

Metropolis of Atlanta Winter Clergy Retreat

Featuring Fr. Vasileios Thermos, a prominent Greek Orthodox Priest, Psychiatrist, and Scholar whose work bridges theology, psychology, and pastoral care. He is widely known for his contributions to child and adolescent psychiatry, pastoral psychology, and clergy formation across the Orthodox world.

February 3-5, 2026 at Alexios Retreat Center (ARC)

Day 1 - Tuesday – February 3rd

2:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Arrival/Luggage Room Assignments/Relaxation

3:30 p.m. – Opening Prayer & Remarks – Metropolitan Sevastianos of Atlanta

5:00 p.m. – Paraklesis Service at St. Gregory Chapel (Celebrant – Fr. Michael Platanis, Chair of Clergy Syndesmos, Metropolis of Atlanta), followed by Dinner in Dining Hall

7:30 p.m. – Clergy Syndesmos Meeting at St. Gregory Chapel – Fr. Michael Platanis

9:30 p.m. – Small Compline at St. Gregory Chapel (Celebrant – Fr. Elefterios Plevrakis, New Metropolis Clergy)

Day 2 - Wednesday – February 4th

8:30 a.m. – Orthros at St. Gregory Chapel (Celebrant – Fr. Nicolaos Spirakis, New Metropolis Clergy) followed by Breakfast at St. Gregory Chapel

10:30 a.m. – Session 1 at St. Gregory Chapel: *Trauma & Forgiveness* – Fr. Vasileios Thermos

12:30 p.m. – Luncheon in Dining Hall

1:30 p.m. – Clergy Leadership Development at St. Gregory Chapel – Tim Tassopoulos, Metropolis Council Vice-Chair, assisted by selected clergy and lay team members)

5:00 p.m. – Agiasmos Service at Candle Factory, followed by Candle Making Demonstration (His Eminence Metropolitan Sevastianos officiating)

6:30 p.m. – Dinner in Dining Hall

7:30 p.m. – Session 2 at St. Gregory Chapel: *Unhealthy Personalities & Their Distortion of Religion* – Fr. Vasileios Thermos

9:00 p.m. – Small Compline at St. Gregory Chapel (Fr. Ioannis Capones, New Metropolis Clergy)

Day 3 - Thursday – February 5th

8:00 a.m. – Orthros/Divine Liturgy at Panagia Chapel (Celebrant – Fr. Dinos Carros, Chaplain, Diakonia Retreat Center), followed by Breakfast at St. Gregory Chapel

11: a.m. – Session 3 at St. Gregory Chapel: *Homosexuality & Gender Identity* – Fr. Vasileios Thermos

1:00 p.m. – Luncheon at Dining Hall

2:00 p.m. – Departure