

TOPS Seminar 22 – 29 January 2008

Orthodox Churches in Israel: Syrians, Armenians, Byzantines

In the context of the ecumenical Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Jerusalem TOPS invites you to study three of the churches in Jerusalem in an introductory seminar comprised of nine sessions and two study tours to churches and synagogues in Israel plus participation in the Week of Prayer.

Day 1- Tuesday 22

Arrival in Jerusalem

Reception

Introduction to the Seminar

Day 2- Wednesday 23

The Armenian Orthodox Church

Morning Session 1: The Armenian Orthodox Church in Jerusalem

 Session 2: Armenian Art

Afternoon Ecumenical Prayer: Armenian Orthodox Evening Liturgy

Evening Session 3: Armenian History in the Last Two Centuries

Day 3- Thursday 24

The Greek Orthodox Church

Morning Session 4: The Greek Orthodox Patriarchate in Jerusalem

 Session 5: Study of Selected Payers of the Poet Romanos

Afternoon Ecumenical Prayer in the Coenaculum

Evening Session 6: The Status Quo of the Holy Places

Day 4- Friday 25

The Syrian Orthodox Church

Morning Session 7: History of the Syrian Orthodox Church

 Session 8: Study of Selected Texts of Ephrem the Syrian

Afternoon Ecumenical Prayer: Syrian Orthodox Evening Liturgy

Evening Session 9: The Syrian Orthodox Church in the ME Today

Day 5- Saturday 26

Study Tour (1)

To the Monasteries of St. Gerasimos (Greek Orthodox), St. Sebastia (Rumanian Orthodox), St. Andrew (Coptic Orthodox) and to the ancient synagogues of Beit Alpha and Hamat Gader

Day 6- Sunday 27

Study Tour (2)

To the Byzantine churches and synagogues at the Sea of Galilee in Safed and Nazareth; Return to Jerusalem

Day 7- Monday 28

Free Time for Study in Jerusalem

Evening Evaluation of the Seminar

Day 8- Tuesday 29

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