card information below.

- LAND ONLY PACKAGE:** \$9,498 including gratuities.

### CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

I authorize Catholic Travel Centre to charge the Standard Price amount to my credit or debit card (\$2,000 will be charged now; balance of payment will be charged to my card per the invoice due date).

**I agree to the terms and conditions and cancellation terms attached here.**

VISA

MASTERCARD

Card Number

Exp. Date

Name as it appears on credit card

Signature

Date

Office Use Only:

**Please complete one registration form per person (couples, submit two separate forms).**

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Enclosed please find my \$2,000 per person deposit for the above referenced trip. By submitting this payment, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to the "Terms and Conditions" in the accompanying brochure, including information related to pricing and cancellations.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to: Catholic Travel Centre. Please mail this form with your deposit to:  
America Media - Attn: Alessandra Rose, 1212 Avenue of the Americas - 11th Floor, New York, NY 10036**

*Note: Further information and invoice will be sent within two weeks of Catholic Travel Centre's receipt of your registration and deposit.*