



Πρωτοεπίσκοπος ἡρεμῆχμῖ ἡορθοδοξοσ  
ἡτε ἡθωω εφροπ 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 Psaltis - πψαλτησ**

The Coptic Orthodox male members of the parishes of this diocese who are presented for ordination to the ranks of psaltis (chanter) must meet the following minimum requirements:

**Psaltis (Chanter):**

1. The candidate must be at least 6 (six) years old.
2. The candidate must display proper Christian behavior including:
  - a. Regular confession, church attendance and communion
  - b. Proper attire and general appearance, such as clothes, hair etc.
  - c. Is not under the sway of bad habits such as smoking or drinking alcohol
3. The candidate must demonstrate proficiency in all the congregation hymns of the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil in any language.
4. The candidate must demonstrate an 80% attendance rate in the weekly Divine Liturgies.

**Blessed be the obedient son**

*H.G. Metropolitan Youssef  
Metropolitan of the Coptic Orthodox Diocese of the Southern U.S.*

