



2022 ACYOA Seniors National Lenten Retreat

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern)

Fact Sheet

Who can attend?

The ACYOA Seniors National Lenten Retreat is open to all young adults 18 and older from across the Eastern Diocese.

What to expect?

We are excited to implement a weekend-long retreat to focus on our faith formation, have meaningful conversations, engage in worship, and invite opportunities to grow. We have a great weekend planned with presentations, small and whole group discussions, and time to explore the great outdoors!

When is it?

The weekend-long retreat will take place Friday, March 25 beginning at 5 PM (CT) and conclude on Sunday, March 27 at 2 PM (CT). Please plan on being present for the entire retreat; we strongly discourage you from arriving late or leaving before the close of the retreat.

What are the accommodations like?

We will be housed in the Main Lodge (rather than the cabins), which provides dormitory style rooms to be shared with one roommate. The rooms are heated and include bathrooms with a shower. We will be walking outdoors to the chapel, dining hall and meeting rooms, so please pack appropriate footwear (boots) and outdoor wear (coats, hats, gloves, etc).

What should I pack?

Bedding: You will not need to travel with any bedding/towels, unless you want your own.

Toiletries: Soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.

Clothing: Casual, comfortable clothes are recommended. The weather can be quite chilly so be sure to pack some warm clothing, especially for outdoor activities on Saturday. Pack an outfit for Divine Liturgy. You may choose to bring a bathrobe, flip-flops, etc for the bathrooms.

Other: Please bring a Divine Liturgy pew book, reusable water bottle, reusable coffee mug for in between meals, snacks, puzzles, cards, etc.

What are the COVID-19 policies?

After your registration, you will receive an email with a detailed COVID-19 Policy along with the required paperwork (Participant Agreement Form, Health History Form, Personal Health Assessment, and a Waiver of Liability Relating to COVID-19) that must be submitted before your arrival. In addition, you must provide a negative COVID-19 PCR test result at most 48 hours before—and preferably 24 hours before— your arrival. Please be aware that the Retreat Center requires masks to be worn indoors at all times properly over your nose and mouth (except for when eating, bathing, and sleeping).

Where is it?

This year's retreat will take place at the St. Iakovos Retreat Center in Kansasville, WI. If flying, please plan to fly in/out of MKE airport in Milwaukee, WI which is about 45 minutes from the retreat center. If needed, you can fly in/out of ORD airport in Chicago, IL which is about 90 minutes from the retreat center. Schedule your flights to land before 3:00 PM on Friday for MKE and before 2:00 PM for ORD. Plan to depart after 5:00 PM on Sunday.

To request airport transportation, you must provide your flight information to Jennifer Morris no later than MARCH 15 at jenniferm@armeniandiocese.org or 248-648-0702.

When possible, we encourage you to arrange your own transportation with local area friends, but please keep us posted so we know you are all set!

How do I get to the retreat?

St. Iakovos Retreat Center
920 224th Avenue
Kansasville, WI 53139

**Please note that all guests must enter via 9th Street at the main entrance.*

Driving Directions:

If you are driving to the conference (free parking is available):

Directions from the South

- Take 94 W towards Milwaukee
- Exit 142 - Exit #340
- Turn Left at the bottom of the ramp onto 142/Burlington RD (heading west)
- Continue straight for 5.25 miles
- Turn Right at the stop sign onto 45 North/200th Ave
- Continue straight for 1 mile
- Turn Left onto 9th Street
- Continue straight for about 1.5 miles
- At the stop sign, proceed straight into the St. Iakovos Retreat Center Main Entrance

Directions from the North

- Take 94 E towards Milwaukee
- Stay on 94 E past Milwaukee
- Exit on KR - Exit #337
- Turn Right at bottom of the ramp onto KR/1st Street (heading west)
- Proceed 5 miles
- Turn Left at the stop sign onto 45 South/220th Ave
- Proceed straight for 1.5 miles
- Turn Right onto 9th Street
- Proceed
- At Stop Sign, proceed Straight into Main Entrance of St. Iakovos Retreat Center.

Directions from the West

- Take I - 80 E for 172 miles (crossing into Illinois)
- Exit for I - 88 E (Exit #4B)
- Proceed on I – 88 E for 56 Miles
- Keep left on I - 88 E and proceed 23 miles
- Exit for I - 39 N, US 51, toward Rockford
- Proceed on I – 39 N for 22 Miles
- Exit for I – 39 North, US – 20 E, toward Wisconsin – Belvidere, Rockford.
- Proceed 21 Miles
- Exit for I - 90 W, I-39 N, US – 51 N, Toward Wisconsin
- Proceed 4 Miles
- Keep Left on I 90 W, I – 39 N, US – 51 and proceed 14 Miles
- Exit for I -43 (Exit #185 B)
- Proceed 6 Miles
- Exit for WI – 11 (Exit #29)
- Proceed 28 Miles
- Turn Right onto State Road 11
- Proceed 0.5 Miles
- Turn Right onto Bushnell Rd
- Proceed 14 Miles
- When Road ends turn Right onto Bushnell Rd
- Proceed another 9 Miles
- Turn Right onto Bushnell RD: 0.2 Miles
- Turn Left onto 45 North / 200th Ave (Stop Sign): about 10 Miles
- Turn Left onto 9th Street: 1 Mile
- Proceed straight down 9th street: 2.7 miles
- At Stop Sign proceed straight into main entrance of St. Iakovos Retreat Center: 0.1 Miles

Feel free to explore the St. Iakovos Retreat Center website for more information:

www.gosirc.org.

For specific driving directions from your starting place, please use your favorite travel app.

For questions, please contact any ACYOA Central Council member or Jennifer Morris, Program Administrator of the Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, at (248) 648-0702 or jenniferm@armeniandiocese.org.