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Nowhere on earth is more sanctified than the area known as the Holy Land. In this sacred space, God entered into a relationship with the human race. Pilgrims have come since ancient times, and with the Bible as their guide, they endured hardships and perils in their quest to visit the holy places. At the center lies a place of living worship and the holiest place on earth for Christians - the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the site of the most important event in human history – the Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ!

The 2022 GIFT OF MUSICAL EXCELLENCE

- ❖ Your Gift of Musical Excellence provides a unique opportunity for an amateur chorister to achieve personal excellence through intensive study and participation in the 2022 Recording and Concert Tour in the Holy Land.
- ❖ Your Gift transforms good singers into great ones. PaTRAM's unique approach of including non-professional singers on recordings has met with great success, including **two GRAMMY nominations**.
- ❖ Your Gift grows the ranks of professionally trained singers and impacts the very sound of Orthodox music across North America.
- Your Gift will have a huge impact on the life of a dedicated and talented musical artist.
- Your Gift includes SPONSOR CREDIT on the 2022 CD recording!

Your Gift of Musical Excellence provides:

Training Airfare Accommodations Transportation Meals

And most importantly, an unforgettable experience of working with a professional choir in the holiest place on earth!

The **Church of the Ascension** is the venue for the 2022 PATRAM Male Choir Recording. Dominating the Mount of Olives skyline, the 64-metre tower, known as the Russian candle, belongs to the Russian Orthodox Church of the Ascension. Atop the tower is a sharply-pointed belfry containing an eight-ton bell, the first Christian bell to ring in the Ottoman city of Jerusalem. Set among gardens and an olive grove, the church is dedicated to the Ascension of Jesus, but an ancient tradition also says that John the Baptist's head was buried on the Mount of Olives and discovered on the site of the church the 4th century. The nuns of the convent are renowned for their singing and their icon-writing.

Thank you for investing in the future of the Liturgical Arts!



Join us as an Associate Executive Producer on THE experience of a lifetime with hosts Alex and Katya Lukianov!

Specially Curated Private Tours and Transportation | Behind the Scenes Access to the Live Recording

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- ❖ The Church of the Holy Sepulchre: the site of the most important event in human history the Resurrection. This is a place of living worship and the holiest place on earth for Christians! Inside there are 30+ chapels and worship spaces, encrusted with the devotional ornamentation of several Christian rites; the ancient stones are steeped in prayer, hymns, and liturgies. It bustles daily with fervent rounds of incensing and processions. This sprawling Church bears the scars of fires and earthquakes, deliberate destruction, and reconstruction down the centuries. Witness the door locking ceremony and pray in silence as you stay in the Holy Sepulchre overnight!
- Via Dolorosa: walk in the steps of Jesus Christ, the route He walked with His cross to His crucifixion.
- Church of St. Mary Magdalene: The seven gilded onion domes, topped by tall Russian Orthodox crosses, make the Church of St Mary Magdalene one of Jerusalem's most picturesque sights. Standing on the western slope of the Mount of Olives, above the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations, the spectacular church commemorates the enigmatic Mary from Magdala, one of the few persons present at Christ's crucifixion and the first recorded witness of his Resurrection.
- Church of the Ascension: The 64-metre tower, known as the Russian candle, dominates the Mount of Olives skyline. Atop the freestanding square tower is a sharply-pointed belfry containing an eight-ton bell, the first Christian bell to ring in the Ottoman city of Jerusalem. The church is dedicated to the Ascension of Jesus, but an ancient tradition also says that John the Baptist's head was buried on the Mount of Olives and discovered on the site of the church the 4th century. The nuns of the convent are renowned for their singing and their icon-writing. The new PaTRAM recording will take place at this holy site.
- Mount Zion: a holy site for Jewish, Christian, and Muslim worshippers. Packed with beautiful old buildings and famous spots including King David's Tomb and the Room of the Last Supper. It's especially atmospheric late in the afternoon when the surrounding structures turn golden in the honeyed light.
- **Dome of the Rock** and the Al Aqsa Mosque: the third holiest site in Islam. This is where Muhammad is believed to have ascended to paradise.
- **Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem**: the birthplace of Jesus Christ. The grotto is the oldest site continuously used as a place of worship in Christianity, and the stunning basilica is the oldest major church in the Holy Land.
- The Dead Sea: This body of water deserves the macabre name and is unlike any sea in the world. Situated 1,410ft below sea level, the remarkably high salt concentration here means no fish can survive. The mud has healthy and restorative nutrients, and you can float with ease in the waters.
- ❖ The Sea of Galilee: Cruise the largest freshwater lake in Israel, the place where many of Christ's miracles occurred, including His walk on water. Visit the beautifully serene Mount of Beatitudes, the setting for Jesus' the Sermon on the Mount. Enjoy the specialty of the region, St. Peter's fish.