Blessings to all our dearly beloved Cor-Episcopoi, Priests & Deacons,

As you have already been informed, the first annual clergy retreat of the Diocese will be held on August 7-8, 2009 at St. Stephen’s Orthodox Church, Houston, Texas. We hope that you have already made your travel arrangements. Please keep this retreat in your daily prayers so that it may be a time for personal reflection and spiritual renewal.

The schedule for the retreat is as follows:

**Friday, August 7th**
- 9:30 AM  Registration
- 10:00 AM  Retreat
- 12:30 PM  Lunch
- 2:00 PM  Visit to the Bishop’s Residence
- 4:30 PM  Preparation for Confession
- 5:30 PM  Evening Prayer
- 6:15 PM  Confession
- 7:30 PM  Dinner

**Saturday, August 8th**
- 7:00 AM  Morning Prayer
- 7:30 AM  Holy Qurbana
- 9:30 AM  Business Meeting
- 12:00 PM  Lunch
- 1:00 PM  Departure

For the general arrangement of the retreat, please notify us of the following by e-mail (mareusebius@gmail.com) or contact Fr. P.M. Cheriyan.

1) Your flight details including the airline, flight number, along with the arrival and departure airport and times.
2) If you plan to arrange your own housing.
Please also be aware that all attendees are required to bring their own Bible, and it is expected that everyone must follow the traditional dress code of the Church for both days.

Your Shepherd in Christ,

Alexios Mar Eusebius
Metropolitan