

St. Sabbas Orthodox Monastery & A Royal Tea Luncheon

Tuesday, September 15th, 2026



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: Oxford Parks and Recreation

Resident: \$139.00 Per Person
Non-Resident: \$144.00 Per Person

Trip Includes:

- Round trip motor coach transportation
- Tour St. Sabbas Monastery
- Free time in the expanded Monastery Gardens
- Tea Luncheon at The Royal Eagle located at St. Sabbas

Trip Itinerary:

9:45 AM -Depart Seymour Lake Township Park
11:00 AM to 2:30 PM – St. Sabbas Monastery / Royal Eagle
3:45 PM – Return to Seymour Lake Township Park

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: 08-13-26

- **Very Limited seating!**
- **Dress Code. See above.**
- **No food substitutions!**
- **No refunds after August 13th, 2026**
- **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.**

For reservations, please contact the Office at 248-628-1720.

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 Salad on Sourdough
Royal Tuna Sandwich on Apple Walnut bread
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 butter noodles

DESSERT COURSE

Royal Cupcakes

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

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

