

Cathedral of St. John the Divine

Saturday, January 28, 2012

10:30am

St. John the Divine is the seat of the Episcopal Diocese of New York, and is the largest cathedral in the United States. Construction was started in the 1890s, and it has not yet been completed.

Although it is not as colorful as St. Patrick's, it is full of many interesting rooms, figures, columns, statues, chapels, and other things too numerous to mention here. The organ in the Cathedral is huge, with many pipes visible from the main floor.

Our group will meet at the main doors of the Cathedral, at Amsterdam Avenue and 112th Street, at 10:30am. We may go almost anywhere inside the building, and also through the large Cathedral Close, or campus, which offers many opportunities for close up or wide shots of the main building, the many auxiliary structures, and also sweeping skyline views of northeastern Manhattan. Use of tripods is permitted (providing they have rubber or padded feet), and flash use is also permitted!! The only restriction on photography is that it is not permitted during services.

For a fee of \$15.00 (12.00 for students or seniors), a Vertical Tour is available, which gives opportunity for views of the Cathedral from on high, and also of the surrounding vistas from the roof. For this, reservations are necessary. Tripods are not allowed on this tour.

Further information is on the Cathedral website, <<http://stjohndivine.org>> . Closest subway is the #1, with the 110th Street-Cathedral Parkway Station one block away. Other travel instructions are on their website.

Could be a fascinating trip, and an introduction to a series of repeated visits.