

## Why Participate?

- ◆ To enjoy time with your spouse, away from the “busy-ness” of daily life...
- ◆ For an opportunity to focus on your marriage...
- ◆ For the fun of meeting and sharing with other Orthodox couples...
- ◆ To learn more about your faith and the Orthodox view of marriage as a path to your salvation...
- ◆ To draw closer to Christ and each other through the retreat workshops and liturgical services...
- ◆ To be refreshed by the beautiful, peaceful surroundings that await you at the Village...



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Conference and Retreat Center  
140 Church Camp Trail  
Bolivar, PA 15923

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# Marriage Enrichment Retreat

February 27-March 1 '09



*“For the state of wedlock does not estrange us from God, but rather ties us more closely to Him, for it brings forth a greater impetus to turn to Him.”*

*St. Gregory the Theologian*

## Invited to a Sacrificial Love

“As Christ’s love for humanity was an out-pouring of love even unto death, so too married couples, husbands and wives, are invited to offer their love for each other sacrificially. Marriage viewed from this perspective is more than the union of husband and wife for companionship and personal fulfillment. Rather, it is the union of two individuals who are united by a love that is sacrificial in character and built upon the virtues of humility, compromise, forgiveness, and commitment. It is these marriages that are fertile soil producing not only long lasting unions but also families that will serve as living antidotes to counter our modern family crisis.”

-Archbishop DEMETRIOS

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

**About the Retreat Leader:** Father Charles Joanides, Ph.D., LMFT is an Orthodox priest and pastor of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Newburgh, NY. He has a Ph.D. in Family Studies, is a Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist, and an approved AAMFT Supervisor. He has a small private practice specializing in reclaiming marriages. He and his wife, Presbytera Nancy have two children, Stephan (28) and Sara (25).

Fr. Charles has a regular column in the Orthodox Observer, and has been a featured speaker on the international radio program, *Come Receive the Light*. He has authored three books, the most recent is *Attending to Your Marriage: A Resource for Christian Couples*. He is currently co-developing a premarital education program for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese tentatively titled: *The Journey of Marriage*. He lectures on marriage and family issues across the country on a regular basis.

## Weekend Schedule

The weekend schedule is designed for growth and refreshment! Couples will enjoy planned activities as well as time on their own.

### Friday February 27th:

5pm	Vespers
6pm	Check-in & Dinner
<b>7pm</b>	<b>“The Journey of Marriage”</b>
8:45pm	Social Hour
9:45pm	Compline

### Saturday February 28th:

8am	Morning Prayers
8:45am	Breakfast
<b>9:30am</b>	<b>“Dangers Along the Way”</b>
10:30am	Break for Couples' Discussion
<b>11am</b>	<b>“Staying Connected”</b>
Noon	Lunch
<b>12:45pm</b>	<b>“How Our Orthodox Faith Positively Impacts Our Marriage”</b>
2pm - 5pm	Free Time
5pm	Vespers
6pm	Candlelight Dinner
7:30pm	Movie and panel discussion



### Sunday March 1st:

9am	Matins & Divine Liturgy
11:30am	Brunch
12:30pm	Check-out

## Registration Form

**Names:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**# of Years Married:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parish:** \_\_\_\_\_

All-inclusive Retreat Package/couple: **\$309.**

**\$25 discount** for Early Registration **if postmarked by 1/31/09.**

Early Registration Package/couple: **\$284**

Method of Payment

Check enclosed

Visa

Mastercard

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Must  
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