

The Holy Cross Church, Brooklyn, NY presents:  
**Pilgrimage to Constantinople – Nicaea – Silivria**  
**November 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Sunday, November 10**

1:20pm Depart JFK, New York, Turkish Airlines Flight TK 4

**Monday, November 11**

Arrival at Constantinople 7:05am

Continue to Silivri, to the home of St. Nektarios

Drive Back to Constantinople and Visit Churches of Zoodochos Pege (The Life-giving Font) and Panagia Vlahernes

Check in Point Hotel Taksim: Topçu Caddesi No.2 Taksim - İstanbul – Phone: 011.90.212.313.5000

Walk to Agia Triada and visit Taksim Square.

Dinner at Hotel

**Tuesday, November 12**

Breakfast at Hotel

Drive to the old city and visit Monastery of Pantokrator (Zeyrek Mosque) which was recently renovated,

Church of Panagia Pammakaristos (Fethiye Mosque) which served as the Patriarchate in the past,

Monastery of Chora (Kariye Museum) which is known for its most beautiful mosaics,

Hagia Sophia which is an architectural masterpiece and the most known center of Orthodoxy,

Church of Sergios and Bacchos (also known as the Little Hagia Sophia)

and the Basilica Cistern, a phenomenal and mystical building.

Return to Hotel for Dinner

**Wednesday, November 13**

Breakfast at Hotel

Visit of the Patriarchate and attend the Divine Liturgy for St. John Chrysostomos

At the afternoon visit of Topkapi Palace and the Church of Hagia Irini, where the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ecumenical Council was held

At late afternoon a most beautiful Boat Tour of the Bosphorus River.

Return to Hotel for Dinner

**Thursday, November 14**

Breakfast at Hotel

Full day visit of the Princess Islands. First visit at the famous school of Theology and

Monastery of Hagia Triada (Holy Trinity) on Chalki (Heybeliada) Island

Continue to Pringipo (Buyukada) Island and visit of Saint Georgios Koudounas Church.

Return to Hotel for Dinner

**Friday, November 15**

Full day visit of Nicaea. Drive to the Asian side of Turkey crossing the Fatih Sultan Mehmet Suspension Bridge

and then by ferry-boat to Elenoupoli (Yalova).

Continue to Nicaea (Iznik), which served as the capital of the Byzantine Empire 1204-1261

and visit Hagia Sophia which is the place of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council,

Ancient Theater, the beautiful City Walls and Gates

and Ruins of the Church of Hagios Tryphon, Kimisis Church and Ottoman Ceramic Factories.

Return to Hotel for Dinner

**Saturday, November 16**

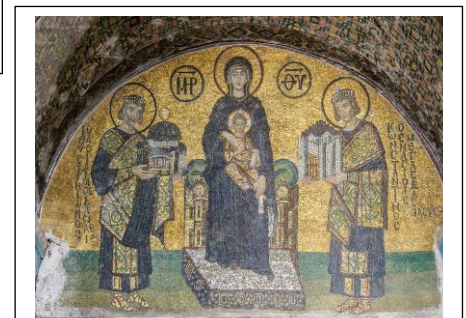
Breakfast at Hotel

Visit of the Grand Bazaar (Kapali Carsi)

12:00 pm Arrival at Istanbul, Airport

2:55pm Depart for New York, Turkish Airlines Flight TK 1

6:15pm Arrival at JFK, New York



**TOTAL PRICE: \$2,200**      **Contact Fr. Gerasimos Makris at 718-836-3510**

**INCLUDED SERVICES**

1-All tour and transfers with deluxe bus and professional tourist guide

2-Breakfast and dinner at the hotels. (Drinks, except water, excluded)

3-All entrances to the above mentioned museums

4- All tips and VAT taxes

5-Private Boat for the Bosphorus Cruise and public boat tickets for the islands.

8- All parking and motorway fees. (Horse Carriage Rides on Princess Islands excluded)