

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE

MAY 2 - 12, 2026

THESSALONIKI | PHILIPPI | ATHENS
CORINTH | EPHESUS | PATMOS



FR. TIM HEDRICK
Chaplain

ATHENS

Visit the Areopagus, where Paul addressed the philosophers of Athens, then ascend the Acropolis to witness the splendor of classical Greece.

CORINTH

Explore this ancient city's treasures: the Agora, the Temple of Apollo, and the Bema, where Paul was brought before the Roman authorities.

EPHESUS

Explore the city where Paul preached and taught, and where the Virgin Mary lived out her final years in the care of John the Apostle.

PHILIPPI

Celebrate Mass at the stream where Paul baptized Lydia, the first European Christian. Visit the prison that held Paul and Silas.

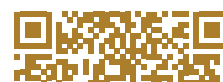
JOIN THE
INFO MEETING

Location:
Microsoft Teams

Date:
November 13th

Time:
7:00pm

[MEETING LINK](#)



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YOUR PILGRIMAGE BEGINS HERE
Itinerary and Booking Link



Itinerary*

Day 1 **Saturday, May 2**

Depart USA

Depart on independent overnight flights to Thessaloniki, Greece, to begin your pilgrimage in the footsteps of St. Paul.

Day 2 **Sunday, May 3** 🍽️

Arrival in Thessaloniki

Arrive in Thessaloniki and transfer to your hotel. Celebrate an opening Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, then enjoy a festive Welcome Dinner. Overnight in Thessaloniki.

Day 3 **Monday, May 4** ☕🍽️

Philippi & Kavala

Travel to Philippi, where Paul first preached on European soil (Acts 16). Celebrate Mass at the river-side site of Lydia's baptism, then explore the ruins of Philippi, including the forum and prison of Paul and Silas. Continue to Kavala, ancient Neapolis, Paul's port of entry into Europe, and walk along the Via Egnatia where he and his companions first landed. Enjoy a group lunch before returning to Thessaloniki. Overnight in Thessaloniki.

Day 4 **Tuesday, May 5** ☕🍽️

Berea | Thessaloniki

Visit Berea, where the people welcomed Paul's preaching and searched the Scriptures daily (Acts 17:10-12). Celebrate Mass and return to Thessaloniki for an afternoon panoramic tour, including the White Tower, the Church of St. George, and the Basilica of St. Demetrius. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki.

Day 5 **Wednesday, May 6** ☕🍽️

Flight to Athens

Transfer to Thessaloniki Airport for a short flight to Athens. Upon arrival, visit the Areopagus, where Paul addressed the philosophers (Acts 17), and the Acropolis. Celebrate Mass at St. Paul's Church before checking into your hotel. Dinner and overnight in Athens.

Day 6 **Thursday, May 7** ☕🍽️

Corinth Excursion

Travel to Corinth, where Paul lived and preached for eighteen months (Acts 18). Explore the Agora, the Temple of Apollo, and the Bema where Paul was judged. Celebrate Mass at the Church of the Holy Apostles and stop at the Corinth Canal before returning to Athens for dinner. Overnight in Athens.

Day 7 **Friday, May 8** ☕🍽️🍽️

Embarkation – Mykonos

Transfer to the port of Piraeus for a midday embarkation on your three-night Aegean cruise. Lunch is served onboard as the ship departs for Mykonos. In the evening, stroll through the town before reboarding the ship. Overnight onboard in Mykonos.

Day 8 **Saturday, May 9** ☕🍽️🍽️

Kusadasi (Ephesus) | Patmos

Arrive in Kusadasi and drive to Ephesus, where Paul spent more than two years preaching the Gospel (Acts 19). Celebrate Mass at the House of the Virgin Mary, then tour the Theater of Ephesus, the Library of Celsus, and the Church of Mary, where the Council of Ephesus was held. In the afternoon, sail to Patmos and visit the Monastery of St. John the Theologian and the Grotto of the Apocalypse. Return to the ship for dinner and overnight.



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Day 9 Sunday, May 10 ☕ 🍽️ 🕛

Heraklion (Crete) | Santorini

This morning dock in Heraklion, Crete, where Paul left Titus to organize the Church (Titus 1:5). Celebrate Mass at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church before sailing onward. In the afternoon, arrive in Santorini and admire its whitewashed chapels and blue-domed churches overlooking the Aegean. Celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Fira and enjoy free time before returning to the ship. Overnight onboard in Santorini.

Day 10 Monday, May 11 ☕ 🕛

Athens Disembarkation

Disembark in Piraeus and return to Athens. Celebrate Mass at St. Paul's Church and spend the afternoon at leisure for reflection or shopping. Conclude the evening with a festive Farewell Dinner featuring live Greek music. Overnight in Athens.

Day 11 Tuesday, May 12 ☕

Return Home

Transfer to Athens Airport for return flights to the USA, carrying home the graces of walking in the footsteps of St. Paul.

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TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Nine nights' accommodations
 - Three nights in Thessaloniki in a four-star hotel
 - Three nights in Athens in a four-star hotel
 - Three nights aboard the Celestyal Discovery
- Continental breakfast daily
- Four lunches
- Seven dinners with wine, including a welcome and farewell dinner
- Luxury motor coach for airport transfers in Greece, for those on Group Air
- Luxury motor coach for all specified touring
- Flight from Thessaloniki to Athens on May 6, 2026 for all passengers
- Local, Catholic tour manager while in Greece
- Local guides according to the itinerary
- Sightseeing and entrance fees according to the itinerary
- Arrangements of daily Mass including donations in unique and historic churches (all locations are tentative and subject to confirmation)
- Hotel & city taxes and portorage for one piece of luggage
- Personal audio devices for group tours
- Gratuities payable to local tour manager, guides, drivers, hotel staff, cruise staff, and servers



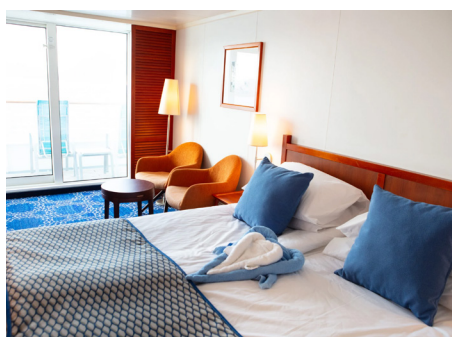
Join me...

On the pilgrimage of a lifetime in the footsteps of St. Paul as we journey through Greece, deepening our faith while exploring the very places where the Apostle to the Gentiles ministered, suffered, and proclaimed the Gospel. Along the way, we'll celebrate daily Mass, reflect together as a community, and take in the beauty of God's creation. This pilgrimage is an invitation not only to explore the history of the early Church, but to renew our own commitment to Christ. I hope you'll come with me on this unforgettable spiritual adventure!

- Fr. Tim Hedrick, *Chaplain*



CABIN OPTIONS



JR BALCONY SUITE

- UPPER DECK

\$6,799* per person
double occupancy

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT + \$2,300

- LOWER DECK

\$6,699*

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT + \$2,300



BALCONY

per person
\$6,299* double occupancy

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT + \$2,500



INTERIOR CABIN

per person
\$5,199* double occupancy

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT + \$1,800

IMPORTANT FLIGHT DETAILS

If you wish to fly with the group, round-trip, economy-class, scheduled commercial air from New Orleans (MSY) to Thessaloniki (SKG), returning from Athens (ATH) is available for \$1300.

If you prefer to book your own airfare and fly independently, please wait to do so until you receive the "Tour is Confirmed" email with arrival details and group transfer instructions.

*PRICE INCLUDES DISCOUNTS BELOW

\$200 Early Booking Offer
(Valid through December 31, 2025)

\$160 Check Credit for those paying by check after the initial deposit

OPTIONAL GROUP AIR + \$1,300

New Orleans (MSY) to Thessaloniki (SKG), returning from Athens (ATH)

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- **Deposit:** \$1,000 per person due upon registration
- **Second Deposit:** \$1,250 due on or before December 31, 2025
- **Final Payment:** Balance due on or before January 31, 2026



Questions about your pilgrimage? Please visit the [FAQs on our website](#) or contact our team.

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