



Πρωτοεπίσκοπος ἡρεμῆχμῖ ἰορθόδοξοσ  
ἠτε νιθωω εφροπῖ ἔτσαρησ  
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 Anagnostis - ΠΙΔΑΝΔΣΝΩΣΤΗΣ**

**Roles and Responsibilities:**

- Read the readings of the Liturgy, with comprehension, and be ready to explain them.
- Assure that the congregation can hear well and understand the readings
- Silently read the names of the reposed patriarchs after the Commemoration of the Saints in the Liturgy, at the response: *“Let the readers, recite the names...”*

**Requirements:**

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:

1. Fulfill all the minimum requirements for the psaltis.
2. Be at least sixteen years old.
3. Be involved in the church services.
4. Display good reading ability in the Katameros in any language.
5. 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...”, “We exalt you the mother of the True Light...”
    - vii. The Creed: “We believe in one God...”
    - viii. “Holy, Holy, Holy...”
    - ix. Conclusion: “Have mercy on us O God and have mercy on us...”
  - b. Hymns: All the congregation hymns of the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil in any language.
  - c. Midnight Praises: The weekly Sunday Midnight Praises.
6. Demonstrate at least 80% attendance rate in the weekly services: liturgies, vespers, and praises.

**Blessed is the obedient son**

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