



Fr. Tom Belleque
St. John the Evangelist Parish
**Footsteps of St. Paul
& St. John Pilgrimage**

April 8-17, 2018
(10 days)

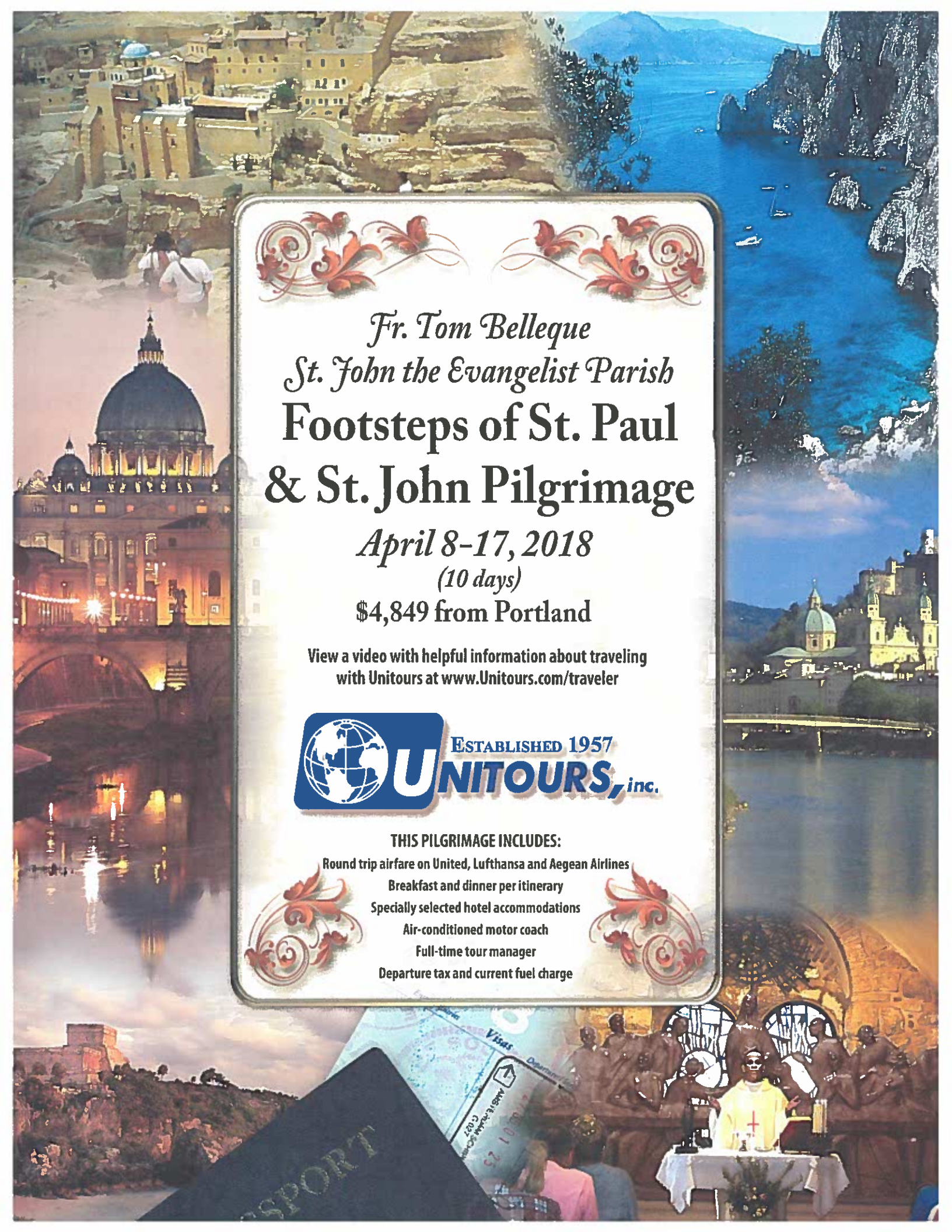
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Dear Friends in Christ,

I feel so very blessed to be the pastor of St. John the Evangelist parish as we prepare to celebrate our 150th anniversary as a faith community. We have an outstanding 150th anniversary steering committee busy planning many events to enable us, as a community, to truly celebrate with joy and faith the gift that we have received in calling St. John the Evangelist parish our spiritual home. One of the highlights of our anniversary activities is our parish pilgrimage. I invite you to join me and your fellow

parishioners as we walk in the footsteps of St. Paul and St. John the Evangelist. Truly a highlight of our time together will be to visit the Greek Isle of Patmos where our Patron Saint, St. John the Evangelist, received the inspiration to write the Book of Revelation. Imagine the priceless opportunity of offering the prayers of our parish community here at this sacred site of our patron saint! I know this pilgrimage opportunity will be a blessing in the lives of all who make the journey, and through our faithful participation, a blessing to our St. John parish community as we celebrate our 150th anniversary.

Peace+
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ITINERARY

Sunday, April 8 – Day 1 – DEPART USA – We depart the USA on our transatlantic flight aboard a wide-bodied jet. Our arrival is expected in the morning. We enjoy in-flight movies, dinner and breakfast aloft.

Monday, April 9 – Day 2 – THESSALONIKI – We arrive in Thessaloniki via best connections. Upon arrival, we are met and enjoy a short sightseeing tour of this famous port city. We drive up to the old town to see the place where St. Paul preached the gospel to the Thessalonians. We visit the St. Demetrius Church, the white tower, the Arch of Galerius and get into the spirit of this fabulous town. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. N.B. DEPENDING ON FINAL AIR SCHEDULES, ARRIVAL DAY SIGHTSEEING MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE AND THESE SITES WILL BE MOVED TO ANOTHER DAY.

Tuesday, April 10 – Day 3 – THESSALONIKI/ PHILIPPI – Our full day excursion takes us along the ancient route of St. Paul, through mountain passes and plains on the traces of the Old Egnatia Avenue. We continue to Ancient Philippi, where Paul established the first church in Europe. Weather permitting; we celebrate an outdoor Mass at Philippi at the traditional site where Paul baptized Lydia. We continue on a short drive to Kavala, the site of ancient Neapolis, where Paul landed on the way to Philippi. We return to Thessaloniki in the late afternoon. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Wednesday, April 11 – Day 4 – THESSALONIKI/ VERIA/VERGINA/KALAMBAKA – This morning following Mass at a local parish Church of the Immaculate Conception, we depart Thessaloniki and drive through the plains of Thessaly, visit the legendary home of the Greek Gods and continue to Veria (Beroea of the New Testament). Paul visited here en route to Athens. The Scriptures say the people here were "more noble than in Thessaloniki." Paul and Silas were taken here after the Thessaloniki pagans attacked them. We then visit Vergina a modern town in Greece and the location of the ancient capital of the Macedonians, called Aigeai. We end in Kalambaka with dinner and overnight.

Thursday, April 12 – Day 5 – KALAMBAKA/ATHENS – This morning we continue to nearby Meteora whose pillar-like rocks provide an amazing site. The Meteora (meaning "suspended rocks," "suspended in the air," "in the heavens above") is one of the largest and one of the most important complexes of Eastern Orthodox Monasteries in Greece. The six Monasteries are built on natural sandstone rock pillars at the northwestern edge of the Plain of Thessaly. Afterwards we proceed south getting on the highway and catching a glimpse of Mt. Olympus as we proceed through the towns of Lamia and Larissa, and into Athens. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Friday, April 13 – Day 6 – ATHENS/LAVRIO/CRUISE – We are transferred from our hotel to the seaport of Lavrio where we board our cruise ship for our three-day cruise to the Greek Islands and Turkey. That same afternoon, we arrive at the island of Mykonos with its whitewashed houses and winding streets. Following Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Church we are free to explore this picturesque island, startling white against the multi-hued sunset. Dinner and overnight aboard our ship.

Saturday, April 14 – Day 7 – EPHEBUS (KUSADASI)/ PATMOS – This morning our ship docks in Kusadasi where our excursion takes us first to the Temple of Diana, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. Some of the most spectacular ruins of the world are to be found in Ephesus, the city to whom St. Paul wrote his famous epistle. Early Christian tradition also believes that Mary, the Mother of Our Lord also lived here with St. John. We continue to Mary's House where we celebrate Mass. We return to our ship for lunch where we continue on to Patmos, which was considered sacred and is often referred to as the "Jerusalem of the Aegean." It was here that the Evangelist St. John received the inspiration for the Apocalypse. Our excursion visits the Monastery of St. John, a huge fortress-like building dating from the 11th century. We also visit the grotto, where tradition says that St. John wrote the Book of Revelation. We return to our ship and overnight.

Sunday, April 15 – Day 8 – CRETE & SANTORINI – This morning, we arrive at Heraklion on the island of Crete, the largest of the Greek island, where Paul was shipwrecked during his journey to Rome. Here we will find the ruins of the Minoan church and the museum depicting the birth of the Minoan. We celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. Return to our ship for lunch while sailing to Santorini. This afternoon, we visit Santorini, the island thought by many to be the lost continent of Atlantis. Here we join a visit to Oia Village. On route admire the panoramic view of the Aegean Sea and neighboring islands. Built on the Caldera rim, Oia Village is an excellent example of Cycladic architecture. We explore by walking along the cobble-stone streets and the white washed houses with blue shutters which appears as a beautiful travel poster. Our excursion ends in Fira where our guide will show us the way to the cable car back to the ship.

Monday, April 16 – Day 9 – LAVRIO/ CORINTH/ATHENS – Upon Arrival in Lavrio, we disembark and drive to nearby Athens for a visit to the legendary Acropolis. We see the chief jewel of the Acropolis – the Parthenon, the Temple of Winged Victory, the Propylea and the Erechtheum with its peerless Porch of Maidens. Beneath the Acropolis is the Areopagus or Mars Hill. This is where St. Paul made his famous "Men of Athens" speech revealing a considerable knowledge of the Greek philosophy and character. Afterwards, we drive along the coastal highway to Corinth, with a splendid view of the Aegean Sea. After a short stop at the Corinth Canal which connects the Aegean and Ionian Seas, we arrive in Ancient Corinth. We visit the ruins of Corinth, where St. Paul worked with Aquila and Priscilla. Included are the first century shops, the Agora, Temple of Apollo and the Bema Seat. Conditions permitting, we celebrate Mass on the very site where St. Paul preached. We return to Athens and check in to our hotel. We have the opportunity to explore the culinary delights of Athens tonight, as dinner will be on our own. Overnight at the hotel.

Tuesday, April 17 – Day 10 – ATHENS/USA – This morning we transfer to the airport for our return flight home.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Total Tour Price: The tour price is based on airfare, cruise, land rates and rates of exchange in effect January 9, 2017. All rates are subject to change without prior notice. Should the rates go up or down, an adjustment would be made prior to departure. Refunds CANNOT be granted for any accommodations, services or events that are not used nor if you deviate from the tour. If fewer than 45 pilgrims participate a price adjustment may be necessary.

Passport And Visa Requirements: A valid passport is required. At the time of printing, U.S. citizens holding valid passports DO NOT REQUIRE visas or immunization for the country or countries being visited. Passport MUST be valid until October 17, 2018 or later. Citizens of countries other than U.S. – please contact the consulate of the country or countries being visited to determine visa requirements.

Air Transportation: International flight reservations are being held on United and Austrian Airlines. No stopovers are permitted. Any changes after ticket is issued, carries a mandatory charge of \$200. Once the tickets are issued, they are NON-REFUNDABLE. Additional non-recoverable airline penalties of up to \$200 may be assessed for cancellations received within 90 days of departure

Domestic Airfare: For those who make domestic air arrangements to the originating city of this tour, your tour host and Unitours strongly recommend the purchase of tickets that can be changed without heavy fees and penalties as international flight schedules are always subject to change.

Hotel Accommodations: Specially selected hotels based on twin occupancy with private bath. Single Room supplement of \$1039 will be charged where requested and available. If you do not have a roommate and Unitours is unable to arrange one, you will be billed for the single room supplement. All singles are subject to availability.

Meals: Breakfast and Table D' Hote dinners are provided daily except where noted in the itinerary. An extra charge will be made when coffee, tea or other beverages are not included in the menu of the day with the dinner meal.

Tips And Taxes: Tips and taxes normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as service are included, as are all government and local taxes on hotels and meals, portage of one suitcase per person. International departure taxes of \$175 plus current fuel surcharges of \$580 are included (subject to change). TIPS TO TOUR MANAGER/GUIDES, DRIVERS OR DINING ROOMS STAFF OF \$95 ARE NOT INCLUDED. One average sized suitcase not exceeding 50 lbs total weight and 62 linear inches (height plus width plus depth) is permitted throughout the trip.

Not Included: Expenses and items not specifically mentioned in this brochure are NOT covered, including but not limited to: passport and visa fees, meals not listed and items of a personal nature such as laundry, wines, liquors, mineral waters, after dinner coffee or tea, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned, tips and taxes mentioned above, excess baggage and insurance, etc.

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Please enclose a copy of your passport (must be valid until **October 17, 2018** or after.)

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Address: _____ I prefer a single room (\$1,039 additional, availability limited)

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