

# Pi`anagnwctyc

## Reader Preparation Class

*"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."*

Hebrews 4:12

This is a class that will prepare high school-aged young men to meet the criteria required to be elevated from the rank of Chanter Pi`altic to the rank of Reader pi`anagnwctyc.

It is a 2-year program, of which, at minimum, 1 year of the program must be completed prior to nomination for ordination as a Reader. However, it is expected that anyone enrolled complete the 2 years, even if ordained a Reader during the program.

A minimum of 75% attendance is required of this class. Furthermore, the passing of an oral reading and practicum exam will be required of those being nominated.

This is in addition to the criteria set by the Metropolis of the Southern United States, which is attached at the bottom.

The following is an overview of the curriculum of class.

### Diaconate Basic Guidelines:

1. Ranks of the Diaconate
2. Proficiency in Reading
3. Rites, Tradition & tradition
4. Introduction to the Sacred Sacraments
5. Entering & Exiting the Church
  - ❖ Timing
  - ❖ Physical Rituals
  - ❖ Psalms & Prayers
6. Vestments
  - ❖ Tunic
    - Style, Proper Care
  - ❖ Stole
    - Color, How Worn
  - ❖ Priest Blessing
    - Times, Psalms Recited
7. Reverence/Discipleship
8. Receiving Holy Communion

9. Understanding of basic Ritual Theology
10. Katameros/Lectionary of the Coptic Church
  - ❖ General Understanding of the Order of the Books of the Bible
    - Old Testament
      - Books of Moses/Law, History, Poetry, Minor Prophets, Major Prophets
    - New Testament
      - Gospels (Synoptic, John), Acts of the Apostles, Pauline Epistles, Catholic/Universal Epistles, Revelation
11. Calendar of the Coptic Church
  - ❖ Coptic Months
  - ❖ Fasts (Degrees) & Feasts (Major & Minor)
  - ❖ Sundays & Weekdays
  - ❖ Seasons
  - ❖ Adam/Watos,
  - ❖ Daily Structure
    - Agpeya, Raising of Incense, Sunrise/Sunset
12. Structure of the Divine Liturgies
13. Structure of the Psalmody
  - ❖ Morning, Vespers, & Midnight Praises
14. Structure of Church Building
15. Service in the Sanctuary (Weekdays/Saturdays)
16. Hymnology
  - ❖ Annual: Praises, Raising of Incense & Liturgical
  - ❖ Seasonal: Common Hymns
    - Nayrouz/Koiahk/Great Lent/Holy Fifty Gospel Responses
  - ❖ Tunes
    - Annual, Joyful, Hosanna, Koiahk, Great Lent Weekend/Weekday.

## **Coptic Orthodox Metropolis of the Southern United States**

- ❖ [Ordination Requirements](#)
- ❖ [Updated Ordination Requirements](#)
- ❖ [General Instructions for Deacons and Church Attendance Discipline](#)

## **Resources**

- ❖ [SUS Copts Servants' Prep - RIT101: Liturgy, Agpeya & Praises](#)
- ❖ [The Spirituality of the Rites of the Holy Liturgy in the Coptic Orthodox Church by H.G. Bishop Mettaous](#)
- ❖ [How to Benefit from the Holy Liturgy by H.G. Bishop Mettaous](#)
- ❖ [Christ in the Eucharist by Rev. Fr. Tadros Yacoub Malaty](#)
- ❖ [Understanding the Liturgy by Rev. Fr. Athanasius Iskander](#)
- ❖ [The Spirituality of the Praise According to the Rite of the Coptic Orthodox Church by H.G. Bishop Mettaous](#)
- ❖ [Praises, Explained by the Late Metropolitan Hedra of Aswan](#)
- ❖ [The Spirituality of the Holy Psalmody by Matthew Massoud, with Introduction by H.E. Metropolitan Youssef \[Heritage of the Coptic Orthodox Church\]](#)
- ❖ [Praise \(Tasbeha\), the Vespers, and the Matins/ Sharing in the Angelic Worship by Rev. Fr. Tadros Yacoub Malaty](#)

- ❖ [Ritual Theology I According to the Rites of The Coptic Orthodox Church by Rev. Fr. Tadros El-Bakhoumi](#)
- ❖ [The Spirituality of the Kiahk Midnight Praises by Rev. Fr. Tadros Yacoub Malaty](#)
- ❖ [Introduction to Sacramental Rites in the Coptic Orthodox Church by H.G. Bishop Mettaous](#)
- ❖ [Sacramental Rites in the Coptic Orthodox Church by H.G. Bishop Mettaous](#)
- ❖ [Dictionary of Church Terms by Rev. Fr. Tadros Yacoub Malaty](#)
- ❖ [St. Basil Liturgy Reference Book by Rev. Fr. Abraam D. Sleman](#)
- ❖ [Fasting by St. Pope Kyrillos VI](#)
- ❖ [Guide to Self-Examination Prior to Confession by Pastor of St. Demiana's Church - Wayli, Egypt](#)
- ❖ [The Musicality of the Coptic Hymns, Article written by George Kyrillos, Translated by Mourad Mina, Prepared for the Russian Orthodox Encyclopedia \(Vol. 37\)](#)
- ❖ [The Coptic Calendar and the Church of Alexandria by Rev. Fr. Tadros Yacoub Malaty](#)

## Readers' Workshop Resources:

Readers' Workshop Lecture 1: [The Coptic Orthodox Lectionary](#)

**H.G. Bishop Abraham**

Accompanying Presentation

[Organization of Church Readings](#) by H.G. Bishop Abraham

Readers' Workshop Lecture 2: [How to Read the Scriptures Effectively](#)

**H.G. Bishop Suriel**

Common Liturgical Readings Pronunciation Guide

[Readers Pronunciation Guide](#)

Sample Common Liturgical Readings List

[Readings Sample List](#)

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Readers' Workshop Lecture 3: [The Rank of Reader](#)

**H.G. Bishop Kyrillos**

Readers' Workshop Lecture 4: [History of Coptic Orthodox Lectionary](#)

**Rev. Fr. Arsenius Mikhail**