

TAKE A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME AND HISTORY ON A PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE AND CONSTANTINOPLE (ISTANBUL)

JUNE 21 TO JULY 6, 2011

Join His Grace Maxim, Bishop of Western America and Fr Blasko Paraklis of Orange County, CA on a fascinating guided tour of the Orthodox monasteries and historic sites of ancient Greece and its flourishing Byzantine Empire of a bygone age!

Enjoy the stunning scenery and legendary places.

Experience a spiritual renewal as your guides share their intimate knowledge of Orthodoxy, and their insights into the beliefs and traditions of the faith.

• Explore Constantinople, located between the Golden Horn and the Sea of Marmora, where Europe meets Asia. It was the "Queen of Cities" throughout the Middle Ages, the capital of Byzantium, until its fall to the Ottoman Empire in 1453. It was renamed ISTANBUL in 1930. See its crown jewel, Agia Sophia, the biggest Orthodox Church in the world, now a museum. Visit the Old City, with its souks and bazaars, its medieval architecture and traditions.



• Visit the Famed Mt Athos, where the men will spend 3 days, while the women take a cruise around Mt Athos and enjoy 3 days in the beautiful resort city of Uranopolis.

The stunning, wild landscape of Mt Athos, above the dark blue sea, isolates the hermits and monks in a peaceful solitary world.

Western American Diocese of the Serbian Orthodox Church
in North and South America

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME !

• Enjoy Crete. This largest island of the Greek Isles has everything to offer: mountainous landscapes, a coast with beautiful beaches and rocky coves, charming villages and harbors, and ruins like Knossos of the Minoan civilization.



• Discover Meteora. Marvel at the stark beauty of its fantastic barren peaks upon which medieval monks built monasteries. These isolated monasteries of Meteora helped keep alive Greek Orthodox religious traditions and Hellenic culture during the turbulent Middle Ages

Your tour will include many beautiful Orthodox churches and monasteries throughout Greece, veneration of holy relics, and an audience with All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomeus in Istanbul.



Space is limited, so act now to ensure a reservation.
Price per person is about \$3,500.00 to include airfare,
accommodations and fees.

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