



Coptic Orthodox Diocese of
New York & New England
Church of Archangel Michael & St. Mena
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Requirements to ordinate a **CANTOR (EBSALTOS)**



Age: Completed 8 Yrs. of age with the exception of at least being 6 years of age if accompanied by a father who will serve and chaperone his son during service.

Achievements: Maintained at least a good grade point average in school and takes Part in church activities including hymn classes. As a minimum, must have attended a year of hymn class courses consistently.

Behavior: Maintained appropriate good behavior in school and at home. Shows reverence and respect at church during services and Sunday School class. Knows how to behave and has a sense of discipline while in the House of God.

Spirituality: Attends church services regularly and has established a relationship with his father of confession. Maintains a schedule of prayer, Bible reading and fasting which is supervised by his spiritual father of confession and parents.

Father of Confession: Has a father of confession and meets with him regularly. His father of confession must attest to his being eligible for the rank of cantor and has explained to him the respect and reverence required of him for such a rank.

Knowledge of Church Tradition: Must be aware that there are two different Testaments in the Holy Bible. Must know the four gospel authors, The Lord's prayer and the Creed of Faith, the Thanksgiving Prayer, and Psalm 150.

Service: Must attend church regularly and be taught to stand with reverence with his father during the liturgical services, with periods of rest. Must attend and be an active participant in Sunday School and church youth activities regularly.

