# Office of Communications

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With the blessing of His Grace, Bishop Michael, a second annual Diocesan Altar **Servers Retreat** will take place at Saint Basil Academy in Garrison NY. It will be a threeday retreat: **24-26 February 2012**. There is *no* charge to participate in the retreat.



Participants should arrive on Friday, February 24 after 4:00 p.m. for registration and room assignments. Bedding is provided by the Academy. They should bring:

- Personal toiletries
- Sticharion (for participation in the liturgical services)
- Proper clothes for liturgical services
- ➤ Shorts or sweats and bathing suits (for the basketball and swimming)
- Warm clothes to travel from venue to venue



One chaperone is required for every seven participants. Adult participants/servers will serve as chaperones. Altar servers staying only one night may be picked up on Saturday (February 25) after Vespers. If they are staying until Sunday (February 26) they can be picked up after the Divine Liturgy and morning meal. Bishop Michael will remain until the last participant departs. We will inform you if additional chaperones are needed once we receive all of the participant information.

A permission slip/waiver *must* be filled out for each participant. The waiver, agenda/schedule of events, and all other necessary **documents/information** are now available on the diocesan website: nynjoca.org

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