

**Coptic Orthodox Patriarchate  
Diocese of Ohio, Michigan & Indiana**  
**Deaconship Ordination Guidelines**

*For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus. (1 Timothy 3:13)*

**A. Chanter (Epsaltos)**

**Qualifications**

The Coptic Orthodox male members who are nominated for ordination to the rank of Chanter (Epsaltos) must meet the following minimum requirements:

**Qualifications**

- ❖ 5 years or older
- ❖ Memorization
  - Our Father...
  - The Orthodox Creed

**B. Reader (Anagnostes)**

**Qualifications**

The Coptic Orthodox male members who are nominated for ordination to the rank of Reader (Anagnostes) must meet the following minimum requirements as well as the requirements of the rank of Chanter (Epsaltos):

- ❖ 13 years or older
- ❖ Recommendation Letter from his father of confession.
- ❖ Recommendation letter from his parents stating he is responsible person toward his home & his study.
- ❖ Recommendation Letter from His Sunday school teacher confirming he is ready for service.
- ❖ All recommendation letters & requirements to be submitted two weeks prior to the ordination date.

**Memorization**

- ❖ Vespers of the Cymbals
- ❖ Doxologies (St. Mary, The Apostles, Saints of the church)
- ❖ Hymn of the Intercessions
- ❖ Praxis Response (Annual)
- ❖ Psalm 150 (Annual)
- ❖ The Bread of Life (Πρωικ)
- ❖ Paralex Hymn (A Pen, oic) Great Lent
- ❖ Paralex Hymn (A Pen, oic) Nativity
- ❖ Gospel Response (Great Lent)
- ❖ Remember me O Lord (Good Friday)
- ❖ Paralex Hymn (Pa, oic) Resurrection

I, parents of Deacon ....., hereby promise to bring him regularly and early to the weekly Liturgy Service and to Hymns Class.

Signature, .....