

Day 8

- Farwell communion in Christ Church Nazareth
- Haifa where we will view the Bah'ai shrine and gardens
- The Stella Maris Monastery
- Mount Carmel where the Prophet Elijah's fire lighting challenge took place.
- Elijah's cave where the prophet is said to have meditated before his encounter with priests of Baal and Muhraka.

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Christ Church Nazareth



The Protestant-Anglican Christ Church in Nazareth was built in 1871, close to the Basilica of Annunciation. It hosted the Episcopal Christ School.

The Anglicans, a worldwide branch of the Protestant church led by the Archbishop of Canterbury, built their first church in the Holy Land in Jerusalem (1841). The church in Nazareth was the second Anglican church in the Holy Land. This church was built upon the initiative of English sailors. It was dedicated by King Edward VII in 1862 while visiting Nazareth. It was completed in 1871.

We had our Farewell Holy Communion and Rev. Asir Anand & Rev. Jessie Anand distributed Pilgrim Certificate to all the members.



Baha'i shrine and gardens A golden dome, marble walls, granite pillars and manicured gardens cascading down a slope of Mount Carmel make the Baha'i Shrine in Haifa a spectacularly colourful attraction for visitors.



The shrine is the world headquarters of the Baha'i faith, a monotheistic religion committed to the unity of humanity and the fundamental oneness of all religions. The shrine, built in 1953, contains the remains of Siyyid Al Muhammad (1819-50). Known as the Bab, he is revered as the prophet-herald of the Baha'i faith. The shrine's nine sides represent the nine major religions of the world. Its dome is covered with 14,000 gold-coated bricks.

We drove by and couldn't stop to see the place .

Mount Carmel where the Prophet Elijah's fire lighting challenge took place & Elijah's cave where the prophet is said to have meditated before his encounter with priests of Baal and Muhraka.



**Statue of Elijah
slaying a Baal**



Elijah called fire from heaven

Elijah's challenge came during a period after successive kings "did evil in the sight of the Lord" (1 Kings 16:30). King Ahab had married the Phoenician princess Jezebel. She turned his allegiance from Yahweh to her god Baal and had Yahweh's prophets slaughtered. So Elijah called on Ahab to assemble the 450 priests of Baal on Mount Carmel. There he challenged the priests to call on fire from Baal to light a sacrifice. As the book of 1 Kings relates, Baal failed to respond to the priests' cries. Then Elijah rebuilt the ruined altar of the Lord and offered a sacrifice. Immediately fire from heaven consumed the offering, even though it had been soaked in water.

