

In the Footsteps of Christianity in the Holy Land of Jordan
Conference Series in Jordan: Amman-Mount Nebo, February 3–6, 2025

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Day 1: Monday, February 3, 2025

- 9.00 am *Welcome Address* by the SBF Dean – Fr. Rosario Pierri

Theme: *“Umm er-Rasas, along the Via Regia” – Morning Lectures and Afternoon Visits*

Morning Lectures (4 sessions):

- 9.45 – 10.00 am *Introduction to the Program - moderator don Gianantonio Urbani*
- 10.00 – 10.45 am *Settlement Dynamics in the Diocesan Territory of the Bishopric of Madaba in the Long Late Antiquity 5th - 9th century CE* – Prof. Basema Hamarneh
[short break]
- 11.00 – 11.35 am *The Roots of the Master in the Land of Jordan: Ruth, Ancestor of Christ* – don Francesco Voltaggio
- 11.40 am – 12.15 pm *“Hagia Polis Hierousalem”:* *Ascending to the City of God to Praise the Lord’s Name* – Fr. Alessandro Coniglio
- 12.20 – 12.55 pm *Archaeological Introduction to the Decapolis Region* – Fr. Yunus Demirci

Afternoon Visits:

- 2.30 – 4.00 pm *Amman Archaeological Museum and Citadel* – Led by Fr. Yunus Demirci
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Day 2: Tuesday, February 4, 2025

Theme: *Full-Day Excursion, 9.00 am – 4.00 pm*

- **Sites Visited:** Umm er-Rasas – Kastrum Mefaat, Al-Jumayil, Mukhawer
 - Led by Prof. Basema Hamarneh
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Day 3: Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Theme: *“On Mount Nebo, the Memorial of Moses” – Morning Lectures and Afternoon Visits*

Morning Lectures (4 sessions):

- 9.45 – 10.00 am *Introduction to the Program – moderator Fr. Gianantonio Urbani*
- 10.00 – 10.35 am *“Moses Ascended from the Steppes of Moab to Mount Nebo, Peak of Pisgah”:* *A View of the Promised Land* – don Michelangelo Priotto
- 10.40 – 11.15 am *Matthew the Evangelist, Narrator of Jesus’ Baptism* – Fr. Matteo Munari
[short break]
- 11.30 am – 12.15 pm *Wadi el-Kharrar: Archaeological Research at the Baptism Site* – Dr. Mohammad Waheeb
- 12.20 – 12.55 pm *Mosaic Floors in the Holy Land of Jordan* – Dr. Daniela Massara

Afternoon Visits:

- 2.30 – 4.00 pm *Khirbet al-Mukhayat and Mount Nebo Memorial (Ras-as-Siyagha)* – Led by Fr. Eugenio Alliata
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Day 4: Thursday, February 6, 2025

Theme: “*Madaba, the City of Mosaics*” – Morning Lectures and Afternoon Visits

Morning Lectures (3 sessions):

- 9.15 – 9.30 am *Introduction to the Program* – moderator Dr. Sara Cibirin
- 9.30 – 10.05 am *Biblical Message of the Prophets on the Moabite Plateau* – don Vincenzo Lopasso (remote session, in Italian)
- 10.10 – 10.45 am *Paul’s Journey in “Arabia”*: Coordinates and Preparation for the Gospel – Fr. Samuele Salvatori
[short break]
- 11.15 am – 12.00 pm “*Celebrating 100 Years of the Madaba Map Discovery*” – Fr. Eugenio Alliata

Afternoon Visits:

- 1.30 – 3.00 pm *Madaba and its Christian Antiquities* – Led by Fr. Eugenio Alliata
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