



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**

**“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 Tim 3:13)**

**Requirements for ordination to the rank Psaltis and Anagnostis**

The Coptic Orthodox male member within SMSJ congregation who is presented for ordination to the rank of Psaltis (Chanter) or Anagnostis (Reader) must meet the following minimum requirements:

**I. Psaltis (Chanter)**

- 1- The candidate must be at least 6 (Six) years old.
- 2- The candidate must be enrolled in Deacons school, and in process of learning hymns and Coptic language.
- 3- The candidate must demonstrate a regular attendance in the weekly Divine Liturgy.
- 4- The candidate must demonstrate proper Christian behaviour:
  - a. Regular confession, church attendance and communion
  - b. Proper attire and general appearance.
  - c. Is not under the sway of bad habits such as smoking or drinking alcohol.

**II. Anagnostis (Reader)**

- 1- The candidate must fulfil all the minimum requirements for the Psaltis.
- 2- The candidate must be at least at grade 9 (minimum 15 years old).
- 3- The candidate must be enrolled in the servants-prep program of the church.
- 4- The candidate must display good reading ability in the Katameros in at least one of the following languages: Coptic, English, Arabic
- 5- The candidate must be enrolled in Deacons School, and in process of learning Hymns, Coptic language, as well as Church rites & Dogma.
- 6- The candidate should attend the Divine Liturgy, Vespers and Midnight praises regularly.

Blessed is the obedient son  
May the Lord God bless you all