

Friends of Mount Angel Mission/Pilgrimage to:

# EGYPT

In partnership with the Papal Office for Projects Of His Holiness Pope Tawadros II, 118th Pope of Alexandria and Patriarch of the See of St. Mark

## October 24-November 13, 2017

Cost per person in twin from Portland:

### \$3,950

That's \$3,270+ \$680 air taxes & fuel charges (Effective 1/17, subject to change)

**Led by: Fr. Odo Recker, OSB**

*Subprior, Novice Master and Director of Monastic Vocations at Mount Angel Abbey, Fr. Odo has led many pilgrimages to the Middle East through the years and has extensive knowledge of Egypt and the Desert Fathers.*

**LaVern Hayworth, Associate Director of Oblates**

*Benedictine Oblate of Mount Angel, LaVern has led numerous Mount Angel pilgrimages for over 20 years to Egypt, Jordan, the Holy Land, Turkey, Italy & Switzerland.*

**COST INCLUDES:** Round trip air from Portland; 19 nights accommodations as described on itinerary sharing twin bedded rooms with private bath; full breakfast & dinner daily (except on cruise Nov 3 –6 full board); **4 day/3 Night Nile River cruise**; comprehensive daily sightseeing with English speaking guide; entrance fees to sites visited; daily liturgy schedule planned; hotel taxes & services; portage of one bag per person; Egypt visa fee for U.S. citizens; air taxes & fuel (\$680 air taxes and fuel charges subject to increase until tickets are issued in September 2017).

*Single Room Supplement: \$1,050*

**NOT INCLUDED:** Items not specified above, e.g. most lunches; beverages with included meals; optional sightseeing inside Pyramids & Mummy Room at Egyptian Museum & Luxor; optional cancellation/travel protection insurance—must be purchased at time of deposit to cover pre-existing conditions (premium per person is \$135 if sharing a twin; \$185 if in a single); group gratuities (\$130 per person will be collected prior to departure); items of a personal nature; passport fees; visa fees for non U.S. citizens; if there are additional air taxes & fuel surcharges will be added to final invoice.

To Reserve your Place

**DEPOSIT \$500 per person + \$135 optional cancellation insurance per person due by Fri., June 16, 2017.** (Insurance is \$185 if in single)

Final payment is due August 25, 2017.

**ANY QUESTIONS? Contact LaVern Hayworth**

**Tel: 541-567-9708**

**Email: [zernyh@charter.net](mailto:zernyh@charter.net)**

## A New Way to Go On Pilgrimage

Fr. Odo Recker, OSB



**Jesus invites you to meet up with him in Egypt.**

Let Jesus take you to the places in Egypt where the Holy Family hid as they were being hunted down by Herod's soldiers. Let Jesus introduce you to his brothers and sisters who still live in Egypt. Let your Egyptian relatives take you to Mount Sinai and show you other spiritual treasures of their home; a **HOLY LAND**.

**Yes, let's meet up with Jesus in Egypt!**

In January of 2016, in a private audience with Coptic Pope Tawadros II, the Friends of Mount Angel were invited to participate in a Medical Mission to the poor in a return visit to Egypt. In partnership with the Coptic Papal Office of Projects, we will be sponsoring two two-day clinics in October 2017; one in Cairo and one in the desert while staying in a Coptic Monastery. In serving these needy people we are invited to encounter Christ.

Yes, we are called to serve the poor for a few days, but in doing so we receive more than we give. Jesus comes to us! We are the ones most blessed.

This pilgrimage is a chance for you to answer the call to do something to support the suffering members of the Body of Christ in the Middle East. Since the day of Pentecost there have been Christians in Egypt and through the centuries they have endured persecution time after time. The support of their Christian brothers and sisters is of inestimable value. Standing with them, we give them strength to endure, and they give us a vision of the suffering and victorious Christ.

We are expecting a profound spiritual journey. We will follow the **Holy Family Trail** and visit the monasteries of the Desert Fathers. You don't have to be a doctor or nurse to join in this mission/pilgrimage. We need all kinds of helpers. Everybody has a part to play, even if it is only support in prayer and presence. With daily mass and prayer at holy sites as well as enjoying the wonderful hospitality of the people of Egypt, we can be refreshed and renewed while in the company of friends and family. **Don't miss this opportunity.** Don't let this call go unheard! You are **INVITED**. **You are chosen to encounter CHRIST!**

**Daily Mass will be celebrated.**

### CANCELLATION & TRIP PROTECTION INSURANCE

Add \$135 per person (sharing twin room; \$185 if in single room) to purchase GTA Tours Optional Cancellation/Travel Protection Insurance. **When purchased at time of deposit, pre-existing medical conditions are waived.**

For Insurance Details visit our website: [www.gtatours.travel](http://www.gtatours.travel)

### BOOKING FORM

GRP # 1716 Friends of Mount Angel Mission/Pilgrimage to Egypt October 24-November 13, 2017. I (we) give my (our) deposit(s) to reserve place, (\$500 + \$135 optional insurance (\$185 if in single) per person x \_\_\_# of persons = \$\_\_\_\_\_). Due June 16, 2017. Final payment due Aug 25, 2017.

**Check payable to: GTA TOURS**

MAIL TO:

**LaVern Hayworth  
825 West Quince Ave.  
Hermiston, OR 97838**

ATT: Egypt 2017

Name: (Mr./Mrs./Ms) \_\_\_\_\_

Please **PRINT** official, legal first & last name as on passport, no nicknames!

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Twin Room \_\_\_ Single Room @ \$1,050 Supplement

Sharing room with \_\_\_\_\_

Your Date of Birth (mo/day/year): \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

**U.S. Passport required, valid until May 13, 2018 or beyond.**

TEL: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

# MOUNT ANGEL EGYPT MISSION/PILGRIMAGE OCT 24-NOV 13, 2017

## OCT 24/TUE—DEPART PORTLAND.

**OCT 25/WED—ARRIVE CAIRO.** Meet your guide and transfer to 5 star hotel for dinner and overnight. (D) **LE MERIDIAN PYRAMIDS HOTEL** or similar [www.starwoodhotels.com](http://www.starwoodhotels.com)

**OCT 26/THU—CAIRO.** After breakfast, attend an orientation and set up for the Cairo Clinic medical mission portion of the pilgrimage. (B,D)

**OCT 27/FRI—CAIRO.** After breakfast, begin day one of the Cairo Clinic medical mission. (B,D)

**OCT 28/SAT—CAIRO.** Breakfast, then day two of the Cairo Clinic medical mission. (B,D)

**OCT 29/SUN—CAIRO/WADI EL NATROUN.** After breakfast, depart for Wadi El Natroun, a valley strongly connected to Coptic Christian monastic history. Visit St. Marcarius Monastery founded in 360 AD and your home for the next 2 nights. Transfer and set-up for desert clinic mission. Dinner and overnight at Monastery guest house. (B,D) **ST MACARIUS GUESTHOUSE** or similar [www.stmina.info](http://www.stmina.info)

**OCT 30/MON- WADI EL NATROUN.** Breakfast then Desert Clinic medical mission day one. Celebrate Mass, dinner and overnight in guesthouse. (B,D)

**OCT 31/TUE—WADI EL NATROUN.** Enjoy breakfast then day 2 of the Desert Clinic medical mission. Dinner and overnight in guesthouse. (B,D)

**NOV 1/WED—WADI EL NATROUN/CAIRO.** Return to Cairo, en-route visit three more ancient monasteries of Wadi El Natroun. Dinner and overnight in hotel. (B,D) **RADISSON BLU** or similar [www.radissonblu.com](http://www.radissonblu.com)

**NOV 2/THU—CAIRO.** Transfer to Giza to visit the Cheop's pyramids - one of the Seven Wonders of the World - and the Sphinx, the great god-lion sentinel. Built over 35 centuries ago, the towering pyramids were meant to preserve the bodies and treasures of the Pharaohs for the afterlife. In the afternoon, explore the Egyptian Museum, offering remarkable insights into Egypt's ancient history and containing priceless antiquities such as the Treasures of King Tutankhamon (King Tut). (B,D)

**NOV 3/FRI—CAIRO/ASWAN: 3 NIGHT NILE CRUISE ON M/S GRAND PRINCESS.** Early morning flight to Aswan. Visit the High Dam then transfer to board 5 star Nile River Cruise to Assuit. During the cruise all meals are included beginning with lunch today, afternoon tea and all evening entertainment. Continue to the Temple of Philae and the unfinished Obelisk. (B,L,D) [www.ntsegypt.com/Cruises-Details.aspx?id=125](http://www.ntsegypt.com/Cruises-Details.aspx?id=125)

**NOV 4/SAT—KOM OMBO/EDFU/ESNA.** In the early morning sail on to Kom Ombo for visit of its Temple built during the Ptolemaic dynasty, then sail to Edfu for an afternoon visit of its Temple, one of the best preserved ancient shrines in Egypt. Watch while your ship crosses Esna lock on the Nile river. (B,L,D)

**NOV 5/SUN—ESNA/LUXOR EAST BANK.** Sailing on to Luxor, visit Karnak and Luxor temples on the East bank of the Nile, ar-

guably the most famous temples in Egypt and frequently referred to as the "world's greatest open-air museum." (B,L,D)

**NOV 6/MON—LUXOR WEST BANK/ASSUIT.** After breakfast, disembark, then take an excursion to view the Colossi of Memnon and Queen Hatshepsut's temple. In the afternoon travel up the Nile to Assuit and visit and pray at the Monastery of Deir Al Muharraq also known as the Burned Monastery. Dinner and overnight at the monastery guesthouse. (B,D) **ALMURRAQ MONASTERY GUESTHOUSE** [www.almuharraqmonastery.com/en/](http://www.almuharraqmonastery.com/en/)

**NOV 7/TUE—ASSUIT/AIN EL SOKHNA/QISM RAS GHAREB.** In the morning continue exploring Al Muharraq Monastery. Next, visit Dronka Monastery, dedicated to the Virgin Mary and believed to be the last place the Holy Family stayed in Egypt en-route back to Palestine. In the afternoon, travel through the desert to the vicinity of the Red Sea and the Monastery of St. Paul. Dinner and overnight at St. Paul Monastery guesthouse. (B,D) **ST PAUL MONASTERY GUESTHOUSE** [www.stpaulmonastery.com](http://www.stpaulmonastery.com)

**NOV 8/WED—QISM RAS GHAREB.** Continue your exploration of St. Paul Monastery one of the world's oldest monastery's. After visit the magnificent Monastery of St. Anthony and hidden deep in the Red Sea mountains and established by the followers of St. Anthony who is considered the first Christian monk. The practice of monasticism flourished in the deserts of Egypt then was adopted by the West. (B, D)

**NOV 9/THU—QISM RAS GHAREB/SAINT CATHERINE.** Early morning departure traveling through the desert and arriving at St. Catherine at the foot of Mt. Sinai for early dinner and early overnight in the monastery guesthouse. (B,D) **ST. CATHERINE MONASTERY GUESTHOUSE** [www.st-katherine.net/en/](http://www.st-katherine.net/en/)

**NOV 10/FRI— SAINT CATHERINE/CAIRO.** After Midnight climb up Mount Sinai and at dawn celebrate Mass at the summit. Descend the mountain and board coach, continuing through the desert back to Cairo, stopping in the Biblical sights of Marah, Elem, and Rapedim. Dinner and overnight in Cairo. (B,D) **LE MERIDIAN PYRAMIDS HOTEL** or similar [www.starwoodhotels.com](http://www.starwoodhotels.com)

**NOV 11/SAT— CAIRO.** Today, explore sites in Old Coptic Cairo, including the Holy Family site, the Cave Church and the Coptic Museum. (B,D)

**NOV 12/SUN—CAIRO.** Tour Zeitoun, a famous Coptic district in Cairo known for its Marian apparitions. Visit the Coptic Church of Matariyah and Maadi.

**NOV 13/MON—CAIRO/PORTLAND.** Early morning departure from Cairo Airport, arriving in the afternoon of the same day.

## B-Breakfast; L-Lunch; D-Dinner

*Itinerary and Hotels are subject to modification.*



## GENERAL CONDITIONS

TOUR PRICING reflects a cash discount, there is a 3.5 % surcharge for payment by credit card – Mastercard or Visa.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Regularly scheduled economy class service on any IATA or ARC carrier. Air transportation based on fares in effect Jan '17 subject to change.

TARIFF & EXCHANGE FLUCTUATIONS: All tour prices herein are quoted in U.S. dollars and are based on tariffs and exchange levels in effect January 2017. Rates are subject to adjustment in the event of any changes in these tariffs and exchange levels.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Rooms with two beds and private facilities throughout.

DOCUMENTS: Carry valid U.S. passport and another photo ID.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations received in writing up to 100 days prior to departure have a \$125 non-refundable fee. In addition, airline tickets are non-refundable from the day they are issued, which is sometimes several months before departure. Cancellation fees: 99-60 days prior: \$1000; 59-40 days prior: \$2000; 39-0 day prior: up to total cost. **Optional cancellation insurance is strongly recommended at time of deposit to cover cancellation charges for medical emergency of self/family member. (Visit [www.gtatours.travel](http://www.gtatours.travel) for full details of coverage.) (Insurance premium is non-refundable)**

BAGGAGE: One (1) standard size checked suitcase and carry-on that will fit under aircraft seat.

GROUP SIZE: Rates herein are based on a minimum of 25 passengers.

RESPONSIBILITY: The travel agent and the tour operator, GTA TOURS, LLC, POB 1008, Madison, CT 06443, Tel: 203-245-8980, or their agents act(s) only as agent(s) in all matters connected with the making and securing of reservations for transportation, accommodations, tours and/or other arrangements and assumes no responsibility for liability in connection with the service of any train, vessel carriage, aircraft or other conveyance which is used, either wholly or in part, in the performance of its duty to the passengers; neither this travel agency nor any of its representatives shall be, or become liable for any act, error or omission, or for any injury, loss accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any defect in any vehicle or through neglect or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out the purpose for which ticket or coupons have been issued. In the event that it becomes necessary or advisable, for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations may be made. Additional expenses if any, shall be borne by the passengers; conversely, refund will be made to the passengers if any saving is effected thereby. Also, in the event that sufficient persons are not secured for a particular tour, we reserve the right to cancel said tour, and a refund of monies paid will release the company of any further obligation. All arrangements for accommodations, transportation and sightseeing are made by the tour operator and/or their agents. The passage contract in use by companies, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchase of these tours and/or passage by the airlines concerned and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their conveyance.

GRP 1716 Printed January 2017