Dear Friends,

God, who is Being itself, Goodness itself, Truth itself, took on human nature over 2,000 years ago. That which always exists outside time in eternity came to exist as a man in history. He came to a particular time and He came to a particular place. The Son of the Father, the only begotten before all ages, came to dwell in the Holy Land as He had long foretold to that very Land. I invite you to join me on a pilgrimage to this very Land.

As the invisible God took flesh and became a visible man, so the seemingly abstract events in Scripture take on more flesh in our minds when one visits the places where they occurred. Not only will you be able to see the remnants of history that were already ancient history when He came into the World, but you will see some of the very places He saw. On this pilgrimage you will be able to see the grounds He was first placed on when He was born. You will be able to touch the waters where He was baptized. You will be able to walk in and out of the very tomb He walked out from. A real tangible picture will come to your mind whenever you, from that point on, revisit the events from Scripture.

Please consider joining me on this pilgrimage to the Holy Land as we see Scripture in the flesh.

In Christ,
Fr. Ben Thomsen

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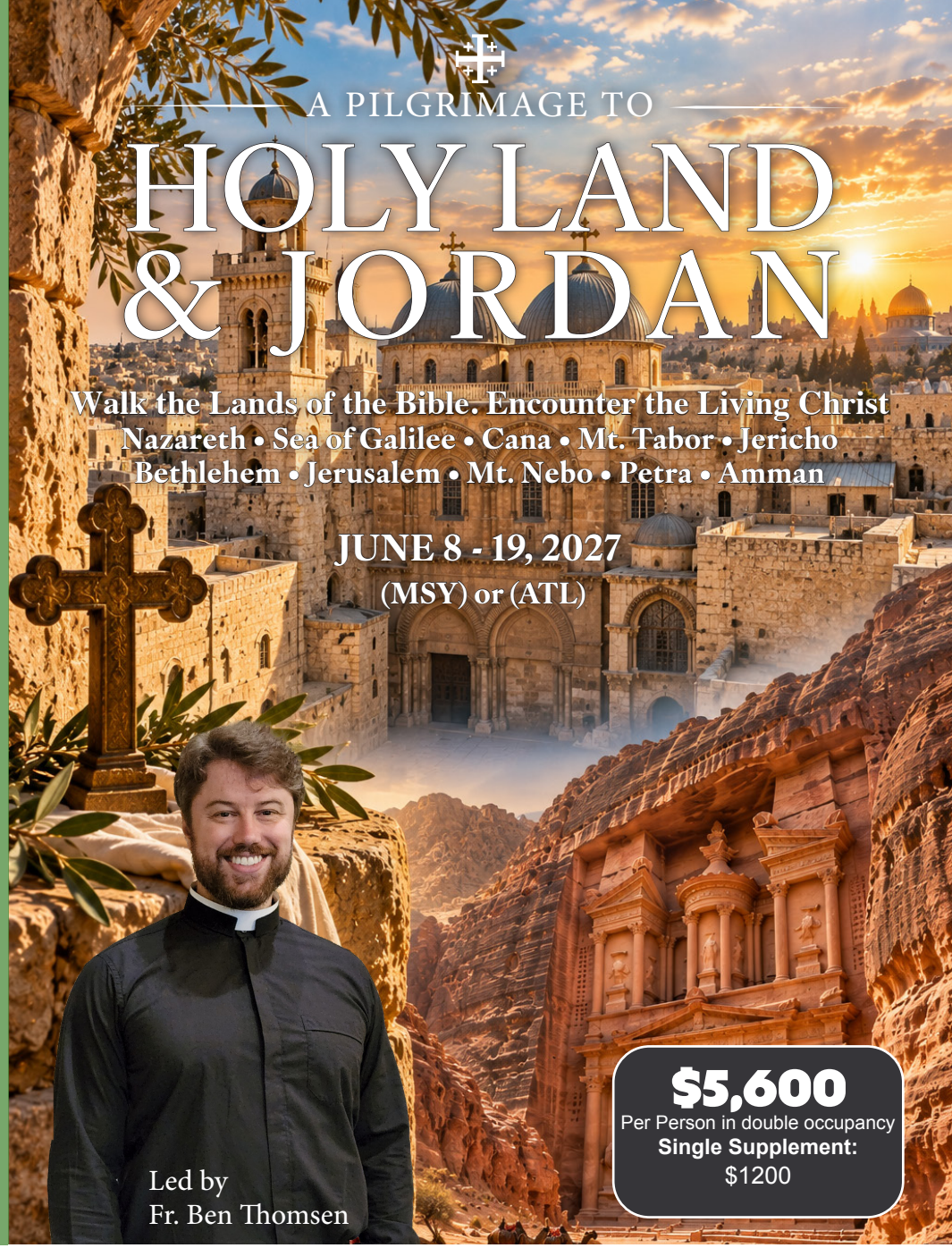
Pilgrimage Features

- Airfare round trip from MSY or ATL - TLV / AMM
- **Accommodations:**
- 3 nights hotel Legacy Nazareth
- 1 night Amman 4* Hotel
- 1 night Petra– The Old Village resort 4* or similar
- 1 night Jericho resort
- 4 nights in Notredame Center Jerusalem
- Breakfast and Dinner daily.
- Transportation by Airconditioned bus with WiFi.
- Entrance fees to all visited sites as per program
- Porterages fees.
- English Speaking Catholic Tour Guide.
- Horse ride in Petra
- Taxes
- TIPS (except lunches)
- Land Only Price $4,600

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- Enrollment Deposit: $500 per person, payable at time of booking
- 50% Payment Due: Jan. 7, 2027
- Final Balance Due: Mar 7, 2027
- Payments may be made via ACH (bank transfer) with no additional processing fee.

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DAY 1: DEPART FOR THE HOLY LAND

Depart for Tel Aviv, with complimentary meals and beverages served onboard your international flight.

DAY 2: ARRIVAL IN TEL AVIV – NAZARETH

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, we meet our guide and board our private motorcoach for the drive to Nazareth. Dinner and overnight at the Legacy Hotel.

DAY 3: MOUNT TABOR – CANA – NAZARETH

After breakfast, we drive to Mount Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration. We will have time to reflect on Christ's humanity and divinity.

Our next stop is Cana of Galilee, where we visit the Wedding Church, commemorating the first of Jesus' signs, when He changed water into wine. We celebrate Holy Mass, with an opportunity for married couples to renew their wedding vows.

This afternoon, we visit Nazareth. We visit the Basilica of the Annunciation and Grotto of the Annunciation. Afterward, we visit the nearby Church of St. Joseph. Following the pilgrims' path, we visit Mary's Well.

Optional: Meeting with the Vicar of Nazareth.

Dinner and overnight at the Legacy Hotel.

DAY 4: SEA OF GALILEE – CAPERNAUM

Today we drive to the Sea of Galilee to visit and celebrate Mass at the Mount of Beatitudes. We continue to Tabgha to view a beautiful mosaic commemorating the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes, where Jesus fed the Five Thousand. We then visit the Church of the Primacy of St. Peter before continuing to Capernaum, where we see the remains of the house of St. Peter and the ancient synagogue associated with the ministry of Jesus.

You will have the opportunity to enjoy the traditional St. Peter's fish for lunch.

One of today's highlights is a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee.

Dinner and overnight at the Legacy Hotel.

DAY 5: NAZARETH – TAYBEH – BAPTISMAL SITE – JERICHO – DEAD SEA

After breakfast, we drive to Taybeh to celebrate Holy Mass at a local parish. We then continue to the Baptismal Site of Qasr al-Yahud on the Jordan River. Here, we will have time for prayer and the renewal of our baptismal promises.

We continue to Jericho, one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world. We will view the Mount of Temptation, the place where Satan tempted Jesus following His forty days of fasting in the wilderness. We see the traditional Sycamore Tree associated with Zacchaeus.

We proceed to the Dead Sea where there will be an opportunity to float in its mineral-rich waters.

Dinner and overnight in Jericho.

DAY 6: BETHLEHEM – JERUSALEM

This morning, we drive to Bethlehem to visit the birthplace of our Lord. We enter the Basilica of the Nativity and visit the Grotto of the Nativity, traditionally venerated as the place where Jesus was born. We celebrate Holy Mass in Bethlehem.

We also visit the Church of St. Catherine, where Christmas Midnight Mass is celebrated, as well as the caves beneath the church associated with St. Joseph and St. Jerome. We continue to the Shepherds' Fields, where the Angels appeared to the shepherds as they watched over their flocks at night and announced the birth of the Savior.

This afternoon, we enjoy time for shopping at a local Christian-owned cooperative, supporting the remaining Christian community of Bethlehem.

Dinner and overnight at the Notre Dame Center.

DAY 7: JERUSALEM – MOUNT OF OLIVES – GETHSEMANE

After breakfast, we drive to the Mount of Olives for a magnificent panoramic view of Jerusalem, providing us with a better understanding of the city's geography and many of its sacred sites.

We begin with a visit to the Church of the Pater Noster, traditionally associated with Jesus teaching His disciples the Lord's Prayer. We walk down the Mount of Olives along the Palm Sunday route, enjoying beautiful panoramic views of Jerusalem as we make our way to the Church of Dominus Flevit, commemorating the place where our Lord wept over Jerusalem. Continuing along the Palm Sunday route, we arrive at the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations. Inside the church is the Rock of Agony, traditionally associated with the place where Jesus prayed on the night before His Passion. We will spend time here in prayer, reflection, and meditation.

Holy Mass will be celebrated in the Church of Gethsemane.

Our last stop will be a visit at the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, where we hope to meet His Beatitude Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem.

Dinner and overnight at the Notre Dame Center.

DAY 8: JERUSALEM – THE PASSION AND LAST HOURS OF JESUS

Early this morning, we plan to celebrate Holy Mass at the Tomb of Christ in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Following Holy Mass, we return to our hotel for breakfast.

We return to the Old City of Jerusalem, where we visit the Western Wall and view the Temple Mount, including the Dome of the Rock and Al-Aqsa Mosque. We continue to the Church of St. Anne and the Pools of Bethesda. We then proceed to the area traditionally associated with the Praetorium, recalling the trial and condemnation of Jesus by Pontius Pilate. We proceed to the Via Dolorosa, walking through the narrow streets and markets of the Old City, praying the Stations of the Cross and reflecting upon the sacrifice of our Lord. Our Via Dolorosa concludes at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where we visit Calvary, the Stone of Anointing, and the Empty Tomb of our Lord, together with other sacred areas of this extraordinary church.

Dinner and overnight at the Notre Dame Center.

DAY 9: JERUSALEM – MOUNT ZION – EIN KAREM

After breakfast, we visit Mount Zion, beginning with Dormition Abbey, commemorating the tradition of the Blessed Virgin Mary's falling asleep. Next, we visit the Cenacle, or Upper Room, traditionally associated with the Last Supper and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We also visit the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu, traditionally associated with the house of the High Priest Caiaphas, where Jesus was held following His arrest and where Peter denied our Lord three times.

Afterwards, we drive to Ein Karem, to celebrate Holy Mass, the traditional birthplace of St. John the Baptist. We visit the Church of St. John the Baptist and the Church of the Visitation, commemorating Mary's visit to her kinswoman Elizabeth and the proclamation of the Magnificat.

Dinner and overnight at the Notre Dame Center.

DAY 10: JERUSALEM – ALLENBY BRIDGE – MADABA – MOUNT NEBO – PETRA

Early this morning, we drive to the Allenby Bridge border crossing. We cross into Jordan where we meet our Jordanian guide and board our private motorcoach. We continue to Madaba, where we visit St. George's Church, home to the famous 6th-century Madaba Mosaic Map, is one of the oldest surviving cartographic representations of the area.

We then make our way to Mount Nebo to celebrate Holy Mass. Following our visit, we continue toward Petra.

Dinner and overnight in Petra.

DAY 11: PETRA – AMMAN

After breakfast, we dedicate the morning visit Petra, the magnificent ancient capital of the Nabataeans. We begin our visit by walking through the Siq, a spectacular narrow gorge surrounded by towering sandstone cliffs. At the end of the Siq, the magnificent Treasury comes dramatically into view. We continue through the archaeological site, discovering Petra's impressive rock-cut monuments, tombs, temples. Mass TBD. Following our visit, we depart Petra in the afternoon and drive north to Amman.

Dinner and overnight in Amman.

DAY 12: AMMAN – DEPARTURE FOR HOME

This morning, we transfer to Queen Alia International Airport for our return flight to the USA.