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**ST. STEPHEN DEACONS SCHOOL PROGRAM**

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## **1. Deacon Vision Statement:**

To serve the Lord in a manner similar to the Cherubim and Seraphim around the Throne

## **2. Deacon Mission Statement:**

To support the vision and mission of the church and the fathers by being a regular member of the deaconate body, attending deacon school, help church services, observe his actions and become a role model to other deacons.

## **3. Ordination Requirements:**

The Coptic Orthodox Male members of the parishes of the Southern United States who are presented for ordination to three ranks of deaconate shall meet the following minimum requirement:

### **a) Psaltis (Chanter)**

1. Candidate must be at least 6 (six) years old
2. Candidate must display proper Christian behavior such as regular confession, church attendance, communion, proper attire, general appearance, clothes, hair, etc
3. For older candidates, candidate shall be free of bad habits such as smoking or drinking alcohol
4. Candidate must pass an exam for the preparatory level of the school
5. Candidate must demonstrate an 80% attendance rate in the school program and 80% attendance in the weekly Divine Liturgies

### **b) Anagnostis (Reader)**

1. Candidate must fulfill all minimum requirements for the psaltis
2. Candidate must be at least 16 (sixteen) years old
3. Candidate must be involved in the service of the church
4. Candidate must display good reading ability in at least one the three languages, Coptic, Arabic and English
5. Candidate must pass a Level 1 exam as defined in the content of this school manual

### **c) Epithiacon (Sub-Deacon)**

1. Candidate must fulfill all minimum requirements for the anagnostis
2. Candidate must be at least 21 (twenty one) years old
3. Candidate must be involved in the service of the church
4. Candidate must display ability to serve in the altar and respond to annual and seasonal responses
5. Candidate must pass a Level 2 exam as defined in the content of this school manual

## 4. Deacons School Levels:

The school is divided to several levels as follows:

- a) **Preparation Level:** Minimum age requirement for this level is 5 (five) years old and students will be prepared to meet the minimum requirements as a chanter. Student will be required to pass an exam before being ordained
- b) **Beginners Level:** Student in this level will have a three (3) year program, equivalent to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades (or in other words, year one; year two; and year three). This is a rotating curriculum which starts every three (3) years. A student starting mid-way through the curriculum will not graduate unless he passes an exam assigned to all students which cover the entire level 3 years)
- c) **Primary Level:** Student in this level will have a three (3) year program, equivalent to 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grades (or in other words, year one; year two; and year three). This is a rotating curriculum which starts every three (3) years. A student starting mid-way through the curriculum will not graduate unless he passes and an exam assigned to all students which cover the entire level (3 years)
- d) **Intermediate Level:** Student in this level will have a five (4) year program, (or in other words, year one through year four). This is a rotating curriculum which starts every four (4) years. A student starting mid-way through the curriculum will not graduate unless he passes and an exam assigned to all students which covers the entire level (4 years). A student in this level is expected to be ordained as a reader based on meeting the criteria to be ordained and passing the level exam. Entry to this level could range between 13 and 30 years old based on an entry exam to this level
- e) **Advanced Level:** Student in this level will have a three (3) year program, equivalent to 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and college grades (or in other words, year one through year three). This is a rotating curriculum which starts every three (3) years. A student starting mid-way through the curriculum will not graduate unless he passes an exam assigned to all students which cover the entire level (3 years). A student in this level, if meeting criteria, maybe ordained a sub-deacon. Entry to this level could range between 13 and 30 years old based on an entry exam to this level
- f) **The Elders:** This group will include older age, suggested 30 plus, with a curriculum based on the needs of the group. A student in this level, if meeting criteria, maybe ordained a sub-deacon

## 5. Lesson Structure:

The weekly class lesson will be 90 minutes long and will comprise of the following:

Group Prayer	12 minutes
Rites and deaconate guidelines	15 minutes
Hymns	45 minutes
Coptic	15 minutes
Prayer	3 minutes

## 6. Deaconate Guidelines Curriculum

### 6.1 General Instructions for Deacons and Church Attendance

#### Discipline

1. That he prays the Lord's Prayer upon awakening.
2. That he prays the following psalms on the way to church: o Psalm 122 in its entirety: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the LORD.'..." Psalm 27:4-5: "One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple. For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock." o Psalm 65:4 "Blessed is the man You choose, and cause to approach You, That he may dwell in Your courts We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, of Your holy temple."
3. That he crosses himself at the outside entrance of the church.
4. That he feels that he is entering heaven as he is entering the church
5. That he walks quietly and slowly towards the sanctuary while saying, "But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple" (Psalm 5:7).
6. That he bows before the sanctuary three (3) times while saying, "I worship You O Christ...with Your good Father... and the Holy Spirit for You have come and saved us."
7. That he receive the blessing from the priest and goes to stand in his place.
8. During the service of Vespers and Matins, at least the Sanctuary Deacons, must wear their tunics.
9. After he receives the blessings of the priest and the Beshara (the Gospel) at the end of the Matins Raising of Incense, he enters the sanctuary to prepare to wear his vestments.

10. While putting on his vestments he should be quiet while reciting Psalms 29 (“I will exalt You...”) and 92 (“The Lord has reigned...”). After putting on the vestments he should exit, bow down before the sanctuary and take his place amongst the chorus of deacons.
11. That all deacons participate (serving inside and outside the sanctuary) in the prayers of the Psalms.
12. Wearing of the deacon vestments will be allowed until the “Absolution of the Servants” and not after
13. During the liturgy, he must keep himself from excessive movement, from entering and exiting the sanctuary needlessly and to keep his conversation only to matters regarding the service with as quiet a voice as possible.
14. That he bows down in the known times for bowing during the liturgy and not sit down during prayer except for the times when sitting is allowed or by exemption from the priest.
15. That he faces the altar while bowing down and praying for Christ (the Body and Blood) present on the altar, is our East.
16. That the deacon enters and exits the sanctuary through the side entrances except while responding to the Litany of the Gospel and the Processions of the Feasts.
17. Movement in the sanctuary proceeds counter-clockwise around the altar (from the right to the left).
18. After every reading, the reader shall bow down before the right-hand side of the main sanctuary entrance then proceed to the priest to receive his blessing while making sure to follow the proper discipline of entering and exiting the sanctuary (see previous points).
19. That he participates in all the responses and hymns for the congregation and deacons in one spirit and one voice.
20. That he should not raise his voice in prayers, except specifically the prayers of the congregation and the deacons. However, it is not wrong that his heart should rise (and not his voice) and that he participates in every prayer.
21. That he follows the deacon in charge in all the responses and that he not raise his voice above him even if his intention is to correct.
22. That all deacons, **without exception**, receive Holy Communion before the congregation.
23. That he not use the cymbals or the triangle except by permission from the deacon in charge of the service and that he be aware that the cymbals and triangle are meant to keep the beat in a quiet manner and away from the microphone.
24. Follows the lead deacon in all responses, observe the tune of the priest
25. Follows the lead deacon on the use of the microphone
26. Abstain from the use of electronic devices unless instructed by the lead deacon for the benefit of the service

## **6.2 Instructions to the Lead Deacon outside the Sanctuary**

1. That he be present early to the liturgy (25 minutes before the start of the Matins Raising of Incense) and that he prays the prayers of the First Hour and the Doxology of Matins.
2. That he prepares the schedule for deacons serving in the sanctuary and he is in charge of assigning the readings outside the sanctuary.
3. That he leads the deacons in all the responses in a group manner and that his goal should be the participation of all the deacons and the entire congregation in all responses and hymns.
4. That all responses be in accordance and following the language in which the priest is praying.
5. That he be in agreement with the priest regarding the long hymns ahead of time for the Divine Liturgy in general and especially during Feasts.
6. That he observes the behavior of the deacons and maintain silence in the church using the help of the other deacons.
7. That he and those around him look towards the sanctuary during prayer except during the times of the readings during which everyone should look towards the Katameros.
8. That he is in charge of assigning responsibility for the cymbals and triangle.

## **6.3 Instructions to the Lead Deacon Serving in the Sanctuary**

1. That he be present in the church from the beginning of the Matins Raising of Incense and assist in organizing the altar and prepare for the service of the liturgy with the priest.
2. He is personally responsible for arranging the Eprosphareen upon the altar – carrying the wine (during the Offertory) – laying the Eprosphareen after the Prayer of Thanksgiving (except in the presence of another priest) – rounding the altar during the Pauline – reading the Gospel (with permission of the priest) – removing the Eprosphareen after the Prayer of Reconciliation (except in the presence of another priest) – praying the response of the confession at the end of the liturgy.
3. That he stand at the north side of the altar and assist the priest with the pages of the liturgy book and distributing the responses amongst the deacons of the sanctuary in a discreet manner.
4. That he assign one of the deacons of the sanctuary (who should be knowledgeable in the manner of presenting the censer in a ready state, emptying it of ashes and presenting it to the priest in the appropriate manner) for the service of the censer from the beginning of the liturgy.
5. Only he is permitted to stand during times of bowing down (with humility in his heart) to observe the Body and Blood, shielding them from anything that may fall into or upon them (if necessary)

6. That he maintain silence and conservation of movement in the main sanctuary and the side sanctuaries.
7. After the end of the liturgy, he and the other deacons of the sanctuary are responsible for reorganizing the altar and returning it to its original state (e.g. wrapping the vessels, disposing of the water and the contents of the censer, the lights, etc.)
8. That he not allow the presence of anyone who should not be there inside the sanctuary.

#### **6.4 Instructions for the other Deacons in the Sanctuary**

1. That he focuses only on the sanctuary deacons' responses and that he not raise his voice for responses outside the sanctuary.
2. That he keep his eyes on the Body and Blood.
3. That he abstains from excessive movement, laughing, talking, or signaling and that all his movements should be performed in silence and meekness. Additionally, all his movements should only pertain to the service of the sanctuary and always with the knowledge of the lead sanctuary deacon.
4. That he assist the lead sanctuary deacon in arranging the altar before and after the liturgy.

### **7 Coptic Curriculum:**

All levels will learn the Coptic alphabet and rules of pronunciation during the first year of school (2018/2019)

## 8 Hymns and Rites Curriculum

### A- Preparation Level (David the Psalmist Class)

#	Hymn Name	# of Lessons
1	<b>Hymn of Intercessions – Coptic</b> (Saint Mary, Heavenly, and Apostles)	4
2	<b>The Trisagion - Greek</b>	3
3	<b>We look for the resurrection of the dead</b> (End of Creed St. Basil Liturgy)	1
4	<b>Through the intercessions</b> (Adam Aspasmos - Regular)	3
5	<b>We praise You</b> (English)	1
6	<b>May their holy blessings</b> (English)	3
7	<b>As it was</b> (English)	2
8	<b>Δοξα Πατρι</b> (Response: Offering of the Lamb)	2
9	<b>Doxology for St. Mary</b> (Vespers – English)	3
10	<b>Verses of the Cymbals</b> (The first two verses – Watos - Coptic)	3
11	<b>Amen Amen Amen</b> (Liturgy – English)	3
12	<b>The Cherubim</b> (Regular Watos Aspasmos – English)	3

### Liturgical Rites Topics

Memorization of:

- ❖ Intro to the Creed
- ❖ Creed
- ❖ Trisagion (Agpya)
- ❖ Coptic months

## B- Beginners Level (St. Stephen Class)

❖ Year One:

#	Hymn Name	# of Lessons
1	ΑΛΛΗΛΟΥΙΑ ΦΑΙ ΠΕ (Procession of the Lamb: Sundays)	3
2	ΓΩΘΙC ΑΟΥΗΝ (Hymn after the Absolution of Servants)	1
3	ΨΑΙ ΨΟΥΡΗ (Hymn of the Censer - Sundays)	3
4	Psalm 150 (4 <sup>th</sup> Canticle – Coptic)	3
5	The response of the Gospel - First Sunday in Kiahk (Coptic)	2
6	Χερε νε ΜΑΡΙΑ (Standard Response for the Praxis)	3
7	ΑΟΥΗΝ ΑΛ (Regular Canon: Conclusion of Services)	3
8	ΨΟΥΝΙΑΤΟΥ (Liturgy Gospel Response - Regular)	3
9	Thine is the power (Holy week)	3
10	(προσεζασθε υπερωων) Deacon Response during the procession of the lamb - Coptic	2
11	Doxology of the Virgin – Matins (English)	4
12	According to Your mercy (Coptic)	1
13	One is the All-Holy Father (Confession - English)	1
14	Conclusion of Midnight Praises (Coptic)	4
15	Doxology for St. Mina (English)	3
16	Χε ΝΑΙ ΝΑΝ (Gregorian Liturgy – Coptic and English)	2

### Liturgical Rites Topics

- ❖ Raising of incense
- ❖ Offering of the Lamb
- ❖ Memorization of:
  - Psalms 29, 92, and 121

❖ Year Two:

#	Hymn Name	# of Lessons
1	<b>Psalm Response for the Nayrouz</b> (Coptic)	1
2	<b>Amen Amen Amen</b> (Liturgy – Coptic)	3
3	<b>Second Canticle</b> (Coptic)	5
4	Ⲡⲓⲱⲣⲏⲛⲏ (Hymn of the Censer - Coptic)	3
5	<b>May Their Holy Blessing</b> (Coptic)	2
6	<b>Psalm 150 Response</b> (Great Fast Weekdays - Coptic)	1
7	<b>He who sits upon the cherubim</b> (Palm Sunday - English)	1
8	Ⲑⲱⲕ ⲧⲉ ⲧⲁⲟⲩ (Doxology of the Holy Pascha- Coptic)	2
9	<b>All you heavenly orders</b> (Resurrection Hymn – English/Arabic)	3
10	<b>Psalm 150 Response</b> (Resurrection, Ascension) Coptic	2
11	ⲁⲒⲱⲙⲉⲛ ⲧⲱ Ⲕⲣⲓⲱ (First three verses- Apostle’s Fast)	4
12	Ⲓⲟⲣⲣⲟ (Hymn of Joy - Veneration) - Coptic	3
13	<b>Introduction to Doxologies</b> (Coptic)	3
14	<b>Lobsh of the First Canticle</b> (Short – Coptic)	3
15	<b>Verses of the Cymbals</b> (Adam – Coptic)	5

### Liturgical Rites Topics

- ❖ Deacons/priesthood ranks
- ❖ Praises in the church “morning, vespers and midnight”
- ❖ Memorization of:
  - Gospel of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> hours

❖ Year Three:

#	Hymn Name	# of Lessons
1	<b>Third Canticle</b> (Coptic)	4
2	<b>Βωλ εβολ</b> (Liturgy of St. Gregory)	2
3	<b>Κὲμρωοῦτ</b> (Veneration Hymn)	4
4	<b>Psalms 150</b> (Distribution During Kiahk – Short - Coptic)	4
5	<b>Οὔριοῦ ἀφωαί</b> (Nativity Gospel Response - Coptic)	1
6	<b>Θιτεν νι-</b> (Hymn of Intercessions: Nativity, Theophany)	2
7	<b>Doxology for the Sundays of the Great Fast</b> (Coptic)	4
8	<b>Δαληλορια ξε φμενι</b> (Coptic)	3
9	<b>Ευλοσιμενος</b> (Hymn for Hosanna Sunday)	3
10	<b>Doxology for the Resurrection</b> (Coptic)	4
11	<b>Ραωι νε</b> (Veneration Hymn)	4
12	<b>Χερε Ὑαρια</b> (Paralix of Hymn of Blessing)	4
13	<b>First Canticle</b> (Coptic)	5
14	<b>Πι ἕμοῦτ ταρ</b> (Response to the Pauline epistle - Short – Coptic)	3
15	<b>Lobsh of Second Canticle</b> (Short – Coptic)	4

### Liturgical Rites Topics

- ❖ How to use Cymbals and Triangle
- ❖ Major and minor feasts of the Lord

## C- Primary Level (St. Athanasius Class)

### ❖ Year One:

#	Hymn Name	# of Lessons
1	<b>Gospel and Psalm Responses for the Feast of the Cross</b> (Coptic)	3
2	<b>Sunday Psali for Christ</b> (ⲁⲓⲕⲱⲩ) (Coptic)	5
3	<b>Ⲙⲁⲣⲉⲛⲟⲩⲱⲩⲧ ⲁ̀ⲓⲠⲉⲛⲱⲧⲏⲣ</b> (Gospel Response: Matins)	2
4	<b>Ⲫⲓⲧⲉⲛ ⲛⲓ-</b> (Hymn of Intercessions in Kiahk - Coptic)	2
5	<b>ⲘⲠⲉⲛⲃⲟⲓⲥ</b> (Paralix Hymn for the Nativity)	3
6	<b>Ⲙⲕⲃⲓ ⲓ̀ⲧⲁⲣⲓⲥ</b> (Concluding Canon for the Bishop)	3
7	<b>Gospel Responses (Sundays &amp; Weekdays) the Great Fast</b> (Coptic)	3
8	<b>Ⲙⲗⲗⲏⲗⲟⲩⲓⲁ ⲉⲓ̀ⲉⲓ̀</b> (Procession of the Lamb Response)	3
9	<b>ⲓⲟⲩⲗⲁⲥ</b> (Rebuke of Judas- Covenant Thursday)	2
10	<b>Ⲫⲓⲧⲉⲛ ⲛⲓ-</b> Hymn of Intercessions (Resurrection)	2
11	<b>Doxology of Archangel Michael</b> (Resurrection) (Coptic)	3
12	<b>ⲧⲉⲛⲑⲏⲛⲟ</b> (Short - Coptic)	5
13	<b>Doxology for the heavenly hosts</b> (Coptic)	3
14	<b>ⲧⲉⲛⲟⲩⲱⲩⲧ</b> Hymn of Blessing	3

## Liturgical Rites Topics

- ❖ The entire liturgy
- ❖ Memorization of:
  - Graciously accord

❖ Year Two:

#	Hymn Name	# of Lessons
1	<b>Morning Doxology (First 10 verses) (Coptic)</b>	5
2	<b>Lobsh of the First Canticle (First two verses Long)</b>	4
3	<b>Ⲯⲱⲃⲉ ⲉⲓⲛⲁ</b> (Response to Thanksgiving prayer – Coptic – Short)	2
4	<b>Doxology of Kiahk (Coptic)</b>	4
5	<b>ΠΙΧΙΝΜΙΣΙ</b> (Nativity)	2
6	<b>Ⲡⲉⲓⲥⲉⲛⲧ ⲉⲛ ⲛⲓⲧⲱⲟⲩ</b>	2
7	<b>ΚΕ ΥΠΕΡΥΟΥ</b>	4
8	<b>ΔΥΙΟΣ</b> (Mournful Paschal Tune without the long intro)	4
9	<b>ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΔΝΕΣΤΗ</b>	3
10	<b>ΔΠΕΤΧΗΚ ἔβoλ</b> (Response for the Catholic Epistle)	4
11	<b>ΠΙΩΙΚ</b> (The Bread of Life – Distribution Hymn)	5
12	<b>Πιχερονβιμ</b> (Aspasmos Watos)	2
13	<b>Sunday Psali for Saint Mary (Coptic)</b>	5

### Liturgical Rites Topics

- ❖ Holy week “day by day”
- ❖ Memorization of:
  - Let us praise with the angels

❖ Year Three:

#	Hymn Name	# of Lessons
1	Lobsh of the Second Canticle (First two verses long) (Coptic)	4
2	Πικαβερ τηροϋ (Hymn For the Bishop)	5
3	Ωσπερ ηη (Diptych Response)	2
4	<b>Doxology for the Feast of Nativity</b> (Coptic)	3
5	<b>The Trisagion for Epiphany</b>	1
6	<b>Ἐωματος κε η̅ματος</b> (Concluding Canon: Weekdays of Great Fast)	3
7	<b>Ἀπενβοις</b> (Paralix Hymn for the Lent)	3
8	<b>Ἀσγιος</b> (Mournful long Paschal Tune)	4
9	Ἰον σινᾶ	4
10	<b>Θητωσ ἀληθωσ</b> (Hymn for the Fast of the Apostles)	5
11	<b>Ουνοϋ ἄμο Ἰαρια</b> (Standard Adam Aspasmus)	5
12	<b>Ἀριπρεσβεριν</b> (Veneration Tune)	4

### Liturgical Rites Topics

- ❖ Joyful 29th of the month
- ❖ Midnight praises

## C- Intermediate Level (Asaph the Psalmist Class)

### ❖ Year One:

#	Hymn Name	# of Lessons
1	Ⲯⲁⲱϥ ⲛⲥⲠⲠ ⲁⲙⲙⲏⲓ (Sunday Theotokia – First 8 verses - Coptic)	4
2	<b>Doxology for St. Mark (Coptic)</b>	3
3	<b>ⲁⲗ</b> Psalm for Kiahk (Tawaf)	3
4	<b>ⲁⲩⲓⲟⲥ ὁⲑⲉⲟⲥ</b> (festive tune)	3
5	Coptic Pauline for Nativity	4
6	<b>Gospel Response for the Theophany</b>	1
7	<b>ⲁⲡⲁⲙⲉⲛⲓⲱⲛⲓⲟⲩⲥ</b> (Praxis Response – Great Fast)	2
8	<b>Ⲑⲛⲓⲱⲧⲓ ⲁⲙⲛⲥⲧⲏⲣⲓⲟⲛ</b> (Distribution: Sundays of the Great Fast)_ The first 4 verses	5
9	<b>Gospel Responses for Hosanna Sunday Matins Procession (Coptic)</b>	2
10	<b>ⲩⲟⲗⲩⲟⲑⲁ</b> (Hymn of Christ' Burial on Good Friday)	4
11	<b>Ⲭⲉⲣⲉ ⲧⲉⲩⲁⲛⲁⲥⲧⲁⲥⲓⲥ</b> (Praxis Response for the Resurrection)	2
12	<b>Ⲡⲓⲡⲛⲉⲡⲙⲁ</b> (Hymn of the Pentecost)	4
13	<b>Ⲭⲉⲣⲉ ⲛⲉ Ⲙⲁⲣⲓⲁ</b> (Midnight praises – Long)	4

## Liturgical Rites Topics

### ❖ Liturgy (in depth)

❖ Year Two:

#	Hymn Name	# of Lessons
1	<b>Verses of Cymbals (Nayrouz) (Coptic)</b>	2
2	<b>Sunday Theotokia (First 3 parts) (Coptic)</b>	5
3	<b>Ⲯⲉⲛ ⲟⲩⲉⲗ ⲛⲥⲱⲕ (Annual – First two verses long)</b>	4
4	<b>Cathoic Epistle reading Coptic Hymn for Nativity</b>	5
5	<b>Παρθενος</b>	3
6	<b>Πινηϥⲥ</b>	3
7	<b>ⲱⲁⲣⲉϥⲥ (Lent)</b>	3
8	<b>Ⲡⲉⲟ ⲧⲉ ⲓⲱⲟⲩⲣⲓ (Lent)</b>	3
9	<b>Φⲁⲓ ⲉⲧⲁϥ ⲉⲛϥ</b>	3
10	<b>Verses of Cymbals – Resurrection (Coptic)</b>	2
11	<b>Κατα νι χορος</b>	4
12	<b>Αριψαλιν</b>	5

### Liturgical Rites Topics

- ❖ Katameres (types, how to use it, and the philosophy of readings)
- ❖ How to make Orban

❖ Year Three:

#	Hymn Name	# of Lessons
1	<b>Сμοу ἐπιχλου</b> (Praxis Response for the Nayrouz)	2
2	<b>Sunday Theotokia</b> (4, 5 and 6 Parts) (Coptic)	5
3	<b>Verses of Cymbals of Nativity Feast</b> – Complete (Coptic)	4
4	<b>Distribution of Weekday Lent (ΑΑ)</b>	4
5	<b>ΕΘΒΕ†ΑΠΔΑΥΑΙΟ</b>	4
6	<b>ΟΥΟΝΟΣΕΝΗΣ</b>	4
7	<b>Υου λιοου</b> (Hymn of the Resurrection)	3
8	<b>Κατα το ελεος</b> (Liturgy of st. Greorgry)	1
9	<b>Ηαβαπη</b> (Papal Hymn)	3
10	<b>Сμοу επος</b> (Third Canticle)	4
11	<b>Αμην Ισπατηρ</b> (The long)	4
12	<b>Δεντε πεντης</b> (Hymn of the Veneration)	4

### Liturgical Rites Topics

- ❖ Lakkans
- ❖ Covenant Thursday and Good Friday

❖ Year Four:

#	Hymn Name	# of Lessons
1	† ψεπθμοτ (Psalm on Third Canticle)	4
2	Ϝενεη	4
3	Coptic Reading of Acts for the Nativity Feast	4
4	Πιμαπωμ (Distribution of Lent weekdays)	4
5	Ουκατη	4
6	Ωνιωναι	4
7	Δσπαζεστθε (“Greet one another” in Coptic)	3
8	Sunday Theotokia (10,11 and 12 Parts) (Coptic)	5
9	<b>ΕΡΕΠΟCΙΟΥ</b> (St. Basil Liturgy)	2
10	<b>Ωσπερηη</b> (St. Basil Liturgy)	2
11	The conclusion of Adam Theotokia (Coptic)	4

### Liturgical Rites Topics

- ❖ Feasts of the cross
- ❖ Seven sacraments of the church

## D- Advanced Level (St. Habib Gerges Class)

### ❖ Year One:

#	Hymn Name	# of Lessons
1	ΠΙΘΗΝΟΣ ΤΗΡΟΥ	5
2	ΔΙΝΑΘΩΣ ΠΑΚ (Psalm on Second Canticle)	3
3	ΨΕΝΟΥ ΕΞΗΣΩΚ (Kiahk long tone)	5
4	Hymn of the seven tunes (Coptic)	5
5	ΜΕΣΑΛΟΥ	5
6	ΠΕΚΘΡΟΝΟΣ	5
7	ΑΠΕΚΡΑΝ	4
8	ΠΘΟΥΤΕΝΔΕ	4
9	ΨΕΝ ΘΗΝΟΥ (long tone)	4

### Liturgical Rites Topics

- ❖ Baptism
- ❖ Crowning
- ❖ Funeral
- ❖ Unction of the sick
- ❖ Bright Saturday
- ❖ Prostration

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