## A BYZANTINE CATHOLIC RETREAT & PILGRIMAGE TO

# GUADALUPE, MEXICO

APRIL 20-27, 2024

## **JOIN US**

in celebrating the 125th anniversary of St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Whiting, Indiana, with an eight-day retreat and pilgrimage to Mexico in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

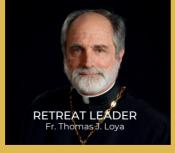
\$3,250 per person double occupancy

## **INCLUDES:**

- Round-trip airfare from Chicago
- · Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily
- Entrance fees as per scheduled visits
- Private Divine Liturgies and services
- Four-star hotels in historic districts
- Professional English-speaking guide
- · Land travel in air-conditioned motor coach
- Pilgrim prayer pack
- All tips and gratuities

#### Journey and pray with





Fr. Andrew and Laura have been serving at St. Mary Church in Whiting since 2018 and have led three other pilgrimages. Fr. Tom is a renowned speaker and host of Light of the East.



## **CONTACT:**

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## OUR DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY, APRIL 20-27, 2024

This program is designed to offer pilgrims an experience of culture and faith, as well as moments for personal and community prayer in the Byzantine Catholic tradition. Similar to a pilgrimage and retreat offered in Fatima in 2017, in the first part of the program, pilgrims will learn about the local history, culture, church and society, so as to better understand the context in which the Mother of God appeared and reflect on the significance of her message during the days of retreat.

### **DAY 1: Saturday, April 20**

#### CHICAGO-MEXICO CITY (L, D)

Travel to Mexico City on a direct flight from Chicago Tour of Mexico City's Historic Center, including Plaza of the Three Cultures & the Zocalo Tour Overnight in Mexico City

#### DAY 2: Sunday, April 21

#### COYOACAN, XOCHIMILCO, MEXICO CITY (B, L, D)

Tour of Coyoacan and San Angel areas of Mexico City, including the Frida Kahlo Museum Divine Liturgy at Porta Cieli Melkite Greek Catholic

Divine Liturgy at Porta Cieli Melkite Greek Catholic Cathedral

Tour of Xochimilco, including a trajinera ride Overnight in Mexico City

#### DAY 3: Monday, April 22

#### **MEXICO CITY-PUEBLA (B, L, D)**

Visit of the Pyramids of Teotihuacan, including the Place of the Sun and the Place of the Moon, as well as the Temple of Quetzalcoatl

Tour of San Miguel del Milagro and the miraculous spring

Overnight in Puebla

#### DAY 4: Tuesday, April 23

#### **PUEBLA-MEXICO CITY (B, L, D)**

Divine Liturgy at the Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic Church of the Natividad de la Theotokos in Puebla Tour of the magnificent Rosary Chapel Tour the Great Pyramids of Cholula and the Church of Our Lady of the Remedies Overnight in Mexico City

I am your merciful Mother. The merciful Mother of all of you who live united in this land, and of all mankind, of all those who love me.

- Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego

#### DAY 5: Wednesday, April 24

## FIRST RETREAT DAY – OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (B, L, D)

Fr. Loya will preach on Eastern Catholic Marian theology and devotion, in particular to Our Lady of Guadalupe, lead prayer and reflection.

Divine Liturgy at the Old Indians Chapel on the grounds of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, site of the fifth apparition of Mary to St. Juan Diego.

Veneration of the relics of St. Juan Diego.

Visit of shrine grounds: Capilla del Cerrito, Tepeyac Pantheon, Old Guadalupe Basilica, Guadalupe Basilica Museum and Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Personal prayer, confession at the shrine

Group rosary

Overnight in Mexico City

#### DAY 6: Thursday, April 25

## SECOND RETREAT DAY – OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (B, L, D)

Fr. Loya will preach on Eastern Catholic Marian theology and devotion, in particular to Our Lady of Guadalupe, and lead pilgrims in prayer and reflection. Divine Liturgy at the Old Indians Chapel Visit world-famous Anthropology Museum (optional) Time for personal prayer, confession at the shrine Group rosary Overnight in Mexico City

#### DAY 7: Friday, April 26

## THIRD RETREAT DAY – OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (B, L, D)

Fr. Loya will preach on Eastern Catholic Marian theology and devotion, in particular to Our Lady of Guadalupe, lead prayer and reflection.

Divine Liturgy at the Old Indians Chapel
Personal prayer, confession at the shrine
Group rosary

Overnight in Mexico City

### **DAY 8: Saturday, April 27**

#### **MEXICO CITY-CHICAGO (B)**

Return to Chicago on a direct flight



This custom pilgrimage was designed and organized by AVIVA Ministries for St. Mary Church, with all travel services provided by Regina Tours.

## Return all completed registration forms to: fciraolo@groupist.com A \$500.00 deposit and valid passport due upon registration.

\*Passport must be valid for 6 months upon return\*

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90 – 61	\$350
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\$1,001 - 1,500	. \$128.00	\$108.00	\$ 79.00	\$118.00	\$125.00
\$1,501 - 2,000	. \$158.00	\$134.00	\$109.00	\$145.00	\$154.00
\$2,001 - 2,500	. \$188.00	\$159.00	\$129.00	\$171.00	\$184.00
\$2,501 - 3,000	. \$220.00	\$187.00	\$139.00	\$198.00	\$214.00
\$3,001 - 3,500	. \$252.00	\$214.00	\$169.00	\$227.00	\$245.00
\$3,501 - 4,000	. \$286.00	\$243.00	\$209.00	\$256.00	\$278.00
\$4,001 - 4,500	. \$320.00	\$271.00	\$239.00	\$285.00	\$312.00
\$4,501 - 5,000	. \$357.00	\$303.00	\$279.00	\$318.00	\$347.00
\$5,001 - 5,500	. \$394.00	\$335.00	\$289.00	\$350.00	\$383.00
\$5,501 - 6,000	. \$430.00	\$365.00	\$319.00	\$382.00	\$420.00
\$6,001 - 7,000	. \$506.00	\$429.00	\$339.00	\$448.00	\$492.00
\$7,001 - 8,000	. \$591.00	\$501.00	On Request	\$521.00	\$574.00
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