

## TO BE TONSURED AS A READER

When the Metropolitan comes to visit our parish, likely in December, I will submit to him a list of names of acolytes who are prepared to be honored by being tonsured as readers in the Church. This is an honor and a privilege and must be ***earned***.

The following set of criteria must be met in order for you to be tonsured as a reader:

1. You must be at least 12 years old (*If you are younger than 12 years old, I suggest you start practicing your reading by using the list below*)
2. You must have excellent attendance on the days you are scheduled for altar duty (not good or okay attendance – EXCELLENT attendance)
3. You must behave appropriately in the altar or any church events (including GOYA events)
4. You must behave appropriately at school and home
5. You must know the Creed by heart (English or Greek)
6. You must know the directions on the “Altar Boy Directions” sheet
7. You must be able to read well and when asked to do so

You will be tested on the following material. You should study this material and be ready to ***read*** it by November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007:

- Psalms from the Orthros: 3 (O Lord, why are they...), 37 (O Lord do not rebuke me...), 62(63) (O God, my God...), 87(88) (O Lord God of my salvation...), 102(103) (Bless the Lord...), 142(143) (Lord hear my prayer...)
- Psalm from Vespers: 103(104) (Bless the Lord, O my soul...)
- Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans (all of it)
- First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (all of it)
- Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (all of it)
- Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians (all of it)
- The First Epistles of St. Peter and of St. John (all of them)
- Matthew (Chapters 5-7)
- Mark (Chapters 15-16)
- Luke (Chapters 1-4)
- John (Chapters 1, 6, 10-11, 13, 15, 19-21)
- Genesis (Chapter 1)
- Jonah (Chapters 1-4)
- Daniel (Chapter 3)
- Ezekiel (Chapter 37:1-14)