#### **HORIZONS**

#### Byzantine Catholic Pilgrimage to Rome May 13-22, 2019

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Enclosed is my/our deposit of \$1,000 p/person for the above pilgrimage and a photocopy of the photo page of my/our passport (s).

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#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: Mon., May 13 – New York/En Route

Depart from New York for your overnight trans-Atlantic flight to Rome.

#### DAY 2: Tues., May 14 - Rome

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**AM:** Welcome to Italy! Upon your arrival you will be met at the airport and escorted to your motor coach.

Begin the pilgrimage with a glimpse into Byzantine Catholic Rome. Visit the Basilica of San Clemente, where St. Cyril, Apostle to the Slavs, is buried. Enjoy a tour of the church and the catacombs that are under the care of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans).

**Lunch:** Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant.

**PM:** After lunch, you will check in to the hotel and have time to relax.

**Dinner:** Enjoy a welcome dinner, followed by a bus tour of Rome by night.

# DAY 3: Wed., May 15 - Rome AM: Papal Audience B,D

After breakfast at the hotel, you will proceed to St. Peter's Square to attend the Papal Audience, subject to the availability of the Holy Father.

#### PM: Tour of the Vatican Museums

Visit one of the most splendid museums in the world, the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel. See exceptional art from antiquity and stunning Renaissance paintings in the Raphael Rooms. Marvel at Michelangelo's "Last Judgment" and brightly-colored ceiling frescoes in the Sistine Chapel.

Continue to St. Peter's Square, nestled within Bernini's imposing 284-column colonnade. The basilica interior, extending for 186 meters, culminates under the dome with the Confession Altar and the Papal Altar, under the sumptuous bronze baldachin by Bernini. In the first chapel on the right is the famed "Pieta" by Michelangelo.

**Dinner:** Enjoy dinner at the hotel.

# DAY 4: Thurs., May 16 - Rome

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# **AM:** Walking Tour of Rome

Enjoy a walking tour of Rome including Piazza Navona, the Spanish Steps, and the Trevi Fountain. Continue along the Old Appian Way to visit one of the magnificent Catacombs of Rome. Here the Early Christians, persecuted by the Romans practiced their religious rites in secret and buried their dead.

**PM:** Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to explore on your own. Meet at the Greek College for Vespers at 7 p.m.

**Dinner:** Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

## **DAY 5: Fri., May 17 - Rome** B,D

AM: Visit and celebrate Divine Liturgy at the Basilica Santa Maria Maggiore. Continue with a visit the Basilica of Santa Prassede, where you can contemplate the Early Church mosaics, Pantocator, and the pillar upon which, according to tradition, Christ was flogged. Then visit the Church of St. Alphonsus Liguori, where the original icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is preserved. Next, you will visit the Pontifical Oriental Institute and learn about how this Jesuit-run institution nurtures the study and maintains the traditions of the Eastern Catholic Churches.

#### **PM: Tour of Ancient Rome**

Visit the monumental Coliseum, famed battleground of the gladiators, and scene, according to some, of the martyrdom of Early Christians. Next, you will visit the Roman Forum. Once nothing more than a marshy hollow, the area was drained with the digging of the "Cloaca Maxima;" it became the political, commercial, and religious center of Rome. Excavations began in the 18th century.

**Dinner:** Enjoy dinner at the hotel.

# DAY 6: Sat., May 18 – Rome/Grottaferrata/ Castelgandolfo/Rome B,D

**AM:** Enjoy a day among the lakes and hills to the south of Rome, called the Roman Castles (Castelli Romani). This morning you will visit and celebrate Divine Liturgy at the Monastery of Grottaferrata and visit the old presses that once printed all of the Byzantine Catholic prayer books.

**PM:** You will visit another charming town in the Roman Castles region, called Castelgandolfo, where the papal summer palace, gardens and Vatican Observatory are situated. Enjoy a tour of the Jesuit-run Vatican Observatory, as well as the Vatican Gardens. Enjoy a stroll through the ancient streets of town.

**Dinner:** Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

#### DAY 7: Sun., May 19 - Rome

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AM: Celebrate Sunday Divine Liturgy at the Russian Catholic Church of San Antonio Abate, the church in Rome associated with the Russicum (Pontifical Russian College) and the Catholic Church's original mission to Russia. Blessed Theodore Romzha, 20<sup>th</sup>century martyred bishop of Mukachevo, Ukraine, studied at the Russicum and was ordained a priest here.

**PM:** Visit the magnificent Basilica of St. Paul's Outside the Walls, the largest in Rome after St. Peter's. Marvel at its beautiful cloisters. It is said that when Emperor Constantine the Great brought peace to the Christian Church he enclosed the Apostle's body in a metal case and placed upon it a heavy cross of gold. He then built a church above the grave. St. Paul's is one of the four papal basilicas.

Next, you will visit the Basilica of John in Lateran. Opposite, a 16<sup>th</sup>-century building holds the Scala Santa (Holy Stairs), which according to legend were the stairs Christ climbed to meet Pontius Pilate and which were brought to Rome by St. Helena.

**Dinner:** Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

#### DAY 8: Mon., May 20 – Rome

Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore this fascinating city on your own or take an optional excursion to Assisi (Additional cost of \$125.)

#### DAY 9: Tues., May 21 – Rome

**AM:** Celebrate Divine Liturgy at the Tomb of St. Peter at the Vatican. Enjoy the rest of the morning exploring the Roman borough near Vatican City.

**PM:** Visit the relics of Christ's crucifixion in the Basilica of Santa Croce in Gerusalemme, the Byzantine mosaics in the Basilica of Santa Maria in

Trastevere, and the Church of Santa Cecilia. Visit the Circus Maximus, the hippodrome of the Roman Empire, and conclude the day with Vespers at the Greek Catholic Church of Santa Maria in Cosmedin.

**Dinner:** Enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 10: Wed., May 22 – Rome/New York B

**AM:** Hotel-airport transfer for your return flight. B=breakfast; L=lunch; D=dinner

\$699 single room supplement

**COST P/PERSON FROM NEW YORK:** \$3,725 double occupancy

The price includes all air taxes and fuel surcharges.

#### COST INCLUDES

Air: Round-trip airfare from New York, economy class

**Hotels:** 8 nights in moderate first-class hotels

*Meals:* Two meals per day

**Sightseeing:** Extensive as per itinerary \* All sightseeing in private deluxe motor coaches and includes the services of expert English speaking guides and entrance fees

**Tour Director:** Experienced English speaking Tour Director will the accompany group

**Transportation & Transfers:** In private deluxe motor

coaches

Miscellaneous: Hotel taxes and service charges \* Porterage at the hotels

#### TOUR CONDITIONS

**TOUR PRICE:** Tour price is based upon current tariff and exchange rates and is subject to change. It is based upon a minimum of 45 fully paid passengers. In the event this minimum is not met a surcharge will be levied.

#### **REGISTRATION AND DEPOSITS:**

A deposit (by check) of \$1,000 p/person is required at time of registration, along with a signed registration form. You will be billed for the balance, which is due on or before March 15, 2019 by check. All registrations received after March 15, 2019, must be accompanied by full payment.

### **CANCELLATION TERMS:**

Cancellations received: Prior to Feb.15, 2019:

\$500 p/person

From Feb. 15-Feb. 28, 2019: \$1,000 p/person From March 1, 2019 onward: No refund All cancellations must be received in writing.

NOTE: Comprehensive insurance is available to cover trip cancellation and interruption, baggage protection, medical, accidental death & dismemberment and emergency evacuation and repatriation. A descriptive booklet will be mailed to you upon receipt of your deposit.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Economy class via any regular IATA carrier. Any cancellation, itinerary change or failure to use confirmed air space may be subject to penalties levied by the airlines at the time of ticketing. Air tickets, once issued, are non-refundable. This is in addition to above "Cancellation Terms."

PASSPORT/VISA REQUIREMENTS: A valid passport is required for all tour members. U.S. citizens do not require visas for travel to Italy. If you are not a U.S. citizen call the Consulate of EVERY country you will enter (even intransit when changing planes) to check on visa requirements. ALL passports must be valid for at least 6 months after the return date of the tour.

TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE: Passport, visa, and insurance. All items of a personal nature, beverages and meals not included in the tour. Gratuities to tour escort, local guides, bus drivers, and hotel and restaurant staff. Optional tours and excess baggage charges. Transfers are not included if you arrange your own air. There is no refund for unused land arrangements or any cost incurred through absence or deviation from the stated itinerary for any reason, including illness.

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