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2021 Deacons Retreat to Be Held in Irvine, California



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“Whoever desires to be great among you shall be your servant.”
Mark 10:43

The Clergy Continuing Education Ministry of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco is hosting a Deacons Retreat from November 5 – 7, 2021. The Deacons retreat is open to all Deacons and Diaconal candidates, and will be held at Saint Paul Greek Orthodox Church in Irvine, CA.

The retreat will begin with an Opening Prayer Service and Archpastoral Reflection from His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco. Other featured presenters throughout the weekend include Protodeacon Peter Danilchick who will speak on “What does it mean to be a servant leader?”, and “Personal Experience as a Deacon with a Lay Profession”. Dr. James Skedros and Rev. Deacon Sal Fazio will speak on “The Diaconate in America”. Participants will also have the opportunity to directly engage with all the speakers in a Panel Discussion to gain even greater insight into the important role of Deacons in the church.

“This retreat is an excellent opportunity for those who are serving the church as Deacons, and those who are studying in the Diaconate Program, to discern greater information and insight into their calling,” stated His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco. “Providing a continuing education platform for the cultivation and training of our deacons allows for our parishes to be enhanced by their service and enriched by their example of being a leader and witness for our faith.”

Online registration is open now through October 22, for just $100 per person. Hotel

accommodations are available online at the La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Irvine Spectrum for a special retreat rate of $107 per night.

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