

## EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- September 5-7, 2025:** Annual SSDCA Retreat, Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua;  
Fr. Sriram Sadhanala, retreat master
- October 1, 2025:** Continuing Formation Report due
- October 25, 2025:** Phoebe's Friends Day of Reflection – details tba

Please see the email sent on July 29, 2025 for registration details for the **Annual SSDCA Retreat**.

The Deacon Personnel Board thanks those deacons who have sent in the required **Continuing Formation Report** for the period of July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025. Your consideration in promptly submitting the report is appreciated.

Thanks, too, from the St. Stephen's Diaconal Community Association to those who have contributed dues or made a donation to the St. Lawrence Fund at the beginning of this new fiscal year. Your support of the community is most sincerely appreciated!

Thanks to Carole and John Tomandl for taking the lead in coordinating the SSDCA Picnic this past Sunday, July 27, at Cayuga Lake State Park!

With the Feast of St. Lawrence upcoming on August 10 (a Sunday this year), here's a *Prayer to St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr*, along with an icon created by Deacon Lawrence Klimecki.

*O Generous patron of the Church's poor, St. Lawrence, pray to the One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit that all the poor of the Church in need in every corner of the world may feel the effect of the love of their brothers and sisters who seek to help them.*

*Deliver the Church from the greed and envy of the powerful and protect her rights and property so that she may serve the needy in freedom, giving them good things for soul and body.*

*May we come some day with all those whom we helped on earth to the bright mansions of heaven where we will enjoy the riches of God's house and the company of the Savior who lives and reigns forever and ever.*

*Amen.*