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Requirements for Ordination to the Rank of Sub-Deacon

Candidates for the rank of Sub-Deacon are expected to meet the following requirements:

- 1) The candidate must fulfill all minimum requirements for the Reader & Chanter.
- 2) The candidate must not be less than 21 years of age.
- 3) The candidate must show at least 80% church attendance in a single parish church the year prior to ordination.
- 4) The candidate must be consistent in repentance and confession, and receive the recommendation of his father of confession.
- 5) The candidate must have served faithfully as a Reader for at least 3 years.
 - a. Note: Until January 2022 this will not be required.
- 6) The candidate must show proficiency of rites that change according to the liturgical cycle, such as:
 - a. The customary fractions that are to be prayed on any particular day, feast, or seasons.
 - b. The litanies to be said in a service on any particular day, feast, or season as well as the accompanying deaconate responsibilities that change accordingly. (i.e. Sick, Travelers, Oblations, Departed)
- 7) The candidates must pass a written exam to ensure a minimum level of liturgical knowledge. This exam will be primarily based on the book *Christ in the Eucharist* by Fr. Tadros Malaty, but will also include questions about general liturgical knowledge.