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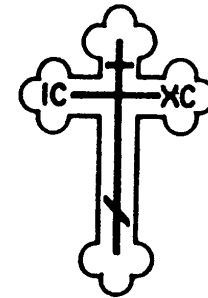
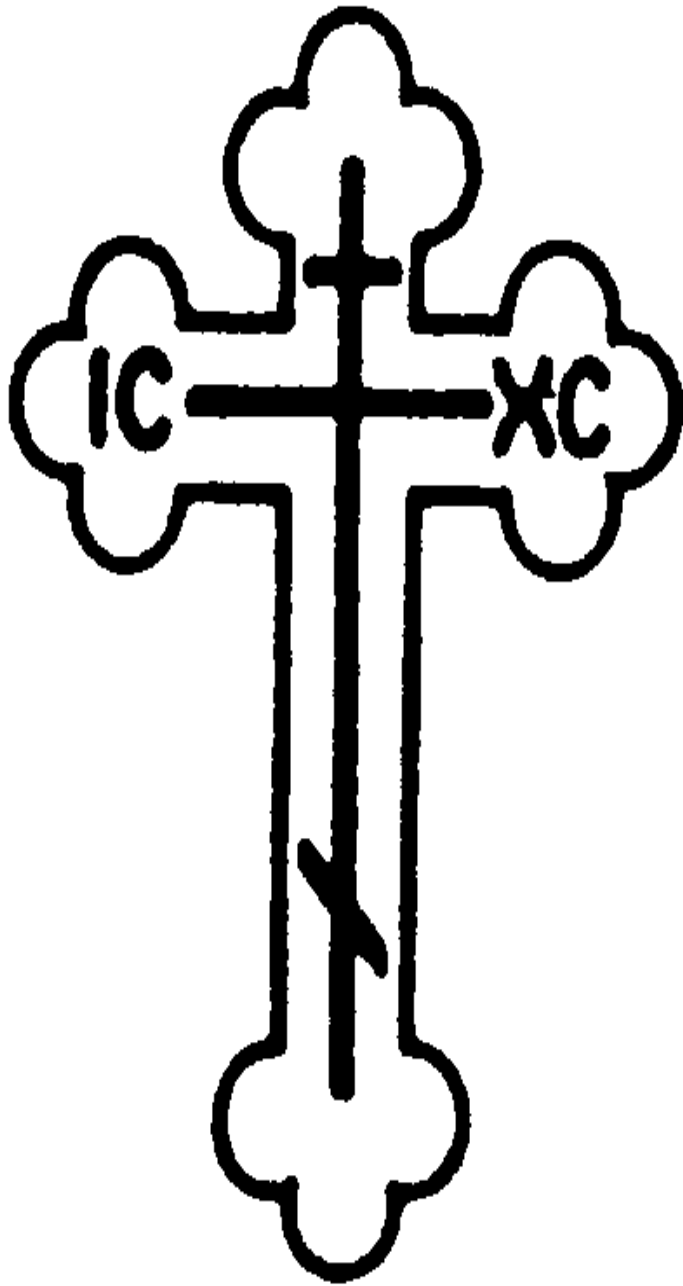
AND PRIESTS

**(AND OF MAKING ARCHPRIESTS, INSTITUTION OF AB-
BOT AND ELEVATION OF ARCHIMANDRITE AND
MITERED ARCHPRIESTS),**

AND OF CONSECRATING A BISHOP

**WITHIN THE DIVINE LITURGY OF THE HOLY ORTHO-
DOX CHURCH**

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**OFFICE OF SETTING APART OF
READERS AND CHANTERS;
MAKING OF TAPER-BEARERS**

[Before the beginning of the divine liturgy, he who is to be made Taper-bearer, and to be set apart, is lead by the Sub-Deacon into the center of the Church, where he makes three reverences, then bows thrice towards the main Celebrant, then drawing near the main Celebrant bows his head while the main Celebrant, with his hand, signs the candidate crosswise on the head; and with Holy Chrism if he is to be more, and then on the hands also. Then, laying his hand on the candidate's head, the main Celebrant says the following prayer:]

Celebrant:

O Lord, who enlightens all created beings with the light of Thy marvels, and knows the intent of every man before it is formed, and strengthens those who are desirous of serving Thee; do Thou the same Lord, array in Thy fair and spotless vesture this [these] Thy servant[s] who desire[s] to become [a] Taper-bearer[s] before Thy Holy Mysteries; that he [they] may be illumined; and that attaining unto the world to come he [they] may receive the incorruptible crown of life, and rejoice with Thine elect in bliss everlasting.

For hallowed is Thy Name, and glorified is Thy kingdom, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now, and ever, and unto ages of ages.

All: Amen.

Main Celebrant:

O holy Apostles, entreat the merciful God that He will grant our souls remission of their sins.

The grace of thy lips, shining forth like a beacon-fire, has illumined the universe, and has bestowed upon the world the treasure of non-avariciousness, and has shown us the height of humility. But as thou instructs us with thy words, O Father John Chrysostum, so also intercede thou with Christ-God, the Word, that our souls may be saved.

Thy voice is gone out into all the world, in that it has received thy word, wherewith thou have taught in manner well-pleasing unto God, have expounded the nature of existing things, and have adorned the customs of mankind. O Royal Priesthood, Sainted Father, pray thou unto Christ our God, that our souls may be saved.

The shepherd's reed of thine divine theology has confounded the trumpets of the rhetoricians, the same being bestowed upon thee as upon one who has searched out deep things of the spirit, and grace of proclamation. Wherefore, O Father Gregory, entreat thou Christ-God that our souls may be saved.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now, and ever, and unto ages of ages.

All: Amen.

Main Celebrant:

souls entrusted unto him in this present life, he may stand unashamed before thy throne, and receive the great reward which thou hast prepared for those who have contended valiantly for the preaching of thy Gospel.

For thine it is to show mercy, and to save us, O our God, and unto thee do we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now, and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

[After the Amen they lay the book of the Holy Gospels upon the Altar. And the Presiding Bishop then puts the dalmatic (sakkos) and the other episcopal vestments upon him who hath received Consecration, saying:]

Presiding Bishop:
AXIOS!

Choir/All:
AXIOS!

[Then the Bishops kiss him who has received consecration, and when the customary thanksgivings have been said, the celebration of the Divine Liturgy is continued.]

[And when it is finished, they unvest in the holy Sanctuary, and lead the newly consecrated Bishop to the Presiding Bishop, who puts upon him the cassock of a Bishop; also the pectoral holy image, the mantle and cowl, blessing him with his hand as he does it; and he gives him the rosary. Then the Bishops come forth from the Sanctuary, and ascend the dais

(kathedra) which hath been prepared, and the Archpriest and the Proto-Deacon lead him who hath received Consecration upon the dais; and the Presiding Bishop delivers to him the pastoral staff (poskh), with an exhortation:]

Presiding Bishop:
Right Reverend Bishop N.

Receive thou the pastoral staff, that thou mayest feed the flock of Christ entrusted unto thee: and be thou a staff and support unto those who are obedient. But lead thou the disobedient and the wayward unto correction, unto gentleness, and unto obedience; and they shall continue in due submission.

[Then they depart to their abodes, the Archpriest and the Proto-Deacon escorting the newly-ordained Bishop to his home.]

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Through the prayers of all the Saints, and of the Birth-giver of God, O Lord, grant us Thy peace, and have mercy upon us, for Thou only art bountiful.

[If the candidate's head is to be sheared, it is done as follows, in the form of a Cross:

Main Celebrant:
In the Name of the Father.

Clergy or All:
Amen.

Main Celebrant:
And of the Son.

Clergy or All:
Amen.

Main Celebrant:
And of the Holy Spirit.

Clergy or All:
Amen.]

[If the Bishop is the main Celebrant, he then puts on the short chasuble. The main Celebrant then again, with his hand, makes the sign of the cross thrice on the head of the candidate[s], then prays]

Main Celebrant:
O Lord God Almighty, enable this [These] Thy servant[s], and sanctify him [them]; and enable him [them], with all wisdom and understanding, to exercise the study and reading of Thine divine words, preserving him

[them] in blamelessness of life.

Through the mercies and bounties of love towards mankind of Thine Only-begotten Son, with whom also thou art blessed, together with Thine all-holy, and good, and life-giving Spirit, now, and ever, and unto ages of ages.

All: Amen.

[Then the main Celebrant places the Book (of the Epistles) upon the head of the [each] new Reader. The [each] Reader is then led into the middle of the Church, with his face to the East, and he [each] opens to the Epistles at random and reads a little, then turns to the Celebrant and bows thrice. Then the Celebrant signs the [each] Reader's vestment. If the vestment is not upon him, he kisses the signed cross, and then, if the Celebrant be a Bishop, the hand of the Bishop.]

Main Celebrant:
My son[s], the first degree in the Priesthood is that of Reader. It behooves thee therefore, to peruse the divine Scriptures daily, to the end that the hearers, regarding thee, may receive edification; that thou in nowise shaming thine election, may prepare thyself for a higher degree. For by a chaste, holy and upright life thou shalt gain the favor of the God of loving kindness, and shall render thyself worthy of a greater ministry, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom be glory unto ages of ages.

All: Amen.

[If he (they) is to be raised to other orders (which may normally be within the Sub-Diaconate or the Diaconate), the Reader remains before the main Celebrant, for tonsure or orders - in the laying of hands upon the head of the one raised.]

Archpriest or second Celebrant (or Bishop if there is none):
Let us pray to the Lord.

[Laying his hand on the kneeling Candidate's head, before the Holy Door, the Celebrant says:]

Main Celebrant:

O Lord our God, who, through one and the same Holy Spirit distributes gifts of grace to each one of those whom thou hast chosen; hast given to Thine Church divers Orders; who, through Thine inscrutable providence hast appointed degrees of ministry therein, for the service of Thy holy, spotless Mysteries; and who, through Thine ineffable foreknowledge, hast ordained this thy servant to be worthy to serve in Thy Holy Church; do Thou, the same Lord, preserve him uncondemned in all things. And grant that he may love the beauty of Thy house, stand before the doors of Thy holy Temple, and kindle the lamps in the tabernacle of Thy glory. And plant him in Thy Holy Church like a fruitful olive tree, which brings forth the fruits of righteousness. And make him Thy perfect servant in the time of Thine advent, that he may receive the recompense of those who are well-pleasing in Thy sight. For Thine are the kingdom and the power and the

glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now, and ever, and unto ages of ages.

All: Amen.

Main Celebrant:

Blessed is the Lord. Lo, the servant[s] of God, N. [N.N.], is [are] become [a] Reader[s] of the most holy Church of N.: (and hath become - name the other or additional orders if appropriate) In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

[Then begins the Divine Liturgy at the Introit, in the ordinary order of the day.]

and for the salvation of our souls:

R: Lord, have mercy.

CC: For the peace of the whole world; for the welfare of God's Holy Churches, and for the union of all:

R: Lord, have mercy.

CC: For the Most Holy Synod, their holiness, succor, maintenance, peace, health and salvation, and for the work of their hands:

R: Lord, have mercy.

CC: For the servant of God, N., now ordained to be a Bishop, and for his salvation:

R: Lord, have mercy.

CC: That our God who loveth mankind will grant him to exercise his episcopal office without stain or blame:

R: Lord, have mercy.

CC: For our most God-fearing (President, Prime Minister, Ruler) N., and for all the Authorities; and for all their Council and their Army and Navy:

R: Lord, have mercy.

CC: For this city, and for every city, and for all those who entreat of God aid and protection:

R: Lord, have mercy.

CC: That he will deliver us from all

tribulation, wrath and necessity:

R: Lord, have mercy.

CC: Succor us, save us, have mercy upon us, and keep us, O God, by thy grace.

R: Lord, have mercy.

CC: Calling to remembrance our most holy, all-undefiled, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Birth-giver of God and ever-virgin Mary, with all the Saints, let us commend ourselves, and each other. and all our life unto Christ our God.

R: To thee, O Lord.

[And when these things have been said, the Presiding Bishop, who also has his hand upon the head of him who is receiving Ordination, prays thus:]

Presiding Bishop

O Lord our God, who, forasmuch as it is impossible for the nature of man to endure the Essence of the Godhead, in thy providence hast instituted for us teachers of like nature with ourselves, to maintain thine Altar, that they may offer unto thee sacrifice and oblation for all thy people; Do thou, the same Lord, make this man also, who hath been proclaimed a steward of the episcopal grace, to be an imitator of thee, the true Shepherd, who didst lay down thy life for thy sheep; to be a leader of the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, a reprover of the unwise, a teacher of the young, a lamp to the world: that, having perfected the

upon his head, holding it here and there.]

[Then the Presiding Bishop says, so that all may hear:]

Presiding Bishop:

By the election and approbation of the most God-loving Bishops, and of all the consecrated Council,

The grace divine, which always healeth that which is infirm, and completeth that which is wanting, through the laying-on of hands elevateth thee, the most God-loving Archimandrite (or Hiero-Monk) N., duly elected, to be the Bishop of the God-saved cities, NN.

Wherefore let us pray for him, that the grace of the all-holy Spirit may come upon him.

[And a Priest says:]

Let us pray to the Lord.
Let us pray to the Lord.
Let us pray to the Lord.

[And while the Bishops hold the book of the Holy Gospels, the Presiding Bishop makes three crosses above the head of him who is being consecrated, blessing him:]

Presiding bishop:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now, and ever, and unto ages of ages.

[Then, the main Consecrator puts a small amount of Chrism on his hands, and he and all co-consecrators insure their hands are on the head of the one

being consecrated, and the main Consecrator prays:]

O Master, Lord our God, who through thine all-laudable Apostle Paul hast established for us an ordinance of degrees and ranks, unto the service and divine celebration of thine august and all-spotless Mysteries upon thy holy Altar; first, Apostles, secondly, Prophets, thirdly, teachers: Do thou, the same Lord of all, who also hast graciously enabled this chosen person to come under the yoke of the Gospel and the dignity of a Bishop through the laying-on of hands of us, his fellow Bishops here present, strengthen him by the inspiration and power and grace of thy Holy Spirit, as thou didst strengthen thy holy Apostles and Prophets; as thou didst anoint Kings; as thou hast consecrated Bishops: And make his Bishopric to be blameless; and adorning him with all dignity, present thou him holy, that he may be worthy to ask those things which are for the salvation of the people, and that thou mayest give ear unto him. For blessed is thy Name, and glorified thy Kingdom, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now, and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

[After the Amen, one of the other consecrating Bishops recites the following petitions in a low voice, so that only the Prelates there present can hear and respond:]

Co-Consecrator:

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

CC: For the peace that is from above,

**ORDAINING OF
SUB-DEACONS**

[After the Prothesis, the Bishop signs the candidate's vestments with the cross, and he who is to receive Ordination kisses the signed cross and the hand of the Bishop. He who is to be Ordained vests with his stole bound cross-wise. Then, before the Holy Door, is said:]

Archpriest or second Celebrant (or Bishop if there is none):
Let us pray to the Lord.

[Laying his hand on the kneeling Candidate's head, before the Holy Door, the Bishop says:]

Bishop:

O Lord our God, who, through one and the same Holy Spirit distributes gifts of grace to each one of those whom thou hast chosen; hast given to Thine Church divers Orders; who, through Thine inscrutable providence hast appointed degrees of ministry therein, for the service of Thy holy, spotless Mysteries; and who, through Thine ineffable foreknowledge, hast ordained this thy servant to be worthy to serve in Thy Holy Church; do Thou, the same Lord, preserve him uncondemned in all things. And grant that he may love the beauty of Thy house, stand before the doors of Thy holy Temple, and kindle the lamps in the tabernacle of Thy glory. And plant him in Thy Holy Church like a fruitful olive tree, which brings forth the fruits of righteousness. And make him Thy perfect servant in the time of Thine

advent, that he may receive the recompense of those who are well-pleasing in Thy sight. For Thine are the kingdom and the power and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now, and ever, and unto ages of ages.

All: Amen.

[Then is given to the Candidate, the basin and ewer, and a towel on his shoulder or arm, and the Bishop washes his hands as the candidate pours water over them - then silently prays. Then the Bishop is seated, and signs the water with the cross thrice, saying silently:]

Bishop: (silently)

O Lord our God, who didst sanctify the streams of Jordan by thy saving manifestation, do thou now, also, send down the grace of thy Holy Spirit, and bless this water, to the sanctification of all thy people, for blessed art thou unto ages of ages.

[And with this holy water wets the eyes, ears, nostrils, and lips of the he who has just been Ordained. The Bishop then anoints the thumb and next finger of each hand of the one ordained, that he may touch the Sacred Eucharist and vessels, as needed.]

[Then begins the Divine Liturgy at the Introit, the new Sub-Deacon with the other Sub-Deacons.]

INTROIT
[of the day]

PRAYER

[added to the prayer of the day, under one conclusion]

O Lord, hear our humble petition and guard those who devotedly worship you, that we may ever serve in your ministry with perfect freedom, unhampered by any disturbance. Through Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, throughout all ages of ages.

EPISTLE

[of the day, or an appropriate selection]

GOSPEL

[of the day, or an appropriate selection]

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON

[of the day]

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

[added to the prayer of the day, under one conclusion]

O Lord, may your sacraments help us to offer these gifts to you worthily. Through Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, throughout all ages of ages.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

[of the day]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[added to the prayer of the day, under

one conclusion]

O Lord, graciously sustain us by your constant assistance, just as you have refreshed us by your sacrament. May the power of your redemptive work be effective in us both in this sacred rite and in the conduct of our lives: You who live and reign with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, throughout all ages of ages.

oppose themselves; if God, peradventure, will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth.

I promise to visit and watch over the flock now confided to me, after the manner of the Apostles, whether they remain true to the faith, and in the exercise of good works, more especially the Priests; and to inspect with diligence, and to exhort and inhibit, that there may be no schisms, superstitions and impious veneration, and that no customs contrary to Christian piety and good morals may injure Christian conduct.

And all those things, my bounden duty, which I have this day promised in word, I also promise to perform in deed unto my uttermost breath, for the sake of the covenanted good things to come. And may God, who seeth the heart, be the witness to my vow. And may our Savior himself be my helper, in my sincere and zealous government and my performance thereof; and unto Him, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be glory and dominion, honor and worship, now, and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

[The Presiding Bishop then blesses him, saying:]

Presiding Bishop:
The grace of the Holy Spirit, through my humility, exalteth thee, most God-beloved Archimandrite (or Hiero-Monk), N., to be the Bishop-elect of the God-saved cities, NN.

[And the Bishop Elect makes three

reverences to the Presiding Bishop; and the Proto-Deacon leads him to the Bishops. And the Bishop Elect, delivering to the same the written statement of his faith and his promise, kisses their right hands. And he descends from the tribune, and makes a reverence. Then the Presiding Bishop, signing him with his hand, in the form of a cross, says:]

Presiding Bishop:
The grace of the Most Holy Spirit be with thee.

[And they lead him upon the eagle, while the Choir chants MANY YEARS]

Choir/All:
Many Years
Many Years
Many Years

[The Divine Liturgy is then begun, the Bishop Elect standing until his Consecration in the Deacon's chapel, or the chapel on the south of the Altar, fully vested as a Priest.]

[After the THRICE-HOLY (Eastern Rite) or Collect prior to the Epistle (Western Rite) has been sung, the Bishop Elect is led forth by the Archpriest and the Proto-Deacon, in front of the Holy Door and is received by the Bishops in the Holy Sanctuary, before the Holy Altar. And he kneels down on both knees, in the midst of the Bishops. And they take the book of the Holy Gospels, and opening it, they lay it, with the writing downward,

The most God-beloved, elect and confirmed Archimandrite (or Hiero-Monk, or Hieroschoemmamonk), N., is led forth for consecration to the Bishopric of the God-saved city, N. (cities NN.).

Presiding Bishop:

Declare unto us, also, what thou thinkest concerning the Canons of the Holy apostles and the Holy Fathers, and the traditions and regulations of the Church.

Bishop Elect:

In this my confession of holy faith, I promise to observe the Canons of the Holy apostles, and of the Seven Ecumenical Councils, and of the pious Provincial Councils and of this Church and Jurisdiction, the traditions of the Church. and the decrees, orders, and regulations of the Holy Fathers. And all things whatsoever they have accepted I also accept; and whatsoever things they have rejected I also reject.

I promise also to preserve the peace of the Church, and firmly to hold and zealously to teach the people entrusted to me, and not to devise anything whatsoever which is contrary to the Orthodox Catholic Christian faith of the East all days of my life; and that I will, in all things, follow and always obey the Most Blessed Patriarch, Metropolitan, and the Most Holy Synod; and to be, in all things, of one mind with the Most Blessed Patriarch and with the Most Reverend Metropolitans, Archbishops and Bishops, my brethren, and conjointly with them submissive to the divine law,

and the sacred rules of the Holy Apostles and Holy Fathers; and with all sincerity to cherish towards them spiritual affection; and to regard them as brethren.

And I promise to rule the flock committed unto me in the fear of God and in devoutness of life; and with all diligent heed to guard it against all heresies of doctrine.

And I also confess, in this my written profession of faith, that neither by the promise nor by the gift of gold or of silver am I come to this ministry; but, on the contrary, I have received it by the election of the Most Holy Synod.

And herewith I promise also to do nothing through constraint, whether coerced by powerful persons, or by a multitude of the people, even though they should command me, under pain of death, to do something contrary to divine and holy laws: nor to celebrate the Divine Liturgy in another diocese than my own, nor to exercise any other priestly function without the permission of the Bishop of that diocese; and that I will not ordain either a Priest, or a Deacon, or any other ecclesiastic in another's diocese, nor receive such into my diocese without letters of dismissal from their own Bishops.

I will deal with the opponents of the Holy Church with reasonableness, uprightness and gentleness, according to the Apostle Paul; And the servant of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, forbearing, in meekness instructing those who

ORDAINING OF DEACONS

INTROIT

[of the day]

PRAYER

[added to the prayer of the day, under one conclusion]

O Lord, hear our humble petition and guard those who devotedly worship you, that we may ever serve in your ministry with perfect freedom, unhampered by any disturbance. Through Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, throughout all ages of ages.

EPISTLE

[of the day, or an appropriate selection]

GOSPEL

[of the day, or an appropriate selection]

[After the Gospel, the Bishop is seated. He who is to be Ordained is taken from the middle of the Church, by (two sub-deacons) his clergy escort, who place one hand on his neck and hold his other hand, bow him, saying:]

Escort/Clergy:
Command !

[And leading him forward a little, another says:]

Escort/Clergy:
Command !

[And at the Holy door, bowing him to the Bishop, another says:]

Escort/Clergy:
Command !, Most Reverend Master.

[Then (a Proto-Deacon and Deacon) his clergy escort take him to the Bishop, who signs him with his hand in the form of a cross, then he who is to be Ordained is lead round the Holy Altar, while all say:]

Escort and he who is to be Ordained:
O holy Martyrs, who fought the good fight and have received your crowns, entreat ye the Lord that our souls may be saved.

All/Choir:
O holy Martyrs, who fought the good fight and have received your crowns, entreat ye the Lord that our souls may be saved.

[Then, still lead, he who is to be ordained kisses the four corners of the Holy Altar, and is then lead to the Bishop, whose hand (and knee) he kisses.]

[Then, a second time, still lead, he who is to be ordained compasses the Altar, this while saying:]

Escort and he who is to be Ordained:
Glory to thee, O Christ-God, the Apostles' boast, the Martyrs' joy, whose preaching was consubstantial Trinity.

All/Choir:

Glory to thee, O Christ-God, the Apostles' boast, the Martyrs' joy, whose preaching was consubstantial Trinity.

[Then, still lead, he who is to be ordained, a second time kisses the four corners of the Holy Altar, and is then lead to the Bishop, whose (Epigonotaion and) hand he kisses.]

[Then, a third time, still lead, he who is to be ordained compasses the Altar, this while saying:]

Escort and he who is to be Ordained: Rejoice, O Isaiah! A Virgin is with child, and shall bear a Son, Emmanuel, both God and man; and Orient is his name; whom magnifying we call the Virgin blessed.

All/Choir: Rejoice, O Isaiah! A Virgin is with child, and shall bear a Son, Emmanuel, both God and man; and Orient is his name; whom magnifying we call the Virgin blessed.

[Then, still lead, he who is to be ordained, a third time kisses the four corners of the Holy Altar. The Bishop rises and he who is to be Ordained goes to the right side of the Bishop and bows before the Holy Altar thrice, saying:]

He Who Is To Be Ordained: O God, have mercy upon me, a sinner.

[Bending his right knee, he who is to be Ordained lays his palms upon the Holy Altar in the form of a cross, his

brow between his hands.]

[Then the Bishop thrice lays the end of his stole on the head of him to be Ordained and blesses him upon the head. Then the Proto-Deacon or clergy says:]

Proto-Deacon/Clergy: Let Us Attend !

[Then the Bishop, laying his hand on the head of him who is now being Ordained, says aloud so all can hear:]

Bishop: The grace divine, which always heals that which is infirm, and completes that which is wanting, elevate, through the laying-on of hands, N., the most devout Sub-Deacon, to be Deacon: Wherefore, let us pray for him, that the grace of the all-holy Spirit may come upon him.

Proto-Deacon/Clergy: *[softly]* Let us pray to the Lord.

[Then the bishop thrice blesses the head of he who is receiving Ordination, and silently says:]

Bishop: *[silently]* O Lord our God, who by thy foreknowledge does send down the fullness of the Holy Spirit upon those who are ordained by thine inscrutable power to be thy servitors, and to administer thy spotless Sacraments, do thou, the same Sovereign Master, preserve also this man, whom thou hast been pleased to ordain, through me, by the Laying-on of Hands, to the

Bishopric of the God-saved city, N. (cities NN.).

Presiding Bishop: Reveal unto us more particularly how thou believest concerning the properties of the three persons of the ineffable Godhead, and concerning the Incarnation of the Person of the Son and Word of God.

Bishop Elect: I believe in one god, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; For he is without beginning, unbegotten, and without cause, but is himself the natural beginning and cause of the Son and of the Spirit. And I believe in his Only-begotten Son, without mutation and without time begotten of him, being of one Essence with Him by whom all things were made. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, who proceedeth from the same Father, and with him is glorified as coeternal, being of one Essence with him, and equal in glory, and enthroned together with him, the Author of creation. I believe that one of the same super-substantial and life-giving Trinity, the Only-begotten Word, came down from heaven, for us men, and for our salvation, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the ever-Virgin Mary, and was made man; that is to say, was made perfect man, yet remaining God, and in nowise changing his divine essence by his participation in the flesh, neither being transmuted into anything else; but without mutation assuming man's nature, he therein endured suffering and death. And on the third day he rose again from the

dead; and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of his Father. And I believe those traditions and narrations concerning the one Catholic and Apostolic Church which we have received from God and the men of God. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Furthermore, I confess the one Person, the Word made flesh; and I believe and proclaim that Christ is one and the same in two natures after his incarnation, preserving those things which were in them and from them. therefore, also, I adore two wills, in that each nature retaineth its own special will and its own action. I reverence, relatively, but not in the way of worship, the images divine and reverence-worthy of Christ himself, and of the all-undefiled Mother of God, and of all the Saints, addressing to their originals the honor shown to them. I reject as ill-advised those who think otherwise. And I literally and truly confess our Sovereign Lady, Mary the Birth-giver of God, as having borne in the flesh one of the Trinity, even Christ our God. And may the same be my helper, protector, and defender all the days of my life. Amen.

[The Presiding Bishop blesses the Bishop elect, saying:]

Presiding Bishop: The grace of the Holy Spirit be with thee, enlightening, strengthening and endowing thee with wisdom all the days of thy life.

Proto-Deacon:

CONSECRATING A BISHOP

[The Eagle carpet is laid in the center of the Temple, and guarded so that no step upon it. The Bishops and clergy ascend to the Tribune, or to their places within the Sanctuary. Then the Proto-Deacon leads the Bishop Elect, who is vested as a Priest, and holding the Pedallion, to the tail of the Eagle, proclaiming loudly:]

Proto-Deacon:

The most God-beloved, elect and confirmed Archimandrite (or Hiero-Monk, or Hieroschoemmamonk), N., is led forth for consecration to the Bishopric of the God-saved city, N. (cities NN.).

Presiding Bishop:

Wherefore art thou come, and what dost thou ask of our meekness?

Bishop Elect:

The laying-on of hands, unto the grace of the Bishop's office, Most Reverend Sirs.

Presiding Bishop:

And how believest thou?

Bishop Elect:

I believe in one God, The Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who, for us men

and for our salvation, came down from heaven (all genuflect) and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the prophets. And I believe in one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead; and the life of the world to come. Amen.

[The Presiding Bishop then blesses the Bishop Elect with the sign of the cross, saying:]

Presiding Bishop:

The grace of God the Father, and of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Spirit, be with thee.

[The Proto-Deacon then leads the Bishop Elect to the middle of the Eagle, saying:]

Proto-Deacon:

The most God-beloved, elect and confirmed Archimandrite (or Hiero-Monk, or Hieroschoemmamonk), N., is led forth for consecration to the

service of the Diaconate, in all soberness of life, holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. Vouchsafe unto him the grace which thou didst grant unto Stephen, thy first Martyr, whom, also, thou didst call to be the first in the work of thy ministry; and make him worthy to administer after thy pleasure the degree which it has seemed good to thee to confer upon him. For they who minister well prepare for themselves a good degree. And manifest him wholly as thy servant.

Bishop:

[aloud] For thine are the kingdom and the power and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now, and ever, and unto ages of ages.

All:

Amen.

[Then the Bishop, keeping his hand on the head of he who is receiving Ordination, prays, again, silently:]

Bishop:

[silently] O God our Savior, who by thine own incorruptible voice did appoint unto thine Apostles the law of the Diaconate, and did manifest the first Martyr, Stephen, to be of the same; and did proclaim him the first who should exercise the office of Deacon, as it is written in thy Holy Gospel; Whosoever desires to be first among you, let him be your servant; do thou O Master of all men, fill also this thy servant, whom thou has graciously permitted to enter upon the ministry of a Deacon, with faith, and love, and power, and holiness, through the

inspiration of thy holy and life-giving Spirit; for not through the Laying-on of my hands, but through the visitation of thy rich bounties, is grace Bestowed upon thy worthy ones: That he, being devoid of all sin, may stand blameless before thee in the terrible Day of thy Judgment, and receive the unfailling reward of thy promise.

Bishop:

[aloud, so all can hear] For thou art our God, and unto thee do we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now, and ever, and unto ages of ages .

All:

Amen.

[If the Deacon's fingers were not anointed as a Sub-Deacon, the Bishop then anoints the thumb and next finger of each hand of the one ordained, that he may touch the Sacred Eucharist and vessels, as needed.]

[Then he who has just been Ordained is raised to his feet, and the Bishop, taking the Ordained's stole, unbinds it from cross-wise, and lays it upon the Ordained's Left shoulder, saying or singing in a loud voice:]

Bishop:

[loudly]

AXIOS ! (which means, WORTHY)

Clergy:

AXIOS !

AXIOS !

AXIOS !

All except he who is just Ordained:
AXIOS !
AXIOS !
AXIOS !

[Then the Bishop gives the Ordained the gauntlets/cuffs, and says or sings:]

Bishop:
AXIOS !

Clergy:
AXIOS !
AXIOS !
AXIOS !

All except he who is just Ordained:
AXIOS !
AXIOS !
AXIOS !

[Then the Bishop gives the Ordained the sacramental fan, and says or sings:]

Bishop:
(loudly) AXIOS !

Clergy:
AXIOS !
AXIOS !
AXIOS !

All except he who is just Ordained:
AXIOS !
AXIOS !
AXIOS !

[Then he who has just been Ordained kisses the Bishop on the shoulder, then goes to the Altar. The Holy Gifts are then brought to the Altar, and he

who has just been ordained fans the Holy Gifts. The Divine Liturgy may resume (Eastern Rite) with the prayer of oblation which immediately follows the 26th Psalm; (Western Rite) with the Creed which immediately follows the Gospel.]

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON
[of the day]

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS
[added to the prayer of the day, under one conclusion]

O Lord, may your sacraments help us to offer these gifts to you worthily. Through Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, throughout all ages of ages.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
[of the day]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
[added to the prayer of the day, under one conclusion]

O Lord, graciously sustain us by your constant assistance, just as you have refreshed us by your sacrament. May the power of your redemptive work be effective in us both in this sacred rite and in the conduct of our lives: You who live and reign with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, throughout all ages of ages.

**ELEVATION OF AN
ARCHIMANDRITE
AND OF MITRE**

[Before the Gospel (just before the Little Entrance with the Holy Gospels is made) he that is to be elevated is led, by a Proto-Deacon and a Deacon, to the Bishop, in the middle of the Church where the Bishop stands. He who is to be elevated bows three times before the Bishop, and bends his head before the Bishop while standing. The Bishop (sitting) makes the sign of the cross three times on the head of the one to be elevated, then (rising) lays his hands upon the head of the one to be raised.]

Proto-Deacon:
Command, Master.

Bishop:
The grace of the all-holy Spirit, through our humility, promoteth thee to be Archimandrite of the venerable habitation (of Our Lord and God Jesus Christ - if the Temple be dedicated to Him, or, of our most holy and Sovereign Lady, the Mother of our Lord, N., if the Temple be dedicated to her, or, of Saint N., if the Temple be dedicated to a Saint).

[Then, laying his hands upon the head of him being elevated, the Bishop exclaims:]

Bishop:
AXIOS !

Choir/All:
AXIOS !

**AXIOS !
AXIOS !**

[If the one elevated is to be mitred, then, after the Little Entrance, and with the Book of the Gospels, the one elevated is lead to the Bishop. The Bishop says no prayer, but only blesses the one elevated with his hand, and the one elevated kisses the hand of the Bishop, and then the mitre, and the mitre is then placed upon the head of the one elevated. the one elevated then joins then others according to rank, and all enter the Sanctuary through the Holy (Royal) Door and proceed with the Divine Liturgy.]

[Immediately at the end of the Divine Liturgy, before the procession or recession, the Bishop gives the one elevated his pastoral staff, saying:]

Bishop:
Take this staff and with it establish and rule thy flock; seeing that thou must answer therefore to our Lord God, and the Day of Judgment.

**ELEVATION TO ARCHDEACON OR
PROTO-DEACON**

[Before the Gospel (just before the Little Entrance with the Holy Gospels is made) he that is to be raised to the Archdiaconate is led, by a Proto-Deacon and a Deacon, to the Bishop or Main Celebrant, in the middle of the Church where the Bishop stands. He who is to be raised bows three times before the Bishop, and bends his head before the Bishop while standing. The Bishop (sitting) makes the sign of the cross three times on the head of the one to be raised, then (rising) lays his hands upon the head of the one to be raised.]

Deacon (or other Celebrant):
Let us pray to the Lord.

Bishop:
O Master, Lord our God, who hast bestowed upon our race the Archdeaconship, granting, through thine unspeakable providence, that they who are endued therewith may order and serve thine Divine Mysteries as lesser ministers: do thou, the same Lord, endue with this grace of the Archdeaconship this thy servant, N., and adorn him with thine integrity, to stand at the head of the Deacons of thy people, and to be an example of good to those who are under him. Cause him to attain unto a ripe old age, that he may magnify thy glorious Name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now, and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

[Then the Bishop makes the sign of

the cross upon the head of the one being raised, saying:]

Bishop:
Blessed is the Lord. Lo, the servant of God, N., becometh an Archdeacon (or a Proto-Deacon): In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

[Then, laying his hands on the head of the one raised, the Bishop says:]

Bishop:
AXIOS !

Choir/All:
AXIOS !
AXIOS !
AXIOS !

[All then enter the Sanctuary, and proceed with the Gospel.]

and God Jesus Christ - if the Temple be dedicated to Him, or, of our most holy and Sovereign Lady, the Mother of our Lord, N., if the Temple be dedicated to her, or, of Saint N., if the Temple be dedicated to a Saint).

[Then, laying his hands upon the new Abbot's head, the Bishop exclaims:]

Bishop:
AXIOS !

Choir/All:
AXIOS !
AXIOS !
AXIOS !

[Then the new Abbot kisses the Bishop's pall on the right, and on the left shoulder, and is lead to his place. All then enter the Sanctuary, and proceed with the Gospel.]

INSTITUTION OF AN ABBOT

[Before the Gospel (just before the Little Entrance with the Holy Gospels is made) he that is to be Abbot is led, by a Proto-Deacon and a Deacon, to the Bishop, in the middle of the Church where the Bishop stands. He who is to be Abbot bows three times before the Bishop, and bends his head before the Bishop while standing. The Bishop (sitting) makes the sign of the cross three times on the head of the one to be raised, then (rising) lays his hands upon the head of the one to be raised.]

Deacon (or other Celebrant):
Let us pray to the Lord.

Bishop:
O God, who ever exercises divine foresight concerning the salvation of men, and hast gathered into one this reason-endowed flock; Do thou, O Master of all, through thy boundless love for mankind, preserve the same spotless, ever keeping thy commandments, that not one sheep perish therefrom, or be devoured by the wolf. And make this thy servant, whom thou hast been graciously pleased to set over it as Abbot, worthy of thy goodness; and adorn him with all virtues, that through his own deeds he may offer a good example to those who are subject unto him; that they, being moved to emulate his blameless life, may, with him, stand uncondemned before thy dread Judgment Seat.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, of the Father, and

of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now, and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir/All:
Amen!

Bishop:
Peace be with you all.

Choir/All:
And with thy spirit.

Proto-Deacon:
Bow your heads to the Lord.

Choir/All:
To thee, O Lord.

Bishop:
[softly] Incline thine ear, O Lord, and hear our prayers; and cause this thy servant, the Abbot of this venerable habitation, to be a wise and faithful steward of the reason-endowed flock which, through thy grace, hath been entrusted unto him, working thy will in all things, and becoming worthy of thy heavenly kingdom.

Through the grace, and bounties, and love towards mankind of thine Only-begotten Son, with whom thou art blessed, together with thine all-holy, and good, and life-giving Spirit, now, and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Proto-Deacon:
[loudly] Command, Master!

Bishop:
[loudly] The grace of the all-holy Spirit, at the hands of our humble person, promoteth thee to be Abbot of the honorable habitation (of Our Lord

ORDAINING OF PRIESTS

[After the Cherubimic Hymn (Cherubic Hymn) in Eastern Rite, and after the beginning of the Offertory and immediately before the 26th Psalm, in the same manner as one to be ordained a Deacon, through the Holy (Royal) Door, to the Holy Altar, as stated below. While this is being done, the Choir (and all others present), pray the following Hymn:]

Choir/All:
O holy Martyrs, who fought the good fight and have received your crowns: Entreat ye the Lord that our souls may be saved.

Glory to thee, O Christ-God, the Apostles' boast, the Martyrs' joy, whose preaching was consubstantial Trinity.

Rejoice, O Isaiah! A Virgin is with child, and shall bear a Son, Emmanuel, both God and man: and Orient is his name; whom magnifying we call the Virgin blessed.

[He who is to be Ordained is taken from the middle of the Church, by (two sub-deacons) his clergy escort, who place one hand on his neck and hold his other hand, bow him, saying:]

Escort/Clergy:
Command !

[And leading him forward a little, another says:]

Escort/Clergy:
Command !

[And at the Holy Door, bowing him to the Bishop, another says:]

Escort/Clergy:
Command !, Most Reverend Master.

[Then (a Proto-Deacon and Deacon) his clergy escort take him to the Bishop, who signs him with his hand in the form of a cross, then he who is to be Ordained is lead round the Holy Altar, while all say:]

Escort and he who is to be Ordained:
O holy Martyrs, who fought the good fight and have received your crowns, entreat ye the Lord that our souls may be saved.

All/Choir:
O holy Martyrs, who fought the good fight and have received your crowns, entreat ye the Lord that our souls may be saved.

[Then, still lead, he who is to be ordained kisses the four corners of the Holy Altar, and is then lead to the Bishop, whose hand (and knee) he kisses.]

[Then, a second time, still lead, he who is to be ordained compasses the Altar, this while saying:]

Escort and he who is to be Ordained:
Glory to thee, O Christ-God, the Apostles' boast, the Martyrs' joy, whose preaching was consubstantial Trinity.

All/Choir:

Glory to thee, O Christ-God, the Apostles' boast, the Martyrs' joy, whose preaching was consubstantial Trinity.

[Then, still lead, he who is to be ordained, a second time kisses the four corners of the Holy Altar, and is then lead to the Bishop, whose (Epigonotaion and) hand he kisses.]

[Then, a third time, still lead, he who is to be ordained compasses the Altar, this while saying:]

Escort and he who is to be Ordained: Rejoice, O Isaiah! A Virgin is with child, and shall bear a Son, Emmanuel, both God and man; and Orient is his name; whom magnifying we call the Virgin blessed.

All/Choir: Rejoice, O Isaiah! A Virgin is with child, and shall bear a Son, Emmanuel, both God and man; and Orient is his name; whom magnifying we call the Virgin blessed.

[Then, still lead, he who is to be ordained, a third time kisses the four corners of the Holy Altar. The Bishop rises and he who is to be Ordained goes to the right side of the Bishop and bows before the Holy Altar thrice, saying:]

He Who Is To Be Ordained: O God, have mercy upon me, a sinner.

[Bending his right knee, he who is to be Ordained lays his palms upon the

Holy Altar in the form of a cross, his brow between his hands.]

[Then the Bishop thrice lays the end of his stole on the head of him to be Ordained and blesses him upon the head. Then the Proto-Deacon or clergy says:]

Proto-Deacon/Clergy: Let Us Attend !

[Then the Bishop, laying his hand on the head of him who is now being Ordained, says aloud so all can hear:]

Bishop: The grace divine, which always heals that which is infirm, and completes that which is wanting, elevate, through the laying-on of hands, N., the most devout Deacon, to be a Priest: Wherefore, let us pray for him, that the grace of the all-holy Spirit may come upon him.

Proto-Deacon/Clergy: *[softly]* Let us pray to the Lord.

[Then the bishop thrice blesses the head of he who is receiving Ordination, and silently says:]

Bishop: *[softly]* O God, who hast no beginning and no ending; who art older than every created thing; who crowns with the name Presbyter those whom thou deemest worthy to serve the word of thy truth in the divine ministry of this degree; Do thou, the same Lord of all men, deign to preserve in pureness of life and in unswerving faith this man

ELEVATION TO ARCHPRIEST

[Before the Gospel (just before the Little Entrance with the Holy Gospels is made) he that is to be raised to the Archpriest is led, by a Proto-Deacon and a Deacon, to the Bishop or Main Celebrant, in the middle of the Church where the Bishop stands. He who is to be raised bows three times before the Bishop, and bends his head before the Bishop while standing. The Bishop (sitting) makes the sign of the cross three times on the head of the one to be raised, then (rising) lays his hands upon the head of the one to be raised.]

Deacon (or other Celebrant): Let us pray to the Lord.

Bishop: O Master, Lord Jesus Christ, our God, who hast bestowed the Priesthood upon our race, and hast endued us with the grace of this gift and honor, and hast appointed us who are duly devout to exercise command over the members of the Priesthood, and the other servitors in lesser degree of thy Mysteries: Endue thou now, also, with thy grace, our brother N., and adorn him with integrity; that he may stand at the head of the Priests of thy people. And enable him to set a good example to those who are with him; and graciously grant that he may attain, in piety and veneration, unto a good old age; and have mercy upon us all, inasmuch as thou art a good God. For thou art the bestower of wisdom; and unto thee doth all creation sing praises unto ages of ages.

[Then the Bishop signs the one to be raised upon the head with the sign of the cross, saying:]

Bishop: Blessed is the Lord. Lo, the servant of God, N., is made an Archpriest of God's Holy Church, N., : In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

[Then laying his hands upon the head of the one being raised, the Bishop says:]

Bishop: AXIOS !

Choir/All: AXIOS ! AXIOS ! AXIOS !

[All then enter the Sanctuary, and proceed with the Gospel.]

also, upon whom, through me, thou hast graciously been pleased to lay hands. Be favorably pleased to grant unto him the great grace of thy Holy Spirit, and make him wholly thy servant, in all things acceptable unto thee, and worthily exercising the great honors of Priesthood which thou hast conferred upon him by thy prescient power.

Bishop:
[loudly] For thine is the majesty, and thine are the kingdom and the power and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy spirit, now, and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir/All:
Amen.

Proto-Deacon:
[softly] Let us pay to the Lord.

[The Bishop then anoints the palms of the hands of the newly ordained Priest, so doing over all of the palms and in the sign of the Cross.]

Bishop:
[softly] O God, great in might and inscrutable in wisdom, marvelous in counsel above the sons of men: Do thou, the same Lord, fill with the gift of thy Holy Spirit this man whom it hath pleased thee to advance to the degree of Priest; that he may be worthy to stand in innocency before thine Altar; to proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom; to minister the word of thy truth; to offer unto thee spiritual gifts and sacrifices; to renew thy people through the laver of regeneration. that when he shall go to meet thee, at the Second Coming of

our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, thine Only-begotten Son, he may receive the reward of a good steward in the degree committed unto him, through the plentitude of thy goodness.

Second Celebrant or Proto-Deacon:
Succor us, save us, have mercy upon us, and keep us, O god, by thy grace.

Choir/All:
Lord, have mercy.

Second Celebrant or Proto-Deacon:
Calling to remembrance our most holy, all-undefiled, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Birth-giver of God and ever-virgin Mary, with all the Saints, let us commend ourselves, and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir/All:
To thee, O Lord!

Bishop:
For blessed and glorified is thine all-holy and majestic Name, off the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now, and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir/All:
Amen!

[The newly ordained Priest is then raised up. The Bishop takes the Deacon's stole from the newly ordained, takes a Priest's stole, blesses the Priest's stole, holds it for the newly ordained to kiss, and he who has been ordained kisses the stole and then the Bishop's hand, and the Bishop lays the Priest's stole around

the neck of the newly ordained, saying:]

Bishop:
AXIOS !

Those in the Sanctuary:
AXIOS !
AXIOS !
AXIOS !

Choir/All:
AXIOS !
AXIOS !
AXIOS !

[Then the Bishop hands the newly ordained Priest the Zone (cincture in Western Rite), and the newly ordained Priest kisses it and the Bishop's hand, and girds himself, while the Bishop says:]

Bishop:
AXIOS !

Those in the Sanctuary:
AXIOS !
AXIOS !
AXIOS !

Choir/All:
AXIOS !
AXIOS !
AXIOS !

[Then the Bishop hands the newly ordained Priest the chasuble, which the newly ordained Priest kisses, and then kisses the hand of the Bishop, and the Bishop places the chasuble over the head of the newly ordained Priest, and says:]

Bishop:
AXIOS !

Those in the Sanctuary:
AXIOS !
AXIOS !
AXIOS !

Choir/All:
AXIOS !
AXIOS !
AXIOS !

[Then the Bishop hands the newly ordained Priest the service book - for he reads his guide and does not recite from memory, and the newly ordained Priest kisses the book, and then the hand of the Bishop, and the bishop says:]

Bishop:
AXIOS !

Those in the Sanctuary:
AXIOS !
AXIOS !
AXIOS !

Choir/All:
AXIOS !
AXIOS !
AXIOS !

[The newly ordained Priest kisses the Bishop's stole, then the Bishop's hand, and likewise those other Bishops and Abbots who may be in attendance; and then on the shoulder of each he kisses the Archimandrites and all his fellow clergy, then takes

his place amongst the Priests, and the Divine Liturgy proceeds with the 26th Psalm.]