



**Πατριεπισκοπος Ἀμερικῆς καὶ Καναδῶν
ἡγουμεν εἰς τὴν ἑκκλησίαν τοῦ
Coptic Orthodox Diocese of the Southern United States**

***“For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing”
(1 Timothy 3:13)***

Requirements for ordinations to the rank of Psaltis - ψαλτης

The Coptic Orthodox male members of the parishes of this diocese who are presented for ordination to the ranks of psaltis (chanter) must meet the following minimum requirements:

Psaltis (Chanter):

1. The candidate must be at least 6 (six) years old.
2. The candidate must display proper Christian behavior including:
 - a. Regular confession, church attendance and communion
 - b. Proper attire and general appearance, such as clothes, hair etc.
 - c. Is not under the sway of bad habits such as smoking or drinking alcohol
3. The candidate must demonstrate proficiency in all the congregation hymns of the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil in any language.
4. The candidate must demonstrate an 80% attendance rate in the weekly Divine Liturgies.

Blessed be the obedient son

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Requirements for ordinations to the rank of Anagnostis - ΠΙΔΑΝΑΓΝΩCΤΗC

The Coptic Orthodox male members of the parishes of this diocese who are presented for ordination to the rank of anagnostis (reader) must meet the following minimum requirements:

Anagnostis (Reader):

1. The candidate must fulfill all minimum requirements for the psaltis.
2. The candidate must be at least 16 (sixteen) years old.
3. The candidate must be involved in the service of the church.
4. The candidate must display good reading ability in the Katameros in any language.
5. The candidate must demonstrate proficiency in the following:
 - a. Agpya Prayers:
 - i. Thanksgiving: “Let us give thanks...”
 - ii. Psalm 50: “Have mercy upon me O God...”
 - iii. “Let us praise with the angles saying...” (Matins Gloria)
 - iv. “Graciously accord, O Lord, to keeps us...” (Compline Prayer)
 - v. The Trisagion: “Holy God...”
 - vi. “Hail to you we ask you...”
 - vii. “We exalt you the mother of the True Light...”
 - viii. The Creed: “We believe in one God...”
 - ix. “Holy, Holy, Holy...”
 - x. Conclusion: “Have mercy on us O God and have mercy on us...”
 - b. Hymns:
 - i. All the congregation hymns of the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil in any language.
 - c. Responses:
 - i. Must be able to serve the Vespers Offering of the Incense alone with the priest.
 - d. Midnight Praises
 - i. Must demonstrate proficiency in the weekly Sunday Midnight Praises.
6. The candidate must demonstrate an 80% attendance rate in the weekly services: liturgies, vespers, and midnight praises.

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