

St. Sabbas Orthodox Monastery & A Royal Tea Luncheon

Featuring: Sanders Chocolate and Ice Cream Shoppe

Tuesday, September 9th, 2025



St. Sabbas Orthodox Monastery & The Royal Eagle

Entering the monastery gardens, one is transported out of time, to a place of quiet. The garden paths roam gracefully over ponds and lead to gazebos. The tree-shaded patio...is lined with tables where congregants and lay people can sit and reflect. The church itself is a marvel of authentic antiquity, walls covered in gilded, faithful renderings of the saints, hand painted by a local iconographer in the strict, traditional Orthodox style. The grounds exude a grounding air of the handmade and the exultant.

The Royal Eagle is built in a traditional, gorgeous Venetian style to honor the memory and bequest of an Italian-American church patron. Its interior is appointed in authentic French antique furniture and decorations. The vibe is at once cozy and lavish. Everything is prepared in-house by Czech-heritage chef Petr Balcarovsky, who studied culinary arts in Europe and is one of the St. Sabbas parishioners.

Presented By: Davison Area Creek Senior Center

Price: \$105.00 Per Person

Trip Includes:

- Round trip motor coach transportation
- Tour St. Sabbas Monastery
- Free time in the Monastery Gardens & Gift Shop
- Tea Luncheon at The Royal Eagle located at St. Sabbas
- Shop for a tasty treat at Sanders Chocolates and Ice Cream

Trip Itinerary:

9:45 AM -Depart Davison Area Senior Center
11:00 AM to 2:30 PM – St. Sabbas Monastery / Royal Eagle
3:00 PM to 3:45 PM – Sanders Chocolates
4:45 PM – Return to Davison Area Senior Center

Monastery Guidelines:

- Modest Attire, no visible tattoos, no visible piercings (except for earrings), No shorts, capri pants, or tank-tops, ladies hem lines below the knee, slacks to ankles are fine, no low cut blouses, no bare shoulders, quarter length sleeves are acceptable, sandals are okay, No Ringing Cell Phones, Gum Chewing, or Smoking, absolutely no vulgar language.

Sign-up Deadline: 08-11-25

- **Very Limited seating!**
- **Dress Code. See above.**
- **No food substitutions!**
- **No refunds after August 11th.**
- **Customer must abide by monastery rules. Route 23 Tours is not responsible if you are removed from the monastery grounds for any violation of the monastery rules.**

The Royal Eagle Tea Luncheon -

In the tradition of the Grand and Elegant Court of Imperial Russia, the Royal Eagle offers a Russian Tea luncheon. Enjoy an exotic selection of luncheon foods, homemade soup, finger sandwiches, and other heavy hors d'oeuvres, as well as a selection of tea varieties from around the globe. Enjoy a variety of Black Teas, Green Teas, White Teas, and Herbal Teas.

HOMEMADE, AUTHENTIC RUSSIAN IMPERIAL SOUP
Borsht, creme fraiche, fresh dill

FINGER SANDWICHES

Royal Egg Sandwich
Royal Chicken Sandwich
House Smoked Salmon Canape on Rye
Burrata on an Artisan Bread with Tomato Jam, Basil
Imperial Cucumber Sandwich, Amish butter
Farm to Table Tomato Sandwich
Moist and Tender Chicken Paprikas with organic petit salad

DESSERT COURSE

Chocolate Pavlova
*Rich chocolate with meringue and Michigan cherries
inspired by royal wedding cake*

and

Handcrafted Scones, Clotted Cream, Home made peach preserve with lavender

& a Variety of Loose Leaf Teas to Choose From...

For reservations, please contact the Center at 810-658-1566.