



*Clergy Continuing Education
Program
Diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern
Pennsylvania (OCA)
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The Diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania is pleased to inaugurate a program of Clergy Continuing Education beginning in the Fall of 2012. With the blessing of His Eminence, Archbishop Tikhon, and in response to the need for clergy continuing education as highlighted in the OCA Strategic Plan, the following series of workshops is offered to the clergy of all Orthodox Jurisdictions.

Each workshop will consist of a focused three-hour presentation on a topic of particular relevance to Orthodox clergy and their pastoral ministries within their parishes and to their local communities. Experts in each field will offer concise presentations on a concrete subject with the opportunity for questions and discussion. A light lunch will be provided at the conclusion of the workshop.

There is a minimal fee of \$10 for each workshop.

For clergy of the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania, the cost for these workshops will be covered under the terms of the "Guidelines for Clergy Continuing Education."

Workshop I

Date: Thursday, September 20, 2012
Topic: "The Legal Dimensions of Priestly Ministry: Personal, Parochial and Pastoral"
Speaker: Stephanos Bibas, J.D., Professor of Law and Criminology, Director of Supreme Court Clinic, at the University of Pennsylvania Law School;

Author of *The Machinery of Criminal Justice* (Oxford University Press, 2012).

Location: St Nicholas Orthodox Church
980 Bridle Path Road
Bethlehem, PA 18017
Time: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Workshop II

Date: Thursday, October 18, 2012
Topic: "Canonical Issues in Marriage: Maximums and Minimums"
Speaker: Archpriest Alexander Rentel, M.Div., SEOD, Assistant Professor of Canon Law and Byzantine Studies and the John and Paraskeva Skvir Lecturer in Practical Theology
Location: Holy Trinity Orthodox Church
1501 Trinity Court
Stroudsburg, PA 18360
Time: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Workshop III

Date: Thursday, November 29, 2012
Topic: "Challenges Facing Our Communities"
Speaker: Mr. Robert Ferdinand, Former Hazleton Chief of Police
Location: Holy Annunciation Orthodox Church
1228 2nd Avenue
Berwick, PA 18603
Time: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

More workshops to be scheduled in 2013...