



# الكرسی الرسولي

## APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO BULGARIA AND NORTH MACEDONIA

5-7 MAY 2019



Не бој се, мало стадо!  
(Лука 12,32)



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*Sunday, 5 May 2019*

## ROME-SOFIA

- 7:00 Departure by air from Rome-Fiumicino International Airport for Sofia  
Greeting to journalists on the flight to Sofia
- 10:00 Arrival at Sofia International Airport  
**Official Welcome**
- 10:10 **Meeting with the Prime Minister** in the Governmental Lounge of the Airport
- 10:40 **Welcome Ceremony** in the square adjacent to the Presidential Palace
- 11:00 **Courtesy Visit to the President of the Republic** in the Presidential Palace  
Meeting with the Authorities, with Civil Society and the Diplomatic Corps in Atanas Burov Square
- 11:30 Square
- 12:00 Visit to the Patriarch and to the Holy Synod in the Palace of the Holy Synod  
**Private Prayer before the Throne of Saints Cyril and Methodius** in the Patriarchal Cathedral of Saint Alexander Nevsky
- 12:50 Cathedral of Saint Alexander Nevsky
- 13:00 Regina Caeli in Saint Alexander Nevsky Square
- 16:45 Holy Mass in Knyaz Alexandar I Square

*Monday, 6 May 2019*

## SOFIA-RAKOVSKY-SOFIA

- 8:30 Private visit to a Refugee Camp
- 9:30 Departure by air from Rakovsky
- 11:15 Holy Mass with First Communions in the Church of the Sacred Heart of Rakovsky
- 13:00 **Lunch with the bishops of Bulgaria in the Convent of the Franciscan Sisters**
- 15:30 Meeting with the Catholic Community in the Church of Saint Michael Archangel in Rakovsky
- 17:15 Departure by air for Sofia
- 18:15 Prayer for Peace presided at by the Holy Father in the presence of Leaders of the various Religious Confessions in Bulgaria in Nezavisimost Square in Sofia

*Tuesday, 7 May 2019*

## SOFIA-SKOPJE-ROME

- Farewell Ceremony** in Sofia International Airport
- 8:20 Departure by air from Sofia Airport for Skopje
- 8:15 Arrival at Skopje International Airport  
**Official Welcome**
- 9:00 **Welcome Ceremony** in the courtyard of the Presidential Palace

- 9:15 **Courtesy Visit to the President** in the Presidential Palace
- 9:30 **Meeting with the Prime Minister** in the Presidential Palace
- 9:45 **Meeting with the Authorities, with Civil Society and with the Diplomatic Corps** in the  
Mosaique Hall of the Presidential Palace
- 10:20 **Visit to the Mother Teresa Memorial with the presence of Religious Leaders and Meeting  
with the Poor**
- 11:30 **Holy Mass** in Macedonia Square
- 13:30 **Lunch with the Papal Entourage**
- 16:00 **Ecumenical and Interreligious Meeting with Young People** in the Pastoral Centre
- 17:00 **Meeting with Priests, their Families, and Religious** in the Cathedral
- 18:15 **Farewell Ceremony** at Skopje International Airport
- 18:30 Departure of Papal aircraft for Rome-Ciampino
- Press Conference on the return flight from Skopje to Rome**
- 20:30 Arrival at Roma-Ciampino International Airport

*Bulletin of the Holy See Press Office, 7 March 2019*

*Bulletin of the Holy See Press Office, 17 April 2019*