



SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, October 6 6:00 to 9:30 pm

- 6-7:00 pm Registration
7:00 Welcome: **AnnMarie Mecera, President of Saint Phoebe Center**
Prayer and introductions: **Rev. Father Steven Tsichlis, Pastor of Saint Paul's**
Welcome video: **Metropolitan Kallistos of Diokleia, St. Phoebe Board Advisory Board**
Keynote address: **Rev. Archdeacon John Chryssavgis, "The Missing Link: A Fresh Look at the Diaconate"**
8:30 -9:30 Reception

SATURDAY, October 7 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

- 8:00 am Continental breakfast and registration
8:30 Welcome: **AnnMarie Mecera**
Prayer service: **Rev. Father Steven Tsichlis**
9:00-10:15 **Session One: The State of the Diaconate Today**
Introduction of panelists and moderator: **Rev. Deacon Dan Cunningham, Rev. Father Michael Courey, Dr. James Skedros, Rev. Father Anthony Roeber, Rev. Father Alexander Rentel**
Discussion
10:15-10:30 Break
10:30-12:00 **Session Two: Serving the Body of Christ: Men and Women Engaged in Diaconal Work Today**
Introduction of panelists and moderator: **Teva Regule, Demetra Jaquet on Pastoral Counseling, Rev. Protodeacon Peter Danilchick on Administration and Governance, Clio Pavlantos on Chaplaincy, Rev. Deacon Paul Cherkas on Hospice and Homebound**
Discussion
12:00-1:30 Lunch
1:30-2:45 **Session Three: Engaging the Clergy and the Faithful on the Diaconate**
Introductions and moderator: **Rev. Protodeacon Peter Danilchick**
Speaker: **Rev. Deacon Nicholas Denysenko, "Synods and Church Order: Testing the Spirits"**
Discussion
Presentation on engaging with clergy and faithful: **Gust Mecera and Dr. Carrie Frederick Frost**
Discussion Groups by Church Jurisdiction
2:45-3:00 Break
3:00-5:00 **Session Four: Difficulties and Benefits of Ordaining Women Deacons**
Introduction of panelists and moderator: **Dr. Helen Creticos Theodoropoulos, Rev. Deacon Brian Patrick Mitchell: Difficulties, Dr. Valerie A. Karras: Benefits**
Discussion
Closing remarks by **AnnMarie Mecera** and prayer by **Rev. Father Steven Tsichlis**