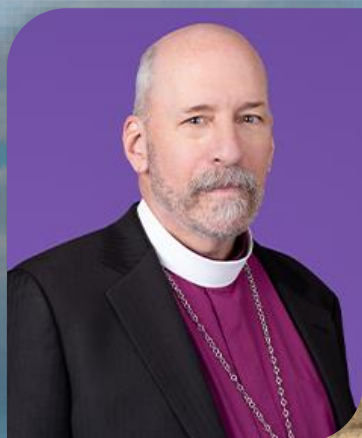


# Metropolitan New York Synod of the ELCA

## Holy Land

# Solidarity & Accompaniment



Bishop Paul Egensteiner

***June 10 - 20, 2025***  
***From New York, NY (JFK)***  
***Package Price: \$4190***



Pastor Khader Khalilia

### **Package Includes:**

- † **Roundtrip Airfare**
- † **All nights accommodations in double occupancy luxury hotels**
- † **Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily**
- † **Ten days sightseeing in modern air-conditioned private bus**
- † **English speaking government licensed Christian tour guide on duty**
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# Holy Land itinerary highlights June 10 - 20, 2025

## Day 1: Tuesday

### Departure from USA

Depart for your overnight flight to the Holy Land. Meals will be served on board.

## Day 2: Wednesday

### Arrival Hotel Transfer

Arrival at Tel Aviv Airport meet your guide at the Airport, drive to your Hotel in Galilee for dinner and overnight Tiberius. **(D)**

## Day 3: Thursday

### Nazareth/ Cana/Mount Tabor

Start our visit to the Church of Annunciation and Cana of Galilee, with the opportunity to renew marriage vows. A visit to the Mt. Tabor, the Mt of Transfiguration follows. Dinner and overnight in Tiberius. **(B, L, D)**

## Day 4: Friday

### Golan Heights/ Sea of Galilee

On a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee we will celebrate Holy Communion. We will visit Mount of Beatitudes, church of Multiplications of Fish & Loaves, Capernaum, then drive to Golan Heights to visit Caesarea Philippi. Dinner and overnight in in Tiberius. **(B, L, D)**

## Day 5: Saturday

### Haifa/ Caesarea

Depart Galilee area via coastal plains, visit Meggido, then we drive to Stella Marris at Mount Carmel to visit the church of Prophet Elijah, after lunch we continue south to visit Caesarea Maritima, from there we continue our way to Jerusalem. Continue to Bethlehem through Jerusalem. Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem. **(B, L, D)**

## Day 6: Sunday

### Shepherd's Field/ Bethlehem

Start the day with worship with the local ELCJHL congregation. Visit the shepherd's field, church of Nativity, old city of Bethlehem, and Mount Herodian. Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem. **(B, L, D)**

## Day 7: Monday

### Dead Sea area

Full Day Tour in the Dead Sea area, River Jordan, Qumran and float in the Dead Sea, view the Good Samaritan Inn, St. George in the Judean Wilderness. Visit the old city of Jericho Elisha Spring and view Mount Temptation Monastery. Chance to meet with the ELCA YAGM (Young Adults in Global Mission). Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem. **(B, L, D)**

## Day 8: Tuesday

### Bethlehem, ELCJHL School

Today we will visit local ELCJHL school. In the afternoon we will visit the Tent of Nations, lunch, and chance for planting trees. Visit the Walled off hotel, walk by the by Bethlehem Refugee Camp. Optional dinner with local Christian families or dinner and overnight in Bethlehem. **(B, L, D)**

## Day 9: Wednesday

### Mount of Olives/ Mount Zion

Start our day visiting Augusta Victoria hospital and Lutheran World Federation on top of Mount of Olives, Walk the Palm Sunday Path, church of Gethsemane and the Kedron Valley. Visit the last Supper room, Mount Zion, Saint Peter in Gallicantu and Shrine of the Book & Model of Jerusalem time of Jesus. Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem **(B, L, D)**

## Day 10: Thursday

### Old city of Jerusalem

Visit the Wailing Wall, Temple Mount, Dome of the Rock & Al Aqsa Mosque, then visit the church of St. Anne and pool of Bethesda, Via Dolorosa and Church of the Holy Sepulcher. We will meet with ELCA and ELCJHL leaders. We will enjoy some free time in Jerusalem. Dinner at a Tent restaurant and enjoy a traditional Palestinian folklore music and dance, overnight in Bethlehem. **(B, L, D)**

## Day 11: Friday

### Departure

After breakfast we will transfer to the airport for our flight home or take the optional extension to Jordan. **(B)**

**Note:** \*While we do our very best at making sure all items listed in your itinerary are included, there are times when conditions beyond our control affect your program/itinerary, including but not limited to air carrier changes, delays, weather, political climate, time constraints, or changes by your tour leader and tour guide.

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**ACCEPTANCE:** Registration for trip and payment of deposit constitutes your acceptance of the "Fine Print."

**Trip date:**  
June 10 - 20, 2025

**Package Price: \$4190**  
**Single supplement: \$890 (Private Room)**

**Package price includes the following:**

- Round Trip Airline Ticket
- Meet & Assist at Ben Gurion Airport upon arrivals and departures
- Three nights' accommodation in Tiberius in double occupancy with breakfast and dinner
- Six night's accommodation in Bethlehem in double occupancy with breakfast and dinner
- Ten days sightseeing in modern air-conditioned private bus
- English Speaking government licensed Christian Guide.
- All entrance fees to places of interests
- Special dinner at oriental restaurant with folklore show
- Lunches
- Tips for hotels

**Package price does not include the following:**

- Soft drinks
- All Personal Expenses
- Travel Insurance
- Tips for Guide, Driver
- All prices reflect a 4% cash discount and is forfeited when using a credit card

I agree to the conditions as stated above

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes:  
All prices are in US Dollars based on per person in a double room, Pax rooming alone is subject to single supplement, and maximum capacity of the bus is 50 Pax. All prices are VAT inclusive



# RESERVATION APPLICATION

## Metropolitan New York Synod of the ELCA Tour Leaders: Bishop Paul Egensteiner and Pastor Khader Khalilia

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

June 10 - 20, 2025

Group Reference Number: **HL061025**

### PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please complete one application per person)

<b>Full Name</b> (as printed on your passport):			
First Name:	Middle Name:	Last Name:	
<b>Name</b> (as you wish it to appear on your name badge):		<b>Date of birth:</b>	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	Street:	<b>Mobile phone:</b>	<b>Home phone:</b>
City:	State:	Zip code:	<b>Work phone:</b>
<b>Email address:</b>			

### PASSPORT INFORMATION

<b>Country of citizenship:</b>	<b>Passport number:</b>
<b>Passport date of issue:</b>	<b>Passport date of expiration:</b>
<b>Frequent flyer number:</b>	<b>Known traveler number:</b>

### ROOM ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

<b>Please check one:</b> Double/Triple occupancy <input type="checkbox"/> Single occupancy ( <b>Private Room</b> ) \$890.00 additional <input type="checkbox"/> <i>*All prices are in US Dollars based on per person in a double/Triple room, Passengers rooming alone is subject to single supplement*</i>
<b>If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate if known at the time of booking:</b>
<b>If choosing single occupancy, would you be willing to share a room with another person?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

### EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

<b>Please list the name, relationship, and phone number for a family member/close friend who is <u>NOT</u> traveling with you:</b>
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<b>I agree to the terms and conditions as stated in this tour contract:</b> Signature: _____ Date: _____
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Please enclose a copy of current passport and a deposit of **\$500.00 per person** made payable to

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