

St. Michael Catholic Church

Tybee Island, GA 31328

December 8, 2019 | Second Sunday of Advent

Mission Statement: St. Michael's is a Community of believers rooted in Catholic tradition that seeks to serve others through living out the Gospel message by witnessing to the values of love, community, stewardship, and service.

Our Parish Community extends a warm welcome to all our guests and visitors. If you would like to register as a member of our parish community, please call the Parish Office or register on-line.



PARISH STAFF

Rev. Jerry Ragan – Pastor hpragan@hotmail.com
Ms. Delia Robinson – Office Manager
Mrs. Ginny Murphy – Youth Coordinator
Mr. Ryan Beke – Music Director

Parish Office – (912) 786-4505 Phone (912) 786-4166 Fax
Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. (Closed noon until 1 p.m.)
office@saintmichaelstybee.org

Mailing Address: 802 Lovell Avenue

Parish Religious Formation Program

Fr. Jerry Ragan – RCIA
Ginny Murphy – Youth Program
Contact the Parish Office regarding PREP

Baptismal/Wedding Preparation: Call office for information

Websites: <http://www.saintmichaelstybee.org>
<http://www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection>

PARISH CONTACTS

Pastoral Council Co-Presidents – Mike Beytagh/Carolyn Williams
Parish Finance Mgr. – Mark Schroder
Holy Name Society – Tommy Edenfield
Administration/Buildings and Grounds – Mike Beytagh/Matt Ferry
Endowment Fund – Tommy Butler

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil: 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Monday - Thursday - 8:00 a.m.
Friday – **No Morning Service**

Holy Day Mass Schedule:

8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. – *consult the bulletin*
Low-Gluten hosts – please check in the sacristy
Sound amplification system – please contact the office
Accessibility/seating – ramp to left of main entrance; seating available in front pews

CONFESSIONS: 5:00-5:45 p.m. on Saturday OR by appointment

St. Michael Thrift Store Hours

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10 a.m. – 12 noon
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December 14 and 15, 2019

6:00 PM

Lectors: Theresa Pottratz
Altar Servers: Anthony Frankosky
EMEs: Rachele Reyes/Jerry Shamroe/_____
Ushers: Betty Dixon/Shawn Gillen
Cantor: Ryan Beke

8:00 AM

Lectors: Dina/Andy Watson
Altar Servers: Tom Beytagh
EMEs: Betty Jane Hendrix/Gayle Valbuena/_____
Ushers: Dana Johnson/_____
Cantor: Theresa Bossick

11:00 AM

Lectors: Deanna Fanning/Roger Von Duyke
Altar Servers: Melissa Watkins/Jackie Velickovich
EMEs: Laura O'Hara/Joe O'Leary/Mary Ann Stillings
Ushers: Carl Looper/Eddie Sheppard
Cantor: Kathy Yonka

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CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

3:45 p.m. Congregational Singing

4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Vigil – Children’s Mass

5:45 p.m. Congregational Singing

6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Vigil

Wednesday, December 25, 2019

9:45 a.m. Congregational Singing

10:00 a.m. Mass



Tuesday, December 31, 2019

Solemnity, Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day

Vigil Mass 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

Mary, Mother of God

10:00 a.m. Mass



NATIVITY PLAY: The children will once again be presenting the Nativity play at the 4 PM Christmas Eve Mass. Any children in the parish or those visiting, such as grandchildren, nieces or nephews, are welcome to join us. Please contact Theresa Pottratz for more information, thescollie@aol.com or (317) 372-5641.

PRAYER ANGELS - The following families will be remembered in prayer the week of December 8th:

- Mary Chandler
- Tasha and Ryan Beke
- Jimmye Lou and Lou DiBenedetto



PRAYER LIST: Chuck Brown, Anna Bryant, Ken Colquitt, Margaret Duloherly, Charlie Johnson, Brenda Manucy, Walter Muller, Jeff Oliver, Tom Scholl, Teah Stillings, Tara Watkins, Angie Weidner, and Janey Welch.

ALTAR FLOWERS:

If you would like to donate flowers for an anniversary, birthday, or memorial, call the Parish Office. **Cost: \$80.**



WITH THE LORD: We extend sympathy to the family of **Iris Scarbrough**, wife of Michael Scarbrough, who died on Tues., Dec. 3, 2019. May she, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



ANNUAL DEANERY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: Sat., Dec. 14, 11 AM-2 PM, St. Francis Cabrini Parish Hall. All Catholic women are invited. Catered lunch cost \$20/per person, \$10 for high school/college students. Contact Gayle Valbuena at gaylev44@aol.com or 912-657-6811.

PARISH NIGHT OUT: Monthly Night Out, at 80e Gastropub, Wed., Dec 11, 6-8 PM. Catholic trivia, games and prizes. RSVP to Carolyn Williams, (704) 340-8167 or tybeeislandwilliams@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT: This weekend your generous contributions will help care for elder religious and to say “thanks” for all those who helped serve in our Catholic communities in schools, hospitals and parishes.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2020: On Friday, Jan. 24, 2020 Youth Rally, Mass and March for Life on the National Mall in Washington, DC. Overnight charter bus leaves Savannah on Fri., Jan 23 and returns Sat., Jan 25. Register at <https://diosav.org/marchforlife>.

CHILDREN OF FORSYTH CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL: Dec 15 at Forsyth Park 12:30–3:00 PM. Expecting 125 children who are homeless or experiencing extreme hardship, and their parents. Volunteers, candy and prizes are needed. For more information contact Ginny Murphy at 912-713-3323.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: We must be good stewards of God’s gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care, lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today, cautioning us, “Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

Sacrificial Giving
December 1, 2019



Yearly Offertory Budget	\$324,000.00
Weekly Average Needed	\$ 6,230.77
Collected Offertory	\$ 7,009.00
Same Time Last Year	\$ 5,944.00
Budgeted YTD	\$ 137,076.94
Collected YTD	\$ 138,397.78

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK



- Sat., Dec 7 6:00 PM † Adele Arcangeli (A)
- Sun., Dec 8 8:00 AM Intention of Fr. Rafael Estrada
- 11:00 AM The Parish
- Mon., Dec 9 8:00 AM † Martin Bennison
- 6:00 PM Intentions of Fr. Luis Fonseca
- Tues., Dec 10 8:00 AM † Tom Edenfield, Sr.
- Wed., Dec 11 8:00 AM † Olivia “Libby” Pagan
- Thurs., Dec 12 8:00 AM † Albert Marcantonio (A)
- Fri., Dec 13 8:00 AM No Morning Service
- Sat., Dec 14 6.00 PM † Jake Bock

UPCOMING Events MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Sun., Dec 8 Sunday School for Disciples 10:00 AM
- Mon., Dec 9 Immaculate Conception 8 AM, 6 PM
- Wed., Dec 11 Choir 5:45 PM
- Wed., Dec 11 Parish Night Out 6-8 PM
- Sun., Dec 15 Sunday School for Disciples 10:00 AM
- Sun., Dec 15 Town Hall Meeting 4 PM Followed By Rectory Open House 5-7 PM

COME FOLLOW ME:

A discernment retreat for men ages 18 to 40 to learn more about the Priesthood. Retreat starts Fri., Dec. 20 at noon and ends Sat. Dec. 21 at 2:00 PM. Located at Little Ocmulgee State Park & Lodge in Helena, GA. For more information contact Maggie Blanc at 912-201-4126 or mdblanc@diosav.org.



WOMEN’S PRAYER BREAKFAST: All Saints Episcopal Church, Sat., Dec. 14th 9-10 AM Breakfast and program \$3.

2020 DIOCESAN GOLD & SILVER (25th or 50th) WEDDING JUBILEE MASS & CELEBRATION:

Sun., Feb. 23, 2020 @ 11:30 AM Mass; www.diosav.org/gold-and-silver Register on-line by Dec. 21 to receive a formal invitation with all details. 912-201-4068.



Fr. Jerry's Corner – December 8, 2019 – Second Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 9th -- Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Masses at 8am and 6pm (not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, December 11th – St. Michael Night Out

80e from 6pm to 8pm

Sunday, December 15th – Town Hall Meeting at 4pm

Rectory Open House from 5pm to 7pm

Our current culture no longer supports a religious way of life, much less a Catholic way. It is not easy to follow Jesus and his Gospel in such an unsettled time. That is precisely why we need each other. Our occasional Town Hall meetings are meant to build a deeper sense of belonging to each other. I hope you will prepare for our next Town Hall Meeting by filling out the following survey.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

How long have you been a parishioner of St. Michael Catholic Church? _____

Share a happy memory of our faith community from years gone by: _____

How would you describe your knowledge of Catholic doctrine and issues pertaining to the Catholic faith?

- a. Knowledgeable
- b. Knowledgeable, but some additional education would be helpful.
- c. Somewhat knowledgeable, but there are definitely issues that I need to learn more about.
- d. Not very knowledgeable.

Have you or would you attend adult faith formation sessions?

a. Yes

b. No

Why?

a). I was not aware of them?

b). None of the topics have been of interest to me. I would attend session(s)

on the following topics:_____

c). I do not have time.

d). They are held at times that do not fit into my schedule. The best time for

me to attend is: _____

e). I am not interested in attending adult education sessions.

f). Other _____

What do you like best about our parish?

What would you like to see added or changed to improve our parish?

Fr. Jerry Ragan

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St. Michael Catholic Church – December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 First Sunday of Advent 8 & 11AM Sunday School for Disciples 10 AM Worship Committee 12:15 PM	2 8 AM Mass 5:30-6:30 PM Advent Adoration and Penance Service	3 8 AM Mass Oyster Roast Planning Mtg 5:30 PM	4 8 AM Mass Choir practice 5:45 PM 	5 8 AM Mass	6  No Morning Service St. Nicholas	7 5-5:45 PM Confessions 6 PM Vigil
8 Second Sunday of Advent 8 & 11AM Sunday School for Disciples 10 AM	9 8 AM 6 PM Mass The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10 8 AM Mass	11 8 AM Mass Choir practice 5:45 PM Parish Night Out 6-8 PM	12  8 AM Mass Our Lady of Guadalupe	13  No Morning Service St. Lucy	14 5-5:45 PM Confessions 6 PM Vigil
15 Third Sunday of Advent 8 & 11AM Sunday School for Disciples 10 AM	16 8 AM Mass	17 8 AM Mass	18 8 AM Mass Choir practice 5:45 PM 	19 8 AM Mass Parish Networking 7 PM	20 No Morning Service	21  5-5:45 PM Confessions 6 PM Vigil
22 Fourth Sunday of Advent 8 & 11AM Sunday School for Disciples 10 AM	23 8 AM Mass	24 <u>Office Closed</u> 4 PM Christmas Eve Vigil 6 PM Christmas Eve Vigil	25 <u>Office Closed</u> 10 AM Christmas Day Mass Christmas	26 <u>Office Closed</u> 8 AM Mass	27 <u>Office Closed</u> No Morning Service	28 5-5:45 PM Confessions 6 PM Vigil
29 8 & 11AM Sunday School for Disciples 10 AM	30 <u>Office Closed</u> 8 AM Mass	31 <u>Office Closed</u> New Year's Eve 6 PM Vigil Solemnity of Mary Mother of God	1  <u>Office Closed</u> 10 AM Mass Mary Mother of God New Year's Day			

St. Michael Catholic Church
Super Bowl Sunday Oyster Roast and Reverse Raffle
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Kids 12 years and under eat for free!



Sunday, February 2, 2020

1 – 4 PM \$30/per person

Tybee Island Memorial Park

402 Jones Avenue

Tybee Island, GA 31328

Tickets for Oyster Roast and Raffle Go on Sale Monday December 2nd

Raffle Grand Prize is \$7,500 Ticket Price is \$50 Each

Only 350 raffle tickets will be sold, so buy them before they are all gone!

For more information and/or ticket purchases contact any of the following:

Mike Beytagh 912-856-0379, Tom Beytagh 912-507-8026, Tommy Edenfield 912-306-9277, Mike Lynch 770-663-9277, Carolyn Williams 704-340-8167, Viviane Dubuc 912-660-9056, Dave Ason 912-308-1681, Matt Ferry 202-407-3092, B.J. Hendrix 912-663-3285, Ron Bossick 678-788-5355, Ginny Cook 912-786-8967, Tony Orsini 912-247-2898, Diane Ring 912-667-7446, Shawn Gillen 404-309-1788, Wayne Yonka 423-650-2270

**The Most Reverend Gregory Hartmayer, OFM
Conv., Bishop of Savannah**

Invites all couples celebrating their Silver or Gold (25th
or 50th) Wedding Anniversaries in 2020
to join him in celebrating the

*Gold & Silver
Wedding Jubilee
Anniversary Mass*



in your honor at the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist
in Savannah, Georgia
on **Sunday: February 23, 2020 @11:30 am**

Those wishing to attend should contact the parish
office or register online at

www.diosav.org/gold-and-silver

by December 21, 2019 in order to receive a formal
invitation with the detailed information.

Questions? Contact the Diocesan Office of Marriage,
Family and Respect Life, 912-201-4068.



Gold & Silver Jubilee Mass and Celebration

Misa y Celebración de Bodas de Oro y Plata

Sunday: February 23, 2020 – 9:30 Breakfast, 11:30 Mass

Domingo: 23 de febrero de 2019 - 9:30 am Desayuno, 11:30 am Misa

Congratulations on the 50th or 25th Anniversary of your Marriage! Bishop Gregory John Hartmayer, OFM Conv., would like to thank you for your perseverance and faithfulness to the path you began when you proclaimed your vows to one another before God. He is grateful you can celebrate the Gold & Silver Jubilee Mass and Celebration with him in your honor.

¡Felicidades por el 50 o el 25 Aniversario de su Matrimonio! El Obispo Gregory John Hartmayer, OFM Conv., desea agradecerle por su perseverancia y fidelidad en el camino que iniciaron cuando proclamaron sus votos ante Dios. Él está agradecido de que ustedes puedan asistir a la Misa y Celebración de Bodas de Plata y Oro que se realizará en su honor.

We will attend the Mass / Asistiremos a la Misa: Yes/Si _____ No/No _____

Breakfast for family and guests will be provided prior to the Mass from 9:30 am to 10:45 am

Se ofrecerá un desayuno para la familia y sus invitados entre 9:30 am a 10:45 am

We will attend the Pre-Mass Breakfast: No: _____ Yes: _____ Number attending: _____

Asistiremos al Desayuno Previo a la Misa: No: _____ Sí: _____ Número de personas: _____

****Please enter the “Name of Couple” as you wish them to appear in the Program and on the Certificate.**

Example: Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, or John and Eleanor Smith

****Ingrese “el nombre de la pareja” como desea que aparezcan en el Programa y en el Certificado.**

Ejemplo: el Sr. y la Sra. John Smith, o John y Eleanor Smith

Name of Couple / Nombre de la Pareja: _____

Husband's Name/ Nombre del esposo: _____

Wife's Name/Nombre de la esposa: _____

Mailing Address / Dirección: _____

City / Ciudad: _____

State, Zip Code / Estado, Código Postal: _____

Parish / Parroquia: _____

Parish City / Ciudad de la Parroquia: _____

Email Address / Correo Electrónico: _____

Telephone / Teléfono: _____

Year Married / Año en que se casaron: _____ 1970 (Golden Jubilee / Jubileo de Oro)
_____ 1995 (Silver Jubilee / Jubileo de Plata)

Special Assistance Needed: Yes: _____ No: _____
Necesita ayuda especial (Espacio para silla de ruedas u otro): Sí: _____ No: _____

Would you like to be considered for having your wedding story shared in the Southern Cross?
Yes: _____ No: _____

¿Les gustaría ser considerados para compartir su historia de bodas con el Southern Cross?
Si: _____ No: _____

Please send completed forms to/ Por favor envíe los formularios completos a:

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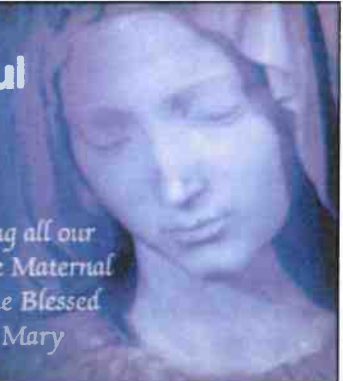
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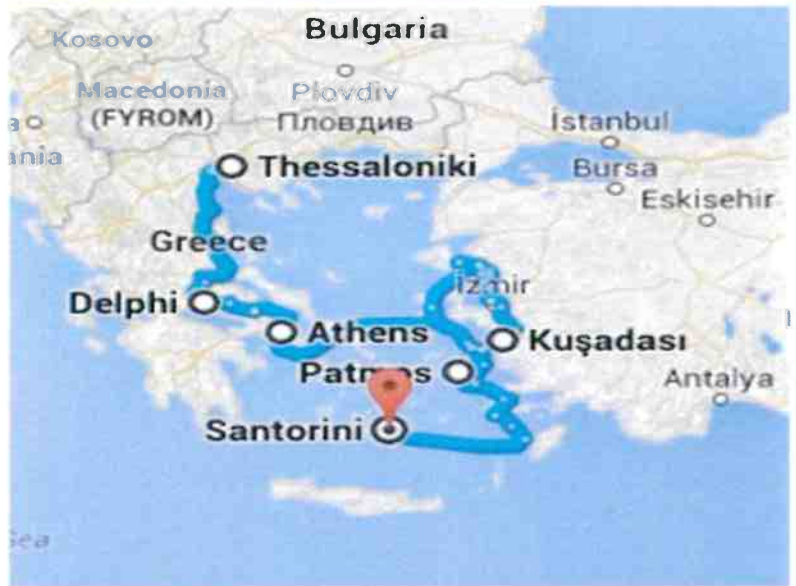


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Trip Itinerary

Day 1: Departure from USA. ~ Dinner and Breakfast will be served in-flight.

Day 2: Arrive in Thessaloniki, Greece. ~ You will be met and transferred to your hotel. Time to relax and meet your fellow pilgrims. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki.

Day 3: Philippi, Kavala, Thessaloniki ~ Visit Philippi where Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe, sowing the seeds of Christianity. "And from there (He went) to Philippi" Acts 16:12-18 Here Paul baptized a certain woman named Lydia, the first Christian convert in Europe. Among the ruins, located on the rocky ledge above the town's main road is the prison where Paul and Silas were thrown. Continue into the modern port city of Kavala, ancient Neapolis, where Paul accompanied by Silas, Luke and Timothy, first set foot in Europe. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki.



Day 4: Thessaloniki, Meteora: Thessaloniki city-tour ~ Paul preached in Thessaloniki during the winters of 49-50 AD and wrote two epistles to the ancient Thessalonians. See the ramparts of the city, the triumphal Arch of Galerius starting at the Via Egnatia, once a strategic artery of the Roman Empire. Depart for Kalambaka, visit Meteora Monasteries. Among striking scenery, perched on top of huge rocks, that seem to be suspended in mid-air, stand ageless monasteries where you can see exquisite specimens of Byzantine art. Women must wear a skirt, or have a scarf that can be wrapped like a skirt, when visiting the Monasteries. Men will need to wear long pants and have their shoulders covered. If women wear slacks, they need to bring a scarf that will cover their pants so that it looks like a skirt. Dinner and overnight in Delphi.

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Day 5: Delphi - Athens ~ Visit Delphi, the center of the ancient world (navel) of the earth, whose prestige extended far beyond the boundaries of the Hellenic world. On the slopes of Mount Parnassus, in a landscape of unparalleled beauty and majesty, lie the ruins of the Sanctuary of Apollo Pythios. Continue to Athens which is one of the most glorious cities in the world and the cradle of western civilization as we know it today. Dinner and overnight in Athens.

Day 6: Athens - Excursion to Corinth ~ we will visit the Acropolis to see the ruins of the Parthenon, Erechtheum and Propylae. For twenty five centuries, the panorama of this city is dominated by the rock of the Acropolis; we see the ruins of the Parthenon, the Erechtheum and the Propylae. Afterwards, we will ascend Mars Hill where Paul spoke to the ancient Athenians about the one and only God. From here we have an excellent view of the ancient agora; former center of the Athenian public life. We then drive through the city to see the House of Parliament on Syntagma Square, the Evzones in their picturesque uniforms guarding the Presidential Palace and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We also see the Library, the University, the Panathenaic Stadium where the first Olympics of the modern era were held, the temple of the Olympian Zeus and Adrian's Arch. Continue our tour to Ancient Corinth where, under the shadow of the towering Acropolis, St. Paul preached and lived for two years. The vigorous and mostly Gentile Church he founded here in 50 AD caused him much grief and prompted him to write, at least, four letters to them. Visit the ruins of the ancient city where Paul worked with Aquila and Priscilla. See the remains of the first century shops, the agora where Paul's trial by Gallio took place, the Fountain of Peirene, Temple of Apollo and the Bema. Return to Athens for dinner and overnight.

Day 7: Athens ~ Start 3-day Cruise (Luis Hellenic Cruise Lines) Mykonos Our first port-of-call is Mykonos. It is the most cosmopolitan of all Greek islands and attracts many visitors from all over the globe, including large numbers of artists and intellectuals. Your coaches will take you to Hora the island's capital where you'll enjoy a walking tour in the narrow cobbled streets of the town, passing by chic boutiques, elegant nightclubs and white washed houses till reaching Alefkandra. Alefkandra is a charming corner of Hora, known also as the "Venice" of Mykonos. At one of the famous restaurants of Alefkandra you'll enjoy the sunset on Mykonos Island while drinking your refreshment accompanied by Greek meze. You'll return then to Mykonos Town (Hora) from where you'll take the ship's shuttle service back to the port to meet your ship!

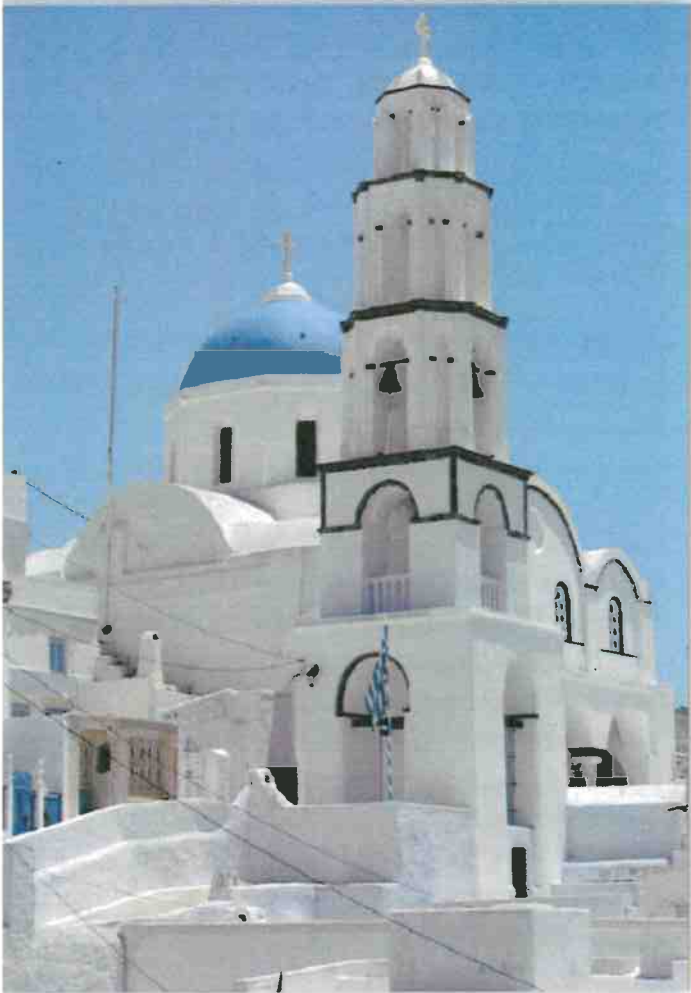
Day 8: Kusadasi and Ephesus (Turkey) and Patmos ~ we begin our day arriving at Kusadasi which is a lively Turkish port. Drive through the colorful town of Kusadasi to reach Mt. Koressos. Situated in a small valley, it is here where you will visit the humble chapel which lies on the site of the

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monastery marvel at this magnificent structure, which was built 900 years ago, exceptional in its architecture. View the courtyard, the monk's dining room and the old bakery before you visit the main church noting its outstanding frescoes and interior decoration. Next, see the priceless ecclesiastical treasures housed in the beautiful but small museum: books and manuscripts, mosaics, icons, splendid medieval textiles and vestments as well as jewelry. Return to your motor coach to continue on to the nearby Grotto of the Apocalypse, where above stands the Monastery of the Apocalypse, a sub-unit of the main monastery. Walk down the steps to visit the Grotto of the Apocalypse. Here you will see the silver niches in the wall that mark the pillow and ledge used as a desk by the author of the Book of the Revelation as well as the three-fold crack made by the voice of God emphasizing the honor of the Holy Trinity. Afterwards, drive back to the port of Scala and enjoy some free time in this quaint and picturesque harbor.

Day 9: Heraklion and Santorini ~ in the morning we will visit Heraklion. Heraklion is just three miles away from the fantastic ruins of the Palace of Knossos. Discovered in 1899 and partially reconstructed, the elaborate Palace is believed to be the mythical Labyrinth of King Minos and the seat of ancient Minoan culture. It is in Heraklion where Paul met the owner and captain of the ship who warned him of continuing his journey to Rome. In the afternoon we will cruise on to the idyllic island of Santorini. Santorini is perhaps the most breathtaking of all the Greek Islands. In the town of Thira white-washed houses, narrow streets, open-air cafes and glittering boutiques cling to steep cliffs, accessible by cable-car or mule. Return back to the ship.



Day 10: Finish the tour of Athens. Enjoy a free afternoon and evening in Athens. Dinner and overnight in Athens.

Day 11: Fly back home.

Please note: We do our best to ensure that all sites listed in this itinerary will be seen. However, due to scheduling conflicts, or other circumstances beyond our control, sites may be visited on a different day than listed. If this happens it will also necessitate a change in the restaurant for dinner. However, we will never sacrifice the quality of the meal, all restaurants will meet Proximo Travel's very high standards. Since we have several different trip configurations touring at the same time, it is likely that groups on different tours will be combined when their itineraries overlap in certain areas.

little house where The Virgin Mary is believed to have spent her last days. This site has been sanctioned by the Vatican for pilgrimage. Continue on to Ancient Ephesus and accompanied by your guide, walk through the Magnesian Gate which is the entrance to the ancient city of Ephesus. See the Odeon (concert hall), the Fountain of Trajan, the steam-heated Baths of Scolastika, the Temple of Hadrian and the Latrines, the Library of Celsus and The Great Theatre, where St. Paul preached, which is the largest theatre in antiquity having a capacity of 24,000 people. Walk back to your motor coach along the Arcadian Way, where Mark Anthony and Cleopatra once rode in procession. While driving back to Kusadasi and just outside Ephesus, view the Basilica of St. John, which was erected over his grave in the 6th Century AD by the Emperor Justinian. Before returning to the ship, enjoy free time in Kusadasi. Continue our journey, Patmos, where we will enjoy a short journey to the village of Chora, where the monastery of St. John is built within the walls of a strong fortification. As you walk uphill towards the entrance of the

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