

**Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Atlanta**  
**Deacons Educational Meeting**  
*September 28-29, 2021, at Diakonia Retreat Center*

**Day 1 - Tuesday – September 28, 2021**

Morning – Arrival/Unpack in Rooms/Relaxation/Fellowship

Noon – 1:30 p.m. **Opening Prayer & Lunch** (*Dining Hall*), *followed by*  
**Remarks** – His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios (*Dining Hall*)

1:30 – 1:45 p.m. – **Walk to Panagia Chapel**

1:45 p.m. – **Deacons Workshop #1**, by Archdeacon Dionysios Papiris,  
Archdeacon of the Archdiocese (*Panagia Chapel*)

3:15 – 3:30 p.m. – **Break**

3:30 p.m. – **Deacons Workshop #1 (continued)**, by Archdeacon Dionysios  
Papiris, Archdeacon of the Archdiocese (*Panagia Chapel*)

5:00 p.m. – **Great Vespers** (*Panagia Chapel*)

6:00 p.m. – **Dinner** (*Dining Hall*)

7:00 p.m. – **Deacons Workshop #2**, by Fr. Gregory Edwards, Dean of  
Holy Trinity/Holy Cross Cathedral, Birmingham, AL (*Dining Hall*)

8:00 p.m. – **Remarks on Prayer** – His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios (*Dining Hall*)

9:00 p.m. – **Wine & Cheese Fellowship Reception** (*Dining Hall*)

**Day 2 - Wednesday – September 29, 2021**

7:30 a.m. – **Orthros, Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, & Group Photo** (*Panagia Chapel*)

10:00 a.m. – **Brunch** (*Dining Hall*)

10:30 a.m. – **Deacons Workshop #3**, by Fr. Vasileios Tsourlis, Dean of Holy Trinity  
Cathedral, Charlotte, NC (*Dining Hall*)

11:30 a.m. – **Closing Remarks by Metropolitan Alexios** (*Dining Hall*)

11:55 a.m. – **Closing Prayer by Bishop Sevastianos** (*Dining Hall*)

Noon – **Departure for Home (Prayers for safe travels)**

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## **Additional Notes for Participants**

***Be Punctual: Our meeting starts Tuesday at Noon & ends Wednesday at Noon.***

***Suggestion:*** You may wish to bring a few snacks if your health requires extra nutrients. Also, bring a small flashlight.

***Celebrants for Church Services:*** His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios, assisted by Fr. Christos Mars & Archdeacon Dionysios Papiris.

***All Clergy:*** Service books will be distributed for each service. We thank the rest of our clergy for your help with chanting and assisting in the Altar. Clergy, bring Anteri for Tuesday Chapel service and Exorasson for Wednesday Chapel services. We ask you to adhere to driving/parking guidelines that follow.

## **Parking at the Diakonia Retreat Center**

The Diakonia Retreat Center's mission to bring guests closer to the beauty of God's natural creation means that it is primarily designed for pedestrian traffic. Given this intention, parking is only available in the upper parking lot at the main entrance gate and in the two small lots at the eco cabins. **Refer to DRC Map.**

In instances of limited mobility and other special needs, please note the following accommodations for vehicular parking:

- The parking spots next to the dining hall (by the vineyard) are **reserved for handicap parking only.**
- Additional handicap parking is available near the Panagia Chapel.

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