



*THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA  
HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE  
MARCH 12-25, 2020*

**REGISTRATION**

**A**fter Jesus' resurrection from the dead, Luke says he appeared to his disciples and said, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, **beginning from Jerusalem**. You are witnesses of these things." (Luke 24: 46-48)

Christians around the world have borne witness to "those things" ever since, and yet, as Jesus says, the movement begins in Jerusalem. **The movement we inherit in**

**Pennsylvania has its roots in the land Christ called home**, both rugged and beautiful, and our sisters and brothers in the movement continue to bear witness through hospitals and schools that serve the most marginalized in the name of Jesus.

Led by the Rt. Rev. Daniel G.P. Gutiérrez, bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, **this pilgrimage will encounter**

**the Gospel in stone and flesh**, visiting the sights that mark the story of our faith and the people who keep that faith alive in the Holy Land today, with special emphasis on the people and institutions of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. We'll come home changed, restored, and renewed.



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Of the 2019 pilgrimage, Bishop Daniel said "We moved from bustling, populated areas full of life, to river valleys with rich, fertile soil, and then to the desert. Whether it was the twisted branches and trunks of olive trees in the Garden of Gethsemane, the poppies that lined the path of the Via Maris, the sweeping vistas from the Mount of Transfiguration or the isolation of the barren landscape in the Judean Desert, all in our group were touched; **prayers lifted us to a level of unexpected tranquility**."

You are invited to consider whether **God is calling you on this journey**.

Registration is now open, and our 35 slots are filling up. To register, or should you have questions, please contact the Rev. Matthew Dayton-Welch at (610) 356.0459 or by email at: [rector@stalbansnewtownsquare.org](mailto:rector@stalbansnewtownsquare.org).

## WHO IS LEADING THE PILGRIMAGE?

The Rt. Rev. Daniel G.P. Gutiérrez is the sixteenth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania. A pilgrim's bishop, Bishop Gutiérrez early in his episcopacy launched his own listening pilgrimage throughout the diocese, visiting 133 parishes in less than two years. He has visited the Holy Land several times, and he has preached on pilgrimage as a vital spiritual practice.

"Throughout my life, I have enjoyed the wondrous experience of 'chasing Jesus,'" Bishop Gutiérrez said. "At times, I have run behind him with a lazy gait, or the instances where I slowed down, gasping for breath, simply enthralled by his majesty. I am always the happiest when I dash after him like a child entering their first race. My joy is keeping him in my sight; eager to be by his side. As a budding (sometimes clumsy but always eager) apprentice of Jesus, I am most influenced by His words to Peter: 'Feed my sheep.' There is no greater calling than serving him and following this instruction with each action I take. I am blessed and grateful to be a bishop, a shepherd and a fellow sojourner. I keep chasing Jesus, and listen for him to whisper, 'Tag – you're it!'"



The Rt. Rev. Daniel Gutiérrez



Canon Iyad Qumri

Iyad Qumri is a canon at St. George's Cathedral in Jerusalem. Iyad is a licensed tour guide in Jerusalem specializing in U.S. Episcopal congregations, himself an Episcopalian, and he brings to the tour an unparalleled awareness of the Gospel, the region, and profound spiritual warmth. The Rev. Matthew Dayton-Welch is the pilgrimage coordinator.

## HOW DOES OUR PILGRIMAGE SUPPORT OUR FELLOW EPISCOPALIANS IN JERUSALEM?

Unlike many tours of the Holy Land, our pilgrimage is intended to deepen our connectedness to our Episcopal sisters and brothers through ongoing fellowship and direct financial support. We'll visit several of their churches and outreach ministries, and a portion of the funds raised for the pilgrimage will go to support the institutions we visit. Once we are home, we will stay connected to the church in the Middle East through our partners at the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ), who will receive our pilgrims' basic contact information. Rooted in the Episcopal Church, AFEDJ is a U.S.-based organization committed to improving the lives of those most in need in the Holy Land by supporting the hospitals and schools of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. You may opt out of their correspondence at any time.

## WHAT IS THE TOTAL PRICE OF THE TRIP?

The trip is **\$4,920.00** for a double occupancy room (with a spouse, partner, or roommate) and **\$5,460.00** for a private single room.\* (Note: there is a limited number of private single rooms available.) This rate includes direct air travel and all transportation, accommodations, meals, admissions fees, guide fees, speaker fees, and tips while in country. The rate also includes a reasonable donation to support the ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, the amount of which is determined once final expenses are calculated. The rate does not include personal expenses such as alcohol and nonalcoholic drinks, phone calls, laundry or medical insurance. International medical insurance coverage and travel insurance is required for this pilgrimage.

We are happy to arrange pairings should you be traveling alone and would like a roommate.

#### WHAT IS THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE?

\$500.00 at the time of registration  
\$1,000.00 by September 30th, 2019  
\$1,000.00 by October 31st, 2019  
\$1,000.00 by November 31st, 2019  
\$1,420.00 by December 31st, 2019 (or \$1,960.00 for single occupancy)

Registrants with delayed payments risk losing their slot on the pilgrimage, especially if demand requires a wait list. Refunds are determined by the date of ask and are not guaranteed.

#### HOW DO I REGISTER?

Complete the attached registration form and send it, along with a \$500 non-refundable deposit and a photocopy of your passport's personal information page, to:

St. Alban's Episcopal Church  
Attn: The Rev. Matthew Dayton-Welch  
3625 Chapel Road  
Newtown Square, PA 19073

**The check should be made out to: THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA with HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE in the memo line.**

#### WHAT TRAVEL DOCUMENTS DO I NEED?

It is essential that you have a current passport in hand with an **expiration date not before October 31st, 2020**. Visas to Israel are not required for persons from Australia, Canada, the United States and Western Europe.

#### HOW ARE WE GETTING THERE?

Our flight to Tel Aviv is direct on United Airlines from Newark Airport, and the flight time is between 11 and 12 hours. Both flights are overnight.

The pilgrimage package price includes one seat in economy. Because of the nature of our group reservation, we are unable to secure specific seat requests such as aisles or windows, redeem Star Alliance miles to lessen the ticket price, purchase multiple seats for one person, or guarantee upgrades. Seat upgrades to business class are dependent on availability, and the difference must be paid in full at the time of registration. Seat upgrades to "economy plus" are dependent on availability at the time of ticketing—generally two weeks prior to departure—and the difference can only be paid once the upgrade is confirmed. NOTE: registration and refunds cannot be contingent on the confirmation of seat upgrades.

It is the pilgrim's responsibility to be at Newark Airport on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at the designated meeting time. Transportation to the airport is not provided.

#### MAY I INVITE SOMEONE FROM OUTSIDE MY CHURCH TO JOIN ME?

Absolutely! While the pilgrimage will cater to the spiritual and ascetical practices of Episcopalians, such on-the-ground encounters with the Gospels is valuable to all God's children, no matter where they might be in their faith journey. If this pilgrimage would deepen your spirituality, then come.

## WHERE ARE WE STAYING?

We will be staying in two small guesthouses that are clean, well-appointed but modest, and within walking distance of shops and sites. Both guesthouses are popular with American pilgrims.

In Jerusalem our home is at St. George's Pilgrim Guest House, located on the "close" (enclosed campus) of St. George's Cathedral, which includes the cathedral church, the diocesan offices, bishop's residence, St. George's School, and St. George's College. The Guest House is part of the hospitality ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. Located just a ten-minute walk from the Old City of Jerusalem, St. George's is a welcome oasis with a beautiful garden, comfortable rooms, excellent food, and a helpful and friendly staff. Each room has its own bathroom, TV, heat and a/c. Breakfasts offer both traditional local foods and Western fare, served buffet style. Dinners are varied each evening.



St. George's Guest House, Jerusalem

In the Galilee our home is in the heart of Nazareth at the Sisters of Nazareth Guesthouse. The rooms are a bit smaller than St. George's, but have been fully updated, have climate control, and are noted for their very clean upkeep. There is a lovely courtyard and a rooftop terrace for pilgrims to enjoy. The sisters offer a complimentary aperitif before dinner, which is served family-style. Breakfasts are simple, usually consisting of delicious bread (homemade), jams, cheese, fruit, hardboiled eggs, juices, and coffee.

Unless specifically indicated, all meals are included throughout the pilgrimage. Breakfasts and dinners are served at the guesthouses, and lunches are in local restaurants. There are several nights when you may plan to enjoy local restaurants on your own. When you do this, our hosts must be notified the day prior, and the cost of the missed meal will not be reimbursed. If you have dietary restrictions, please indicate that on your registration form; we will endeavor to accommodate them, though some alternatives may not always be available.

## AM I HEALTHY ENOUGH FOR THIS PILGRIMAGE?

Our travel to and from our destinations will be provided by a clean motor coach, but extensive walking is common most days, some of it up hill, on uneven terrain, or requiring stairs. Because many of the sites are not easily accessed, those persons needing oxygen, wheelchairs, or other ambulatory assistance will find their pilgrimage experience limiting, and some sites may be inaccessible. Some sites, like the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, might disturb those who are sensitive to incense. The pilgrimage leaders will make every effort to accommodate such physical requirements but may be unable to do so at some locations or without significant disruption to the group. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Rev. Matthew Dayton-Welch at [rector@stalbansnewtownsquare.org](mailto:rector@stalbansnewtownsquare.org) or by calling (610) 356-0459.

## \*THE FINE PRINT

All prices quoted are subject to change prior to payment due to airline taxes, surcharges, and government fees. All flight times are subject to change by the airline. Our itinerary in country is subject to changes at the discretion of the tour guides; however, your experienced guides are determined to provide the best possible pilgrimage experience possible.



**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Please print your name **exactly** as it appears on your passport:

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Passport number \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Issue \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: the expiration date must not be before October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020, or entry into Israel may be denied.  
Please attach a copy of your passport information page to this registration form.**

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone numbers (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact best number \_\_\_\_\_

Please note any dietary restrictions or allergies you might have \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Church affiliation, if any \_\_\_\_\_

**ROOM TYPE**

Shared double bed with spouse in shared room  Twin bed in shared room for two

I request to room with \_\_\_\_\_

Single (single bed in private room) Please note: there are a limited number of single rooms, and there is a \$540.00 supplement charge for each single room. These are assigned on request based on earliest deposit and at the discretion of the pilgrimage coordinator.

**TO COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION, PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM AND THE FOLLOWING PERMISSION AND LIABILITY WAIVER, ALONG WITH YOUR NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT OF \$500.00 AND COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT INFORMATION PAGE, TO THE REV. MATTHEW DAYTON-WELCH AT ST. ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 3625 CHAPEL ROAD, NEWTOWN SQUARE, PA 19073.**

# PERMISSION AND LIABILITY WAIVER

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## PERMISSION FOR PUBLICITY

*During the pilgrimage, the group's leaders or participants might take photographs, audio, or video recordings of trip participants. I consent to the use of any such audio or visual record to be used, distributed or displayed as agents of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, its churches, or AFEDJ see fit.*

\_\_\_\_\_ I give permission for publicity (please sign) \_\_\_\_\_

## RELEASE OF LIABILITY

*By signing this waiver form, I attest that I am physically able to participate in these activities, unless I have already addressed any issues to the pilgrimage coordinator. I acknowledge that there are certain risks involved with travel. I release St. Alban's Episcopal Church, the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, and its affiliates, volunteers, and employees of all responsibilities for any injuries to body or property which may occur during the course of the pilgrimage. In the event of an emergency in which I am unable to respond, and my emergency contact cannot be reached, I authorize the pilgrimage coordinator to make any immediate medical decisions and administer or solicit first aid if deemed necessary. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless St. Alban's Episcopal Church, the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, and its affiliates, volunteers, and employees of any and all claims arising from my participation in the pilgrimage or as a result of injury or illness I sustain during said activities.*

\_\_\_\_\_ I represent that I am the participant, and I have read this waiver form and am fully aware of its contents thereof.

(please print name) \_\_\_\_\_

(please sign name) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_