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# 107th Annual Diocesan Assembly



## *Vocations: The Call to Serve*

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February 23, 2009

Dear Reverend Clergy:

On behalf of the Parish of St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Armenian Church, we extend a warm welcome to you. This year's Clergy Conference will take place at the Malvern Retreat House (St. Joseph's in the Hills) from Monday, April 27 through Thursday, April 30, 2009. Details regarding the agenda for the Clergy Conference will be forwarded by the Diocese.

The complete cost, including lodging and meals is \$395 per person. This year all clergy will be housed in a private building on 123 beautiful acres of secluded wooded scenery to allow for total privacy. All clergy will have private accommodations for three nights, in addition to eight meals and plenty of snacks. The Facility is also equipped with state of the art conference rooms, a chapel and a kitchen.

***Please complete the enclosed registration form and send it in the envelope, along with your registration for the Diocesan Assembly and all payments.*** Checks should be made payable to **St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Armenian Church – 2009 Diocesan Assembly** and your registration materials should be returned by **April 1, 2009.**

For those driving to the Retreat House, directions are enclosed. For those who are taking AMTRAK or who are flying in, transportation will be provided, courtesy of the host committee, from Philadelphia International Airport to the Malvern Retreat House. We ask that you provide the necessary information requested on the form so our volunteers can track your flight and schedule pick-up times accordingly.

On Wednesday, April 29, 2009, our parish will host you for dinner and we will provide transportation to and from the Malvern Retreat House. For those clergy who are members of the Diocesan Council, your meeting that evening will take place at the church and all necessary transportation will be provided by our committee. Transportation will also be provided for clergy from the Malvern Retreat House to the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel on Thursday morning, April 30.

This year's Diocesan theme is ***Vocations: The Call to Serve***. **Ephesians 4:11-12** reads “*and his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers . . . for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.*” We look forward to hosting you.

Sincerely,

***V. Rev. Fr. Mkrtich Proshyan***

***Lisa Manookian***

***Papken Megerian***

Very Rev. Fr. Mkrtich Proshyan  
*Pastor*

Lisa Manookian  
*Chair, 2009 Diocesan Assembly Committee*

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*Chair, Parish Council*

# 2009 Clergy Conference Registration Form



(Please complete one form for each individual participating)

*Vocations: The Call to Serve*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_  
Parish Name/Location: \_\_\_\_\_

- Retired (check if applicable) *Note: Retired clergy are compliments of the host parish.*
- I have dietary restrictions (please indicate any dietary restrictions/special needs) \_\_\_\_\_

The total charge for three nights lodging and meals is \$395 per person. Please make checks payable to **St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Armenian Church** and return all completed registration materials (for Clergy Conference and Diocesan Assembly) in the pre-addressed, enclosed envelope, with your check(s), by no later than April 1, 2009. For further information, please contact the following:

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## Transportation Information:

- I am driving.
- I will be arriving by train into AMTRAK's 30th Street Station. (Please provide arrival time and train number): \_\_\_\_\_
- I will be arriving by air. (*Please provide information below*):
- Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Airline: \_\_\_\_\_ Flight #: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: All clergy arriving via AMTRAK and air will be picked up by host committee members.*

Please be sure to visit <http://www.sahagmesrobchurch.org> for up-to-date information.

## Directions to St Joseph's in the Hills The Malvern Retreat House

*Far from the pressures of the modern world, St. Joseph's in the Hills Retreat House in Malvern, Pennsylvania is nestled among the horse farms of Chester County on 125 acres of beautiful grounds. The Retreat House is located 22 miles west of Philadelphia - just off U.S. 30. There is frequent train service to nearby Paoli, PA. The Philadelphia International Airport is approximately a 40-minute drive.*

### BY CAR

**FROM PHILADELPHIA AND POINTS EAST, NORTH AND WEST** follow the **PA Turnpike** to **Valley Forge Exit**, or the Schuylkill Expressway to the **Route 202 South Exit**. Proceed south on **Route 202** to the **Paoli Exit - Route 252**. Proceed on 252 south to **Route 30 West**. Go West (right) onto Route 30 for **4 stoplights** to **Paoli Pike** (Matthew's Ford). **Bear left** onto Paoli Pike and proceed for **3 stoplights**. (Malvern Retreat signs will direct you.) Turn **right** at the 3<sup>rd</sup> stoplight. This is Warren Avenue. Follow **Warren Avenue** until you see the sign: **St. Joseph's in the Hills**

**FROM NEW YORK** pick up the NJ Turnpike and connect with the PA Turnpike, then follow directions above.

**FROM THE PHILADELPHIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT** Take **I95 South** to **THE BLUE ROUTE "Route 476N"** to **Route 3** (West Chester Pike). Proceed **west** on **Route 3** to **Route 252 N**. Proceed on 252 to **Route 30 West**. Go West (left) onto Route 30 for **4 stoplights** to **Paoli Pike** (Matthews Ford). **Bear left** onto Paoli Pike and proceed for **3 stoplights**. (Malvern Retreat signs will direct you.) Turn **right** at the 3<sup>rd</sup> stoplight. This is Warren Avenue. Follow **Warren Avenue** until you see the sign: **St. Joseph's in the Hills**.

For those who are familiar with the area I suggest **I95 South** to **THE BLUE ROUTE "Route 476N"** (toward **Plymouth Meeting**). Take **US-1** exit **Lima/Springfield**. **Keep left** at the forks. Merge onto **US 1S/Media Bypass**. Take the **PA-252 N** exit. Turn onto **N Providence RD/PA 252**. Turn left onto **N Providence Rd**. Turn **Right** onto **S Warren Ave**.

You could make arrangements ahead of time at your expense with **Paoli Limousine 610-647-5466** to take you from the airport to Malvern Retreat. Arrangements must be made in advance with Paoli Limousine.

**FROM WILMINGTON, SOUTH JERSEY, AND POINTS SOUTH** follow **Route 202 North** and proceed to the **Paoli Pike East Exit**. Follow Paoli Pike until you come to the sign: **Malvern Prep**. This is Warren Avenue. **Turn left onto Warren Avenue**; St. Joseph's in the Hills Retreat House will be a short distance up on the right

**FROM COATESVILLE AND POINTS WEST** takes Route 30, past Route 29 and proceed 1/4 mile to stoplight. Turn right on Old Lincoln Highway Road; go to third road on right - Bridge Street. Turn right on Bridge Street, go to stop sign, turn right onto King Street. At first light, turn left onto Warren Avenue. Go three blocks to **St. Joseph's in the Hills** sign on left

### BY TRAIN

**SEPTA** Travel Information Center 215-580-7800 [www.septa.com](http://www.septa.com). **AMTRAK** information 800-872-RAIL (7245) [www.Amtrak.com/index4.html](http://www.Amtrak.com/index4.html).

From Penn Center Station take SEPTA's R5 Malvern Local. Get out at the Malvern Station. From the Malvern train station, walk up Warren Avenue (approx. 8 min.).

### PARKING

**St Joseph's Hall Parking:** From top entrance near Gatehouse. Follow our drive until you see on the left a circle of flowers with a St. Joseph statue in the middle. It is standing in front of St. Joseph's building. Stay to the left of the building and you will be heading towards St. Joseph's Parking lot. Registration is in St. Joseph's Hall Library.

**Corrigan Hall Parking:** Follow our drive past the Gatehouse on the right hand side you will see Corrigan Hall. Make a right onto the lane that bears left around Corrigan Hall. (This lane is **before** the circle with St Joseph's statue). Registration is in St. Joseph's Hall Library.

**Our Lady's Parking:** In the St. Joseph's lot, you will see (on the right) signs saying, "Dining Room" and "Office". Drive on that side of the parking lot down a narrow path by the office. As you get to the bottom of the path you will see a sign saying "Our Lady's Hall". Stop there; bring your suitcases inside. Then continue down the hill to the parking lot below (Our Lady's parking lot). Return to Our Lady's library area for registration.

**McShain-Horstmann Family Life Center Parking:** Enter through the lower entrance. At the Good Shepherd statue bear right. The Family Life Center is on the right-hand side (before reaching Our Lady's parking lot).