



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 Meeting – Sunday, April 03, 2011

- + Deacons meetings for children are held on the first Saturday of each month (3:00 to 5:00 PM) however, deacons meetings for adults, university/college students and high school students were suggested to be held on the first Sunday of each month (2:15 to 3:15 PM) to address rites and general subjects, along with the hymns which can be taken on the other three Sundays of the month.
- + Learning the hymns together to unify the hymns and voices.
- + Hymns are art and they can be said in different ways according to the style of different teachers. No one is absolutely correct, but we need to standardize the hymns according to one hymn source.
- + The microphone should be set at an appropriate level which is clear and well heard. Pick a microphone with specific color and train your voice to that microphone
- + The ideal scenario for chorus lead would be a chorus leading; this is the ultimate goal. Through constant practice and review, we can conduct as one chorus. Therefore we should learn the hymn together from one source, so come to class or use the same source and learn it at home.
- + The hymns have their deep spiritual effect.
- + The timing of the Divine Liturgy was discussed:
We start the reconciliation prayer with Ishleel at 10:10am and that would be standard. However, if we start earlier then we can include special hymns like aspasmos, etc.
- + The readers should practice their readings using the same English translation and practice their tone pitch speed pronunciation to whine the skill of public speaking.
- + For the young deacons and the microphones; we should hold the microphones for them and make sure they are about 4 inches away.
- + The names of deacons who practiced the Good Friday hymns will be placed on the list to be said together; others who want to say these hymns, they can but in a lower voice and with their ears following along.
- + Music notes benefits in speeding the process of learning and it will help the learning process. It will be difficult at first but it's worth the investment in time.