

STUDY TOUR MAY 2012

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SUNDAY May 6th		MAIN GROUP TRAVEL TO ATHENS
10:00am	Buses start loading at Bethesda Lutheran Church (St. Ronan Street).	
10:30am	Buses depart for JFK. This is a firm departure time, if you miss the bus you need to find your own way to the airport.	
	Lunch on own at airport	
2:25pm	Others (non-bus riders) meet group at the Delta gate in Terminal 3. (Please allow an extra hour to check your bag and get through security.)	
4:25pm	Delta flight #132 departs	
	Dinner on board flight	
MONDAY May 7th		ATHENS
	HOTEL - DIVANI PALACE ACROPOLIS: 19-25 Parthenonos, P.C 117-42 Athens	
9:20am	Main group arrives Athens	
9:30am	Schola group arrives Athens (TA #1845: Depart IST 8:05AM; Arrive ATH 9:30 AM)	
10:30am	Bus transportation for Main group and Schola group; Drop off Schola group at St. George Parish, Agias Paraskevis 81 Street, Halandri; remaining group to hotel for check in	
	Lunch on own	
12:10pm	Organists arrive Athens (AZ #1460: Depart VCE 6:35am, arr. Rome 7:40am; AZ#720: Depart Rome 9:15am, arr. ATH 12:10pm); Subway from airport to hotel; check in	
2:45pm - load; 3:00pm - depart	Main group & Organists - Bus travel from hotel to St. George Parish, Agias Paraskevis 81, Halandri	
4:00-6:00pm	Presentation on Greek Orthodox church parish life and walking tour to St. George Chapel and St. Nikolas Cathedral - Fr. Stefanos Alexopoulos	
6:00-7:30pm	Free time	
7:30pm	All - Schola Concert at St. George Parish, Halandri	
9:00pm	Community dinner (no cost) at <i>To Koutouki tou Apostoli</i> (walk from church)	
10:30pm	Bus pick up at St. George Parish, Agias Paraskevis 81, Halandri, for return to hotel	

TUESDAY May 8th		ATHENS	
	Breakfast at hotel		
8:30am	Depart hotel; walk to the Acropolis		
9:00am-12:00pm	All - Tour of the Acropolis with representative of the Office of Acropolis Conservation		
12:00pm	Walk to Acropolis Museum; free time before tours begin		
12:30, 12:40, 12:50, 1:00pm	All - Tours of the Acropolis Museum; 4 groups enter at appointed times. Guides: David Scahill, Huseyin Ozturk, John Karavas, and Prof. Marinis		
	Free time following tours; lunch on own (Note: lunch can be purchased at the Acropolis Museum; individuals can extend their stay)		
	Return to hotel on own		
6:16pm - load; 6:30pm depart	All - Bus transportation from hotel to Central University Building (Panepistimiou Street aka Eleutheriou Venizelou)		
7:00-9:00pm	All - Talk/concert by Maistores Choir, Prof. Achilleas Chaldaiakis, director and Prof. of Byzantine Musicology, Univ. of Athens. Program entitled: "Old Wine into New Bottles . . . The continuity of the Tradition in the contemporary composition practice of Byzantine Music"		
9:00pm	Bus transportation back to hotel		
WEDNESDAY May 9th		ATHENS	
	Breakfast at the hotel		
8:15am - load; 8:30am - depart	Bus pick up at hotel for transportation to 3 drop-off points: Bus 1 to Benaki Museum and Byzantine Museum on Vas. Sofias Ave.; Bus 2 to Benaki Museum and National Archaeological Museum - 44 Patisision Street		
8:30am	Architecture walking tour group depart hotel to walk to Syntagma Square		
9:00am-12:00pm	All - Choice of four museums or tours: A) Byzantine & Christian Museum - 22 Vas. Sofias Ave. with Prof. Marinis; B) National Archaeological Museum - 44 Patisision Street; C) Benaki - 1 Koumbari St. & Vas. Sofias Ave; D) Architecture walking tour with Fr. Stefanos		
12:00pm	Free time and lunch on own		
2:00pm	All - Both buses pick up groups at Benaki Museum; then one bus makes second stop at National Archaeological Museum; travel to studio of George Kordis, iconographer (Pipinou 12, Gerakas, Attikis)		
3:00pm	All - Iconography demonstration and talk		
5:00pm	Bus transportation back to hotel		
6:00pm	Free time and dinner on own		

THURSDAY May 10th		TRAVEL DAY TO KALAMBAKA	
		HOTEL - DIVANI METEORA: National Road. Trikala - Ioannina, 42200 Kalambaka	
7:00am - MAIN GROUP		All - Buses arrive for loading. Check out and have breakfast prior to departure	
9:00am <i>SCHOLA NON-ISM</i>		<i>Bus to airport for Schola non-ISM group : DL #133: May 10 (ATH) 12:45 PM Arrival (JFK): May 10, 4:40PM</i>	
9:30am		Visit Osios Loukas, monastery and crypt (tour in 2 groups with Prof. Marinis and Antonis Georgiou)	
12:30pm		Board buses; box lunch provided on bus	
1:45pm		Tour Delphi site and museum (Local guides: Mrs. Peni Kolomvotsou and Mrs. Christina Stoli)	
3:30pm		Depart Delphi	
6:30pm		Arrive Kalambaka and drop off in main square for dinner on own	
8:15pm - load; 8:30pm depart		Bus pick up at Kalambaka main square; check into hotel	
FRIDAY May 11th		TRAVEL METEORA-THESSALONIKI	
		HOTEL - ELECTRA PALACE: 9, Aristotelous Square, 54624 Thessaloniki	
		Breakfast at the hotel; check out of rooms	
8:45am - load; 9:00am depart		Bus transportation to monasteries	
9:30am		Tours of monasteries in two groups: A) St. Nicholas Anapausas; B) Rousanou/St. Barbara (Local guides: Mrs. Katerina Kaiki and Mrs. Konstantina)	
10:30am		Groups A and B reverse	
11:45am		Both groups to C) St. Stephen Monastery	
1:30pm		All return to Kalambaka for lunch break on own	
3:15pm - load; 3:30pm depart		Bus transportation to Megalo Meteoro monastery	
3:45pm		ALL - Tour Megalo Meteoro monastery in small groups	
5:30pm		Attend vespers service at Megalo Meteoro monastery, special performance by Byzantine choir Trikkis Melodoi, Dimitrios Balageorgos	
7:00pm		Buses arrive for loading	
		Travel to Thessaloniki; boxed dinners provided on bus	
11:00pm		Arrive Thessaloniki	

SATURDAY May 12th		THESSALONIKI
	Breakfast at hotel	
8:30am	ALL - Basilicas walking tour led by Prof. Marinis, Prof. Danny Curcic, plus Eugenia Koukoura and Tzouli Kavvada. Three groups, starting at: (A) Rotunda, (B) Agia Sofia, (C) Agios Dimitrios	
9am-10am	Tour first site	
10-10:15am	Walk to second site	
10:15-11:15am	Tour second site	
11:15-12:00noon	Walk to third site	
12:15-1:15pm	Tour third site	
1:15pm	Lunch break on own and return to hotel	
2:15pm - load; 2:30pm - depart	All - Bus transportation to home of Ataturk, Turkish Consulate grounds, Apostolou Pavlou 75 E	
3:00-4:30pm	All - Visit to home of Ataturk (pending availability)	
4:30pm	Bus transportation back to hotel	
EVE	Free time	
SUNDAY May 13th		THESSALONIKI
	Breakfast at hotel	
AM	Free time	
8:30-10:30am	Divine Liturgy (optional) - various churches	
11:15am - load; 11:30am depart	Bus transportation to museums	
12:00-3:00pm	All - Museum tours (alternating two groups or choice of one, pending number of galleries open): Guides same as 5/12 - Koukoura and Kavvada	
	A) Archaeological Museum - 6 M. Andronikou Str.	
	B) Museum of Byzantine Culture - 2 Stratou Avenue	
3:00pm	Bus transportation back to hotel	
EVE	Free time	

MONDAY May 14th		TRAVEL THESSALONIKI-ISTANBUL	
		HOTEL - NIPPON HOTEL: Topçu Caddesi No: 6 34437 Taksim - Istanbul	
		Breakfast at hotel and check out	
8:45am - load; 9:00am depart		Bus transportation to School of Theology, Aristotle University (Leoforos Aristoteleiou Panepistimiou, building 3 Theology)	
9:30-11:30am		ALL - Meeting with Faculty of Theology - Prof. Stamoulis and Prof. Dimitra Koukoura	
11:30am		Bus pick up at School of Theology; travel to airport	
12:15pm		Lunch on own at airport	
3:40pm		Turkish Air #1882 depart Thessaloniki	
5:00pm		Arrive Istanbul	
6:00-7:00pm		Bus transportation to hotel and check in	
EVE		Free time to explore Istiklal Caddesi (Independence Ave. pedestrian street near Taksim)	
TUESDAY May 15th		ISTANBUL	
		Breakfast at hotel	
9:15am - load; 9:30am - depart		All - Board bus for travel to Ecumenical Patriarchate, Rum Patrikhanesi, Dr. Sadik Ahmet Cad. No: 35 Fener-Halic (Contact: Fr. Nephon)	
10:00am		Arrive at Patriarchate	
10:30am		All -Meeting with His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew ; visit Patriarchal Cathedral	
12:15pm		Board buses at Patriarchate for travel to Spice Market in Old City area for lunch on own	
1:30pm - load; 1:45pm - depart		Bus pick up for travel to Chora church (Kariye Camii Sok., Kariye Meydani, Edirnekapi)	
2:00pm		All - Tour Chora Church with Prof. Marinis and hired guides: Tuba Andic, Eser Sedif, and Ceren Tuzcu	
		Walk to Pammakaristos church - Fethiye Caddesi, Çarşamba - Fatih; tour with Prof. Marinis, other guides	
4:30pm		Board buses for return to hotel	
5:45pm - load; 6:00pm - depart		Bus transportation to Galata Tekke - Galipdede Caddesi, south of Tünel Square	
6:30pm		All - Performance/talk with Hakan Talu and Sufi musicians at Galata Tekke	
8:00pm		Board buses for return to hotel	
EVE		Free time and dinner on own	

WEDNESDAY May 16th		ISTANBUL	
	Breakfast at hotel		
8:15am - load; 8:30am - depart	All -Board transportation to Old City; drop off at Hippodrome, Atmeydani		
9:00am	All - Tour Hippodrome and Blue Mosque, Sokulu Mehmet Camii and/or Church of St. Sergios and Bacchus if time (Prof. Marinis guide; and hired guides: Tuba Andic, Eser Sedif, and Ceren Tuzcu)		
11:00am	All - Tour Hagia Sophia		
1:00pm	Lunch break		
3:00pm	Small group tours (or free time): Meet at designated location, then disperse to:		
	A) Topkapi Palace (Babihumayun Caddesi)- with guide		
	B) Great Palace Mosaic Museum (Torun Sokak)/Cisterns - with Prof. Marinis		
	C) Archaeological Museums (Osman Hamdi Bey Yokusu, Gulhane Park) - with guide		
	D) Explore on own - suggestions: Museum of Turkish and Islamic Arts (Atmeydani Sokak 46); Grand Bazaar		
5:45pm - load; 6:00pm - depart	Bus pick up across from main entry gate to Hagia Sofia; return to hotel; small group to Istanbul Kultur University		
PM	Free time or optional choral performance (described below)		
7:00pm	Choral performance at Istanbul Kultur University (Omer Topcu, conductor) for conducting students , and any others per interest; Address: Akinguc Hall, Istanbul Kultur University Main Campus, E5 Freeway, next to Airport Mall. Turn right inside building main entrance. Call Omer and he will meet group at the security point - 532-391-3185		
8:00pm	Bus transportation from Istanbul Kultur University to hotel		
THURSDAY May 17th		ISTANBUL	
	Breakfast at hotel		
Time TBD	Bus transportation to Istanbul Technical University		
9:30am	Presentation on Turkish music by State Conservatory music faculty/students (Prof. Sehvar Besiroglu)		
	Presentation on Islamic culture, worship and theology (Prof. Dr. Emin Isik)		
12:30pm	Bus pick up and travel to: 1) Topkapi; or 2) hotel		
	Lunch break, free time to explore on own		
4:45pm - load; 5:00pm - depart	Bus transportation back to hotel from Topkapi		
6:15pm - load; 6:30pm depart	Bus transportation to Keyif cruise dock		
7:00-10:30pm	Community dinner on Bosphorus; Keyif Style Boat: board at Emirgan Tokmak Burnu (200 m. north of Sabanci Museum Emirgan)		
10:30pm	Bus boarding for return to hotel		

FRIDAY May 18th	DEPARTURE
Early AM - prior to 7:15	Breakfast at hotel. Check out of of rooms.
7:15am - load; 7:30am - depart	Bus transportation to airport
12:15pm	Delta flight #73 departs
4:35pm	Arrive JFK
5:30pm	Board bus for transportation to New Haven
7:30pm	Arrive New Haven