

Dear friends in Christ,

I sincerely invite you to consider joining me on this pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey to walk in the footsteps of the great Apostle, Paul. From being a persecutor of the faith to becoming one of its most fearless defenders, St. Paul's conversion is a unique and powerful story which continues to inspire many even beyond the Christian world. The life of faith is a spiritual journey, a process of ongoing conversion, and there is no better person to inspire us on this journey than the Apostle Paul. By going on this pilgrimage, we shall have the opportunity to visit the sites from where he wrote some of his letters and preached some of his sermons. We shall experience some of the communities he founded and influenced through his writings and ministry. It will offer us a window into the many sacrifices he made and the ways through which he was able to become an effective minister of the Gospel. By walking in his footsteps, we shall develop a much better understanding and a deeper appreciation of the Sacred Scriptures especially the New Testament. Indeed, this pilgrimage will certainly illuminate and strengthen our understanding of what it means to be a Christian in the world today.

In Philippians 1:21, St. Paul summarizes the Christian life with these words: To live is Christ, and to die is gain. In a time when many are confused about what it means to be a Christian and how to defend or explain the Christian faith to others, I believe that walking in the footsteps of this great apostle, will inspire and motivate us to understand that the Christian faith is truly a great treasure in earthen vessels.

I hope and pray that you will accompany me on this pilgrimage so that together we can follow in the path of his great apostle and as such, discover the mysteries of the tender love of God who desires the salvation of all.

God bless you!
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- Round-trip economy class airfare ATL – IST – ATL
- Flight or ferry transportation from Patmos to Athens
- Accommodations in first-class hotels (double occupancy)
- Daily buffet breakfast at the hotel
- Dinner daily at the hotel
- All entrance fees to sites and museums listed in the itinerary
- Professional English-speaking guide throughout the pilgrimage
- All transfers and transportation as stated in the itinerary
- Private air-conditioned motor coach from airport to airport
- Ferry tickets between Kusadasi and Samos
- Porterage (one piece of luggage per person, where available)
- Gratuities for the guide and driver
- Local taxes and service charges
- Accommodation taxes and VAT in Turkey and Greece
- Border assistant from the Ipsala border to Istanbul
- Single Supplement \$1,150 per person (single-room occupancy)



Walking in The Footsteps of St. Paul with Fr. Henry Atem

13 DAY GREECE & TURKEY PILGRIMAGE

**Izmir - Kusadasi - Ephesus - Samos - Patmos - Ancient Corinth
Athens - Meteora - Thessaloniki - Philippi - Kavala - Istanbul**

Oct. 7 - 19, 2026 From (ATL)

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Day 1: Departure – Pilgrimage of Faith Begins

Spiritual Focus: Beginning the pilgrimage

Suggested Scripture: Genesis 12:1–4 — “Go from your country... to the land I will show you.”

Mass: Not scheduled (travel day)

Depart the United States on your international flight to Izmir. As you begin this sacred pilgrimage, take time for prayer and reflection as complimentary meals and beverages are served onboard.

Day 2: Arrival in Izmir – Welcome to Kusadasi

Spiritual Focus: Preparation and welcome

Suggested Scripture: Psalm 121 — “Our help is from the Lord.”

Mass: Evening Mass at hotel or local chapel (subject to availability)

Arrive in Izmir and meet your local assistant. Transfer to the seaside town of Kusadasi. After hotel check-in, enjoy dinner and a peaceful evening, preparing spiritually for the holy places you will encounter during the pilgrimage.

Day 3: Kusadasi – St. John, Ephesus & the House of the Virgin Mary

Spiritual Focus: Mary and the Early Church

Suggested Scripture: John 19:26–27 — “Behold your mother.”

Mass: Celebrated at or near the House of the Virgin Mary (subject to permission)

Visit the Basilica of St. John, believed to be the burial site of the beloved disciple. Continue to the ancient city of Ephesus, where St. Paul preached and where early Christian communities flourished. Celebrate the spiritual highlight of the day at the House of the Virgin Mary, a place of prayer and devotion. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi.

Day 4: Ferry to Samos – Crossing Lands of the Apostles

Spiritual Focus: Missionary pilgrimage of St. Paul

Suggested Scripture: Acts 20:13–16

Mass: Morning Mass at hotel or onboard reflections during ferry crossing

Early morning ferry crossing to the island of Samos, traveling routes once used by St. Paul during his missionary pilgrimage. Enjoy a relaxed day on the island, reflecting on the courage and faith of the early Christians. Dinner and overnight in Samos.

Day 5: Patmos – The Cave of the Apocalypse

Spiritual Focus: Revelation and hope

Suggested Scripture: Revelation 1:9–11

Mass: Celebrated near the Cave of the Apocalypse (subject to availability)

Travel by ferry to the holy island of Patmos. Visit the Cave of the Apocalypse, where St. John received the visions recorded in the Book of Revelation. Time for prayer and quiet reflection. Return by night ferry and continue onward to Athens. Dinner and overnight in Athens.

Day 6: Ancient Corinth – Walking with St. Paul

Spiritual Focus: Life in Christ

Suggested Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1–13

Mass: Celebrated at Ancient Corinth or nearby church

Walk in the footsteps of St. Paul and reflect on his pastoral letters to the Corinthians. Depart for Ancient Corinth, one of the most important centers of early Christianity. Walk where St. Paul preached and wrote his letters to the Corinthians. Reflect on his teachings that continue to guide the Church today. Return to Athens for dinner and overnight.

Day 7: Athens – Acropolis, Mars Hill & the Ancient Agora

Spiritual Focus: Faith in a secular world

Suggested Scripture: Acts 17:22–28

Mass: Morning Mass at hotel or local church

Visit Mars Hill (Areopagus), where St. Paul proclaimed the “Unknown God.” Explore the Ancient Agora, once the heart of civic life, and reflect on the challenge of living faith in a secular world. Free time in the afternoon. Dinner and overnight in Athens.

Day 8: Meteora – Monastic Life & Prayer

Spiritual Focus: Prayer and monastic witness

Suggested Scripture: Matthew 6:6 — “Go to your inner room and pray.”

Mass: Morning Mass at hotel or nearby chapel

Journey to Meteora, home to monasteries suspended between heaven and earth. Visit the Monastery of St. Stephen and experience the spiritual depth of Orthodox monastic life. Time for prayer, reflection, and quiet contemplation. Dinner and overnight in Kalambaka.

Day 9: Vergina & Thessaloniki – Faith Through the Ages

Spiritual Focus: Perseverance in faith

Suggested Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:16–24

Mass: Celebrated in Thessaloniki

Visit Vergina, site of the royal Macedonian tombs, then continue to Thessaloniki, an important city visited by St. Paul. Reflect on his letters to the Thessalonians and the perseverance of early Christian communities. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki.

Day 10: Philippi & Kavala – Baptism and Mission

Spiritual Focus: Baptism and mission

Suggested Scripture: Acts 16:11–15

Mass: Celebrated at St. Lydia’s Baptistry (subject to permission)

Visit Philippi, where St. Paul established the first Christian community in Europe. Pray at St. Lydia’s Baptistry, commemorating the first Christian baptism on European soil. Continue to Kavala (ancient Neapolis), where St. Paul first landed in Europe. Dinner and overnight in Kavala.

Day 11: Return to Istanbul – Crossing Continents

Spiritual Focus: Unity of East and West

Suggested Scripture: Ephesians 2:13–18

Mass: Evening Mass at hotel or local church

Travel back to Turkey via the Ipsala border, symbolically retracing the path between East and West. Dinner and overnight in Istanbul.

Day 12: Istanbul – Faith at the Crossroads of History

Spiritual Focus: Christianity through history

Suggested Scripture: Hebrews 13:8 — “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”

Mass: Farewell Mass (subject to availability)

Full-day guided tour of Istanbul. Visit Hagia Sophia, a masterpiece of Christian architecture, the Blue Mosque, and the Hippodrome of ancient Byzantium. Conclude the pilgrimage, giving thanks for the spiritual pilgrimage shared together. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 13: Return to the USA

Spiritual Focus: Sent forth

Suggested Scripture: Matthew 28:19–20

Mass: Not scheduled (travel day)

After breakfast, transfer to Istanbul Airport for your return flight home. Carry with you renewed faith, deeper understanding of Sacred Scripture, and lasting memories of walking in the footsteps of the Apostles.