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# 107th Annual Diocesan Assembly



## *Vocations: The Call to Serve*

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February 23, 2009

Dear Reverend Clergy, Diocesan Delegates, Parish Council Chairs, and Women's Guild Delegates:

St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Armenian Church looks forward to receiving you this coming May for the 107th Annual Diocesan Assembly and Clergy Conference, to be held April 27, 2009 through May 3, 2009. Assembly meetings will be held at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel in the heart of Center City Philadelphia's most beautiful and historic neighborhood. The hotel is within 30 minutes from Philadelphia International Airport and within 15 minutes from AMTRAK's 30th Street Station.

Enclosed in this packet are the following materials:

- Assembly Registration and Event Selection Form
- Hotel Information Sheet
- Event Information Sheet
- Transportation Information Sheet/Driving Directions to Sheraton Society Hill Hotel
- Commemorative Booklet Sponsorship Form
- Pre-addressed envelope to return Registration Form and Booklet Sponsorship Form

The Assembly Registration and Event Form must be completed and returned in the pre-addressed envelope, along with your check made payable to: **St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Armenian Church – 2009 Diocesan Assembly**. Please be sure your forms are in by **April 1, 2009**.

Please make hotel reservations directly with the hotel and be sure to mention **“Diocese of the Armenian Church of America”** to get the discounted rate of \$159.00 per room/per night.

We ask that in the event you are no longer a delegate or for the 107th Annual Diocesan Assembly, you pass this packet onto a newly-elected delegate.

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***

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*Pastor*

Lisa Manookian  
*Chair, 2009 Diocesan Assembly Committee*

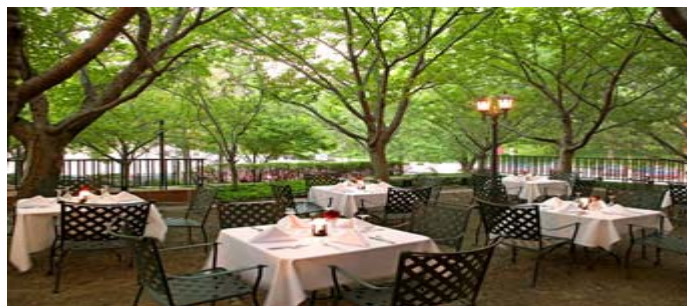
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*Chair, Parish Council*

# Sheraton Society Hill Hotel



Step back in time to colonial Philadelphia at the **Sheraton Society Hill Hotel**. Stroll along cobblestone streets and visit America's most historic square mile, which includes such sites as Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell, just four blocks away.

The Hotel is located in one of the most beautiful residential parts of the City of Brotherly Love. This courtyard is accessed from several meeting areas and will be available for our use during the Assembly.



After a busy day, wind down in the indoor heated swimming pool or whirlpool.



Call it a night and sleep easy in the celebrated “ahhhhh” of the Sheraton Sweet Sleeper (SM) Bed. Plus, you can stay connected while away with wireless High Speed Internet Access in all guest rooms, public areas, and the lobby.

## TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS:

- ➔ **Please call the hotel directly at 800.325.3535 to secure the group rate of \$159/per night.**
- ➔ **Be sure to mention “2009 Diocesan Assembly” to get the group rate.**
- ➔ **All reservations must be made by April 1, 2009.**

# DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO SHERATON SOCIETY HILL HOTEL

## From Philadelphia International Airport:

Take Interstate 95 North to Exit 20 (Columbus Boulevard). Turn left at the traffic light onto Columbus. Turn left at the sixth light, for Dock Street. Turn right at the stop sign. The hotel is on the right-hand side.

## From the East:

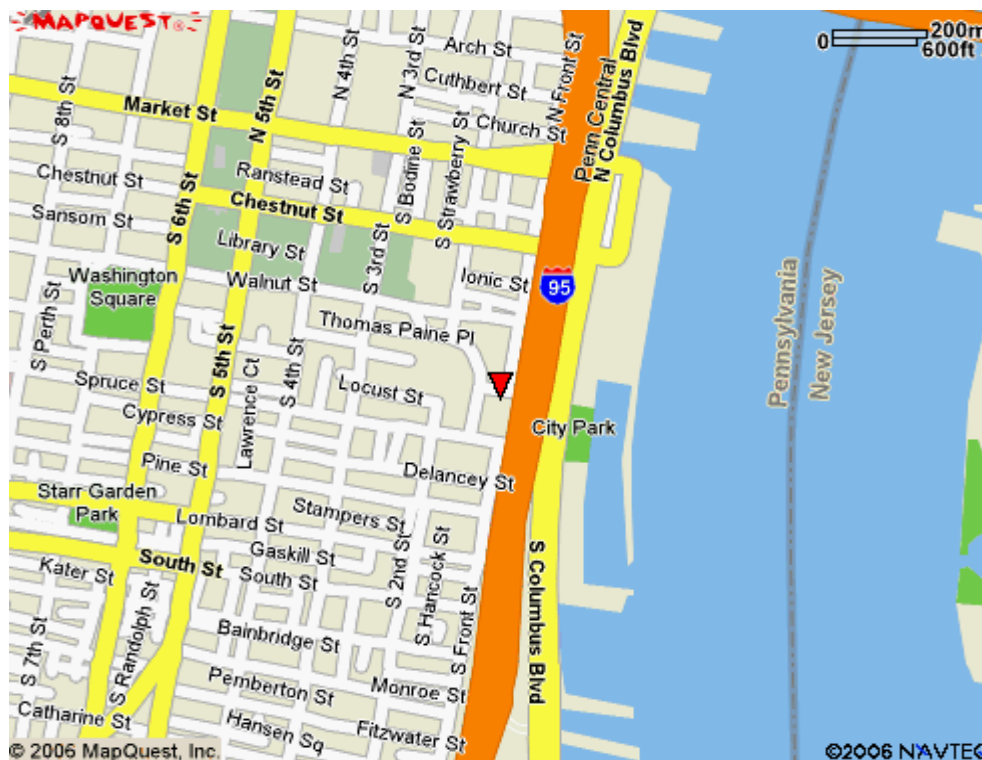
Take Ben Franklin Bridge from Camden, stay in the right lane. Take the first right off of bridge to Sixth Street then follow Sixth Street to Market Street and turn left. Follow Market to Second Street and turn right. Follow Second Street to Dock Street and the hotel is on the left.

## From the North:

Take Interstate 95 South to Exit 20 (Columbus Boulevard). At the bottom of the ramp, turn left onto Columbus Boulevard. Follow for 3 traffic lights to Dock Street and turn left. Continue to a dead end and turn right. The hotel will be on the right.

## From the West:

Take Pennsylvania Turnpike to 76 East (Exit 326 - Valley Forge). Follow 76 East to 676 East (Exit 344 - Central Philadelphia). Continue on 676 East to Interstate 95 South. Take I-95 South to Penn's Landing (Exit 20). At the bottom of the ramp, turn left onto Columbus Boulevard. Follow to Dock Street and turn left. Continue to the dead end and turn right. The hotel is on the right-hand side.



# Transportation Information Sheet for the 107th Annual Diocesan Assembly



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## Shuttle Service

**Lady Liberty Shuttle** offers transportation at a reduced rate of \$10, per person, each way. Shuttles depart from the airport every 15 minutes. Please follow the instructions below.

**Transportation from Philadelphia International Airport:** After you claim your baggage, go to the Ground Transportation Counter (in Baggage Claim) and register with the counter attendant, who will give you a ticket number. Then, from the counter phone, dial 27 and give the Lady Liberty dispatcher your destination and the number in your party. The shuttle will pick you up outside the baggage claim at Zone 7.

**Transportation from the hotel to Philadelphia International Airport** can be secured by making reservations directly with Lady Liberty (215.724.8888).

## Rental Car Companies

Avis • 800.831.2487 • [www.avis.com](http://www.avis.com)

Budget • 800.527.0700 • [www.budget.com](http://www.budget.com)

Enterprise • 800.736.8222 • [www.enterprise.com](http://www.enterprise.com)

Hertz • 800-654-3131 • [www.hertz.com](http://www.hertz.com)

**Car Rental Tip:** If you have memberships with any of the following companies, mention them when booking your rental vehicle so you can receive a reduced rate: AAA, Costco, American Express.

## Hotel Address and Parking Information

Sheraton Society Hill Hotel  
1 Dock Street  
(2nd & Walnut Streets)  
Philadelphia, PA 19106  
215.238.6000  
800.325.3535

**Important Note re: Parking:** The hotel does not have on-site parking, except for valet parking. We have negotiated a discounted rate of \$27.60 per day for those who wish to valet park. There is also another parking garage, Olde City AutoPark, at 2nd & Sansom Streets (one block from the hotel) for \$18.00 per day.

## Additional Information:

- Roundtrip transportation will be provided by the host committee as follows:
  - Thursday evening, from the Hotel to the Church
  - Friday evening, from the Hotel to the National Constitution Center.
  - Sunday morning, from the Hotel to the Church.
- If you have any questions re: transportation, please contact Migirdich Azadian @ 610.489.6575.
- If you have any questions re: the hotel, please contact Lisa Manookian @ 610.649.8426.
- Please be sure to visit <http://www.sahagmesrobchurch.org> for up-to-date information.

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## Event Information for the 107th Annual Diocesan Assembly



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### **Thursday, April 30, 2009** ***Delegate Dinner @ Hotel***

Full-course, American buffet dinner w/Armenian desserts.

Sheraton Society Hill Hotel  
Ballroom D and E  
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

*Donation: \$60.00*

### **Friday, May 1, 2009** ***Gala Banquet & Program***

Reception, banquet and program.  
*Friend of the Armenians Award* presented to **U.S. Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ)**  
*Armenian of the Year Award* presented to **Zaven Dadekian**

National Constitution Center  
Grand Hall Overlook  
6:00 p.m.

*Donation: \$85.00*

### **Saturday, May 2, 2009** ***Philly Kef Night***

Armenian and American mezza buffet.  
Armenian music by members of the Aravod & Artsakh Bands!!!  
American music by DJs Chris Torcomian & Ricky Mukalian  
Performance by Ararat Armenian Dance Ensemble

Sheraton Society Hill Hotel  
Grand Ballroom  
7:30 p.m.

*Donation:*  
*\$35.00 (in advance) • \$45 (at the door)*

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

# Registration & Event Selection Form for the 107th Annual Diocesan Assembly



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(Please complete one form for each individual participating)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Name/Location: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please check appropriate status:*

- ACYOA     Diocesan Council     Diocesan Staff     Women's Guild Delegate  
 Clergy     Diocesan Delegate     PC Chair     Yeretgin     Guest/Spouse

- I plan to attend the Parish Council Chairs' Meeting/Luncheon on Thursday (10 a.m. – 1 p.m.)  
 I plan to attend the Yeretgin's Breakfast.

Date	Event	Cost	Total
<b>REGISTRATION FEE</b>		\$ 60.00	\$ _____
<b>(Mandatory for Clergy, Diocesan Delegates &amp; PC Chairs)</b>			
Thursday, April 30	Parish Council Chairs' Meeting and Lunch	No Charge	\$ _____
Thursday, April 30	Dinner @ Hotel	\$ 60.00	\$ _____
Friday, May 1	Yeretgin's Breakfast and Program	No Charge	\$ _____
Friday, May 1	Lunch @ Hotel	\$ 35.00	\$ _____
Friday, May 1	Gala Banquet & Program @ National Constitution Center	\$ 85.00	\$ _____
Saturday, May 2	Lunch @ Hotel	\$ 35.00	\$ _____
Saturday, May 2	Philly Kef Night (dinner/dance/light mezza dinner)	\$ 35.00	\$ _____
Sunday, May 3	Farewell Brunch @ Church	\$ 20.00	\$ _____
<b>Total Cost:</b>			\$ _____

Please make all checks payable to: **St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Armenian Church (Memo: Assembly)**  
 Send Registration & Event Form and payment, **by April 1, 2009**, in pre-addressed envelope.  
 Please be sure to visit <http://www.sahagmesrobchurch.org> for up-to-date information.

# 2009 DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY COMMEMORATIVE BOOKLET DONATION FORM

Your support of the 2009 Diocesan Assembly of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church is greatly appreciated. Donations can be made in either memory of a loved one, in honor of someone, or in honor of a special occasion. Please complete this form and return it, with your check, *made payable to the 2009 Diocesan Assembly*.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### *Sponsorship Opportunities:*

**Guardian • \$10,000.00+**  
8 complimentary banquet tickets  
(Prime Seating) and VIP Reception

**Cornerstone • \$500.00+**  
1 complimentary banquet ticket  
VIP Reception

**Torchbearer • \$5,000.00+**  
6 complimentary banquet tickets  
(Prime Seating) and VIP Reception

**Patron • \$250.00+**

**Sponsor • \$100.00+**

**Pillar • \$2,500.00+**  
4 complimentary banquet tickets  
(Prime Seating) and VIP Reception

**Donor • \$50.00+**

**Friend • \$25.00+**

**Benefactor • \$1,000.00+**  
2 complimentary banquet tickets  
VIP Reception

*All sponsors will receive and be  
acknowledged in the commemorative  
booklet.*

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

On the occasion of \_\_\_\_\_

*Please send completed form and donation to:*

***Tanya Bardakjian  
206 Martins Run  
Media, PA 19063***

Deadline: March 20, 2009