



In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, One God. Amen.

Coptic Orthodox Patriarchate
St. Mary and St. Joseph
COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH

Deacons Altar Service Review

Please review the following topics and make sure you are able to do all tasks.

(Note: Children Grade 3-8 are required to take the test)

1. Tonya

Demonstrate the way to present your tonya to show it is the correct size, wearing it, taking it off and folding it properly.

2. Incense Circuit

Review how many times you go around the altar, and the responses to be prayed silently.

3. Gospel Circuit

Review the proper position of the Cross and the Gospel, and the proper way to give the Gospel to Abouna when you are walking backwards around the altar.

4. Entering & Exiting the Altar

Review the proper way to enter and exit the altar.

5. Candles

Review the rules of handling the candles properly and what not to do when holding them.

6. Procession of the Lamb

Review the process of presenting the wine and water to Abouna during the Divine Liturgy, where to stand and when to present the wine / water.

7. Prospherine

Review the proper way/time to prepare the prospherine (during Matins), covering the altar, uncovering the altar and folding the prospherine.

8. Censer

Review the proper way to handle the censer; including preparing it by lighting charcoals and presenting it to Abouna.

9. Washing Abouna's Hands

Review when exactly Abouna washes his hands during the liturgy and what the deacon is expected to do.

10. Microphone

Review the proper way to hold the microphone (distance and angle) and the rules of handling it properly.

11. Communion

Review the process of handling the communion, including handling lefafa, candles, where to stand, till packing the lafaef, etc.

12. Readings

Practice the correct way to read the Agpeya gospels (for Psaltos/Oghnostos), the proper reading of Pauline, Catholic Epistles, Praxis and the proper tune of the Gospel.

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