

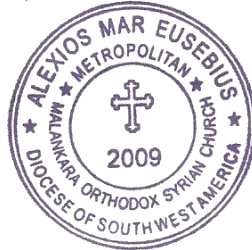
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Apostolic Blessings to all our dearly beloved Cor-Episcopoi, Priests, Deacons and all the Parish Managing Committee members.

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

The Shoonoyo fast is an important fast of our liturgical year that begins on August 1st and concludes with the feast of the Assumption of the Mother of God on August 15th. We encourage all the faithful to wholeheartedly participate in this lent, and continue to pray for our Church as we seek to carry out the mission of Christ in this world. May the intercession of the Mother of our God, the Holy Virgin Mary, continue to be a great fortress for our daily spiritual journey.

The first annual clergy retreat of our Diocese will be held on August 7th and 8th, 2009 at St. Stephen's Orthodox Church, Houston. The retreat will begin on Friday, August 7th at 10 AM and will conclude on Saturday, August 8th with the Holy Qurbana followed by a business meeting and lunch by 12:30 PM. We require the presence of all the Cor-Episcopoi, Priests, and Deacons of our Diocese to be present for the entire retreat. We also direct the parish managing committee to meet the travel expenses of the parish Vicar.

May the Triune God bless you all and give you a peaceful and prosperous life.

Your Shepherd in Christ,



Alexios Mar Eusebius Metropolitan