

Requirements for the Major Rank of Deacon:

1. Minimum age of 18 years.
2. Recommendation and petition to the Primate on behalf of the candidate(s) by the pastor of the parish
3. The acquisition of the rank of subdeacon
4. Knowledge of the patterns of incensing during the following services:
Baptism
Wedding
Funeral
5. Familiarity with the rituals and movements of the morning service and capability to recite and chant the deacons' parts of the following services:
Baptism
Wedding
Funeral
6. Capability to sing with the rest of the deacons during:
Baptism
Wedding
Funeral
7. Memorization of the following parts:
The renunciation of Satan (*hrajhareemk ...*)
Psalm 26 (washing of the hands of the celebrant)
The response to the celebrant's confession in the Badarak (*voghormestsee ...*) .
Psalm 93
Havadamk (in Armenian)
Psalm 51 (at least the first 8 verses)
Verses recited during the chalice procession, also known as the "Transfer of the Gifts" (Psalms 19:6 and 68:33, Hab 3:3 and Psalm 24:7-10)
8. Knowledge of the deacon's role in the Gospel procession.
9. Knowledge of the deacon's role in the chalice procession (Transfer of the Gifts)
10. Basic knowledge of the biblical origins, the Armenian Church theology and the outline of the sacraments of Baptism and Wedding and the Funeral services.
11. Basic knowledge of the biblical origins of the Badarak, its theology, and its outline as celebrated today.
12. Ability to chant the Gospel in Armenian.
13. Regular and serious participation in the community's worship, demonstrating a prayerful attitude and a desire to learn the Armenian Church liturgy.

Requirements for the Rank of Subdeacon:

1. Minimum age of 15 years.
2. Recommendation and petition to the Primate on behalf of the candidate(s) by the pastor of the parish
3. The acquisition of the order of *Tubeer*
4. Knowledge of the patterns of incensing during the following services:
Morning Service(s)
Divine Liturgy (*Badarak*)
Requiem (*Hokehankisd*)
5. Familiarity with the rituals and movements of the morning service and capability to recite and chant the deacons' parts of the following services:
Morning Service(s)
Divine Liturgy
Requiem
6. Capability to sing with the rest of the deacons during:
Morning service
Divine Liturgy
7. Memorization of the following parts and verses of psalms:
Soorp zAsdvadzadzeenun ... (p.5, of the *Badarak* Book)
Aghaghagetsek ar Oer (p. 6)
Soorp yegeghetsyavus (p.6)
Tad ara Intz Asdvadz ... (p. 7)
Soorp Khachivus ... (p. 55)
Vasun hankootsyaJ hokvotsun ... (p. 60)
The deacons' responses during the Gospel chanting
8. Basic knowledge of the reason and theology behind using incense in the church.
9. Basic knowledge of the various liturgical books used in the Armenian Church liturgy.
10. Basic knowledge of the Armenian Church's teaching concerning the Bible and its role in the Armenian church liturgy and spirituality.
11. Basic knowledge of the biblical origins of the *Badarak*, its theology, and its outline as celebrated today.
12. Ability to read in Armenian
13. Regular and serious participation in the community's worship, demonstrating a prayerful attitude and a desire to learn the Armenian Church liturgy

Requirements for the Minor Orders of *Tubeer*.

1. Minimum age of 12 years
2. Recommendation and petition to the Primate on behalf of the candidate(s) by the pastor of the parish
3. Knowledge of the acolyte's parts of the Badarak and *Hokehankisd*.
4. Familiarity with the various parts of the church building
5. Familiarity with the various vestments and vessels used in the Armenian Church, and good knowledge of the ones used during the Badarak
6. Familiarity with the Armenian Church etiquette, such as greeting clergy, standing in the chancel or at the altar, and participation in the processions.
7. Memorization of the Lord's Prayer in Armenian
8. Regular and serious participation in the community's worship, demonstrating a prayerful attitude and a desire to learn the Armenian Church liturgy
9. Active and regular participation in the parish's Deacons' Training Program

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