



A Journey to the Holy Land

*St. Mary's Episcopal Church-High Point, NC*  
*St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church, Keller, TX*

Led by Rev. Melanie Barbarito  
Local Guide Canon Iyad Qumri & Rami Qumri  
**12 Days: October 5-16, 2026**

*Updated November 8, 2025*

**Oct 6-9      Sisters of Nazareth**  
**Oct 9-16    Saint George's Guest House**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, DAY 1: DEPART USA**

On our way to the Holy Land

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, DAY 2: ARRIVE TEL AVIV**

We arrive in Tel Aviv and are met by our guide, Canon Iyad Qumri. We are transferred to Nazareth.

Dinner and Overnight at the Sisters of Nazareth

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, DAY 3: JORDAN RIVER / CAPERNAUM / BEATITUDES / TABGHA / NAZARETH**

Today we depart for the Sea of Galilee-Lake Kinnereth. Stop at the Jordan River for the renewal of Baptismal vows, we then visit Capernaum where we see the Ancient Synagogue and St. Peter's House. We continue to the Mount of Beatitudes. Lunch. Visit to Tabgha (Heptapegon), The Loaves and Fishes Church and the Chapel of St. Peter's Primacy, Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Church of the Annunciation, the traditional site of the Angel Gabriel's appearance to Mary, telling her she would conceive Jesus, the Emmanuel

Dinner and Overnight at the Sisters of Nazareth

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, DAY 4: SEPPHORIS / CAESAREA PHILIPPI**

Depart for Zippori, Sepphoris, where we explore the excavations of the Roman/Byzantine city, Lunch, depart for Caesarea Philippi (Baniyas) And Jesus went on with his disciples, to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am? "

Dinner and Overnight at the Sisters of Nazareth

**A treat you will not want to miss!!!!**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, DAY 5: BURQIN / NABLUS / TAYBEH**

Depart for Burqin, where Jesus encountered ten lepers on his way to Jerusalem from Nazareth (Luke 17:11-19). From there we drive to Nablus to visit St. Photini, the Greek Orthodox Monastery. Photini ("Light") is the name given to the Samaritan woman with whom Christ spoke at the well. The church is built over Jacob's well, which is still functioning. Lunch in Taybeh, the only fully Christian town, in the fourth century the Emperor Constantine and his mother St. Helena built the church of St. George in the village, and the ruins of the church are still found there. We will also visit the brewery. Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, DAY 6: SHEPHERDS' FIELD / BETHLEHEM**

Depart for Shepherds' field to visit the caves. Lunch in Bethlehem. Church of the Nativity is located in Manger Square. It is the oldest church in Christendom, constructed by Constantine in AD 326.

**Guest Speaker: Contemporary Issues – A Palestinian Perspective**

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, DAY 7: WORSHIP AT ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL / CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHER**

Sunday Eucharist at Saint George's Cathedral, the liturgy will be celebrated in English and Arabic. Lunch. Walk to the Cardo to visit the Church of the Resurrection.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

**Guest Speaker: Contemporary Issues – An Israeli Perspective**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, DAY 8: HORIZONS OF JERUSALEM / HERODIUM**

We depart for MT. Scopus, view the Judean desert, Mt. of Olives, view the city of David. Lunch. Depart for Herodium some 12 km. south of Jerusalem, on a hill shaped like a truncated cone that rises 758 m. above sea level, stood Herodium, the palace-fortress built by King Herod. It had a breathtaking view, overlooking the Judean Desert and the mountains of Moab to the east, and the Judean Hills to the west.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, DAY 9: WESTERN WALL / DOME OF THE ROCK / ISRAEL MUSEUM**

We depart for the Western Wall near Elharam Esh Sharif (The Dome of The Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque). St. Anne's Church and the pools of Bethesda. Lunch. Israel Museum and the Shrine of the Book, where the *Dead Sea Scrolls* are housed. We will

also visit a scale model of the Old City of Jerusalem, describing the city as it would have been during Jesus' time.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, DAY 10: JUDEAN DESERT / JERICHO**

We will drive to the Wadi Qelt before sunrise to get the feel for the desert. Eucharist in the Judean Wilderness. From there we go to Jericho to hike up Mt. of Temptation and view Tell Jericho. 20-minute meditation on Mt of Temptation. We will have lunch at the Qumris. Dead Sea, where you will have the option to swim – or really, float (Rocky Beach)

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, DAY 11: BETH-PHAGE / DOMINUS FLEVIT / GETHSEMANE**

Together, we will walk the Palm Sunday Procession in the early morning, stopping at Pater Noster and Dominus Flevit ("the Lord wept"), where Jesus wept over the city of Jerusalem. Afterward, we will walk to the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations.

Dinner and overnight at Saint George's Guest House

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, DAY 12: WAY OF THE CROSS & EMMAUS**

Early this morning we walk and pray the Way of the Cross together. After breakfast we depart for Emmaus Nicopolis, where we celebrate the Eucharist at the ruins of the Byzantine Church.

**FREE AFTERNOON**

**Transfer to Tel Aviv airport for our return flight to the USA**

---

**For More Information**

please contact our coordinator:



**Rev. Melanie Barbarito**



[mrbarbarito@gmail.com](mailto:mrbarbarito@gmail.com)

---