



Diocese of New York and New Jersey
33 Hewitt Avenue
Bronxville, NY 10708

July 22, 2010
Mary Magdalene, Equal to the Apostles

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Fathers and Parish Council Members:

In order to grow the Church and in consultation with the Deans and Council of Presbyters of the diocese, I have scheduled a **Clergy Conference** for the priests of diocese and a **Open Forum** to take place within each deanery. The Diocesan Treasury will provide meals for the conference of August 31 and September 1. However, some clergy will require lodging at a motel and I am asking that each parish provide for this expense for their priest as an assistance to continuing education.

Clergy Conference for All Diocesan Priests
Assumption of the Holy Virgin Church
Clifton NJ 07013

August 31 Tuesday
6 PM Vespers
7 PM Dinner
8 PM Discussion

September 1 Wednesday
9AM Divine Liturgy
11 AM Brunch
12 PM First Session
2 Break
2:30 PM Second Session

The following dates and locations were selected for **Deanery "Open Forums"** to discuss, with His Grace and our OCA Strategic Plan Committee representative, the Strategic Plan draft document recently released. It must be noted that these "Open Forums" are intended for the active participation of clergy and laity.

New York State Deanery
October 21, 2010
Cohoes, NY
1 PM Clergy
7 PM Clergy & Laity

New Jersey Deanery
September 14, 2010
South River, NJ
3 PM Clergy
7 PM Clergy & Laity

New York City Deanery
October 10, 2010
Woodside, NY
3 PM Clergy
7 PM Clergy & Laity

The clergy are asked to reply for the Clergy Conference and direct questions via email to the Archpriest Joseph Lickwar, 'jlickwar@verizon.net'. Please state day of arrival and departure in your reply. Please contact Priest Stephen Evanina for motel recommendations at 'fr.Stephen@verizon.net'.

Clergy are needed to be part of the choir for Vespers and Liturgy. Priests are to bring stole and cuffs for Liturgy

With love in Christ,

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