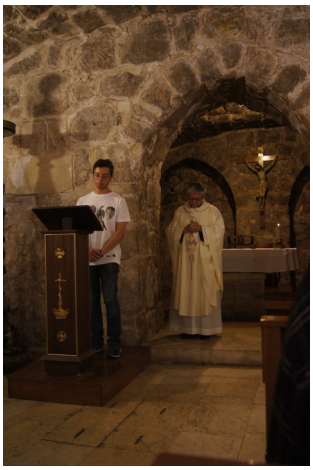
Resurrection Youth and Adult Holy Land Pilgrimage 2018

Jerusalem Day! The group began the Stations of the Cross and walked The Via Dolorosa praying the Rosary, through the busy streets of the Old City. Shop vendors who usually are hawking wares, are quiet and respectful to Christians praying and singing the Stations. You round a tight corner and find yourself in the courtyard of the Immense Church of The Holy Sepulcher. Entering the church you can immediately climb the worn stone stairs to Calvary. The church is built up right over the place where Jesus was crucified. After kneeling an d touching the site of the Cross, you come down to the rock where the women hastily (for it was almost the Sabbath) prepared Jesus's body for placement in the tomb. The stone is anointed daily with Rose of Sharon Oil, and the most beautiful aroma is all around it. Walking around the corner you come to the EMPTY TOMB. Hallelujah! Pilgrims can enter and kneel inside the tomb, remembering with JOY that Christ is RiSEN! We had Mass in the Church and then walked Palm Sunday Road on the Mount of Olives, stopping to pray in the Garden Of Gethsemane. What a Holy Day!



"To me, walking the Path of Abraham and getting to Calvary were the most meaningful. Abraham's path made the experience of being in the Holy Land more real and relatable. The path is hot, dry, rocky and slippery...much like our lives and our commitment to Christ. We falter all too often but with God's help we get up and keep going. When I was in The Church of The Holy Sepulcher, I bent down, reached with my hand to the foot of the Cross and said, "I'm here Lord. What do you need of me?" It was as if I was finally home." Jorge