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**Service Book
for the
Ordination of Deacons**

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AMOLOGIA

(Profession of Faith, Doctrinal & Moral Exhortation)

Beloved, you who are our brother through our Lord Jesus Christ and communicant and spiritual son through the precepts of the Holy Apostles and the sacred councils, listen and understand: You have desired to experience the sacred mysteries of our Lord, and to receive this most respectful and invaluable gift from the hands of us who do not deserve this office, and to approach this most sublime and unparalleled divine service and this spotless office. Blessed and beloved son! We will demonstrate to you how you can live without stain and conflict in a manner followed by the faithful who gaze at the mysteries of our Lord, after you have received this noble office.

Blessed son, you must primarily adhere to the Orthodox faith taught to the Holy Apostles by our Lord and recorded in the Holy Gospel. The Apostles entrusted this faith to the Holy Fathers of the Church, to the Orthodox doctors, and to the children of the church. Following the Apostles, they also confirmed and taught this faith. Primarily, it is the faith in the one true God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. You must keep this faith in your public and private life, and in your heart and tongue. The Word, one among the Trinity, by the will of the Father and through the Holy Spirit came down from heaven and dwelt in the womb of Holy Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, and, because of His love for mankind, became incarnate. When He was in the womb of His mother, He still was existing with His Father in His heavenly throne; glory to His mercy! He is true God and true Man. You are to follow this faith according to what the Church teaches, not according to what the other sects believe.

You should be a follower of St. Peter, the chief apostle, of St. Thomas, our most eminent apostle, and of their fellow apostles, and of the seventy-two evangelists, and of Saints Ignatius the fiery one, Dionysius, Julius, Athanasius, Basil, Gregory, John Chrysostom, Cyril of Alexandria, Severus of Antioch, and of all the Orthodox fathers and doctors.

Again, observe all the canons, traditions and customs of the Holy Church. You must be obedient to the Supreme Head of our Church, His Holiness Moran Mar Baselios Paulose II, Catholicos of the East, and to our weak self, the Metropolitan of the Diocese of South-West America, as long as you live. Follow us and walk in the righteous way. You shall keep away from the faith of all those who do not have the true faith.

(Here the Candidate takes the vow as follows three times)

Bishop: Whatever we renounce and condemn, you must renounce and condemn.

Candidate: Whatever Your Grace renounces and condemns, I renounce and condemn.

(Here the Candidate takes the vow as follows three times)

Bishop: Whatever we believe and confess, You must believe and confess.

Candidate: Whatever Your Grace believes and confesses, I believe and confess.

Our beloved spiritual son! Again, we ask of you: You shall do the service of God properly. Do not be lazy and idle. Run away from carnality, alcoholism, wasteful extravagance, falsehood, avarice, adultery, theft, jealousy, and slander. These vices detach men from the presence of God. St. Paul says, "Now, a priest of God must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, sensible, dignified, hospitable, and an apt teacher, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, and no lover of money" (1 Tim. 3:2-3). Let him also stay away from the corruption of interest and compound interest which steal the wealth of the world. These are in every way contemptible before God. If a cleric happens to get engaged in such way he will be detached from God and his priesthood.

Therefore, you shall be meek and humble. Pray and prostrate and fast in the presence of God with tears and repentance for you and for the people entrusted to your spiritual care. Offer supplications always before God so that He may help you and your people, and deliver you from temptations. You shall love guests, the destitute, and the poor. Treat all people with humility and meekness so that they may glorify the heavenly Father because of your virtuous acts. If you do so, you will be worthy of the service of His Holy Church, and you and your flock will receive mercy and favor when the Lord Jesus Christ will come to judge the living and the departed.

Dear son, as we are the mediator in this ordination, you should never be a cause for our sorrow. On the other hand, if you lead an exemplary life, you and we will have confidence and rejoice before God; we will together be blessed to glorify the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit eternally in heaven.

(The Candidate affixes his signature in the form of a cross.)

As you agree with this, you must make four dots in the manner of the cross.

(The Bishop hands a pen to the candidate and he makes four dots in the manner of the cross.)

Our beloved son, you have made this sign in the manner of a cross. This will be a witness for you before God, His holy angels and before this holy sanctuary. Observe the Orthodox faith that was commanded and entrusted to you without corruption and change. Lead a proper life which is the mark of true disciples, so that you and we may have confidence at the second coming of our Lord.

As a symbol of your agreement to what we have exhorted you must bring together the four dots and complete the sign of the Cross.

(Now the four dots are connected cross-wise.)

Beloved son, as a pledge that you will observe everything commanded to you, you have completed the sign of the cross. If you do not observe our exhortations, on the day of the just judgment God will be the judge between you and us.

(The bishop now stands up and raises his hands.)

As we are the mediator in this affair, we stand up and raise our hands in order to call down the Holy Spirit upon you. We remind you again that you shall not forget any of our commands, since we have selected you for this noble office.

(The bishop sits in his throne.)

You shall be obedient, meek and humble. Do not become a victim of the wrath of God by violating any commandments. You must give up pride.

(The bishop stands up again, raising his hands.)

Again, for a second time, we stand up and raise our hands before God, His angels, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and saints. Let them be witnesses between you and us that you will not forget any of our exhortations.

(The bishop sits in his throne.)

If you become proud and happen to violate even an insignificant command, you will be rejected and detached from the office that you receive now and will be alienated from everything you have received.

If you happen to disobey and rebel against the Supreme head of this Church, His Holiness Moran Mar Baselios Paulose II, and us, the acting head of this diocese, and our brothers, the venerable bishops and metropolitans; you shall be anathema, and shall be excommunicated, rejected and detached by the Holy Church from the mysteries you have received. All those who cooperate with your arrogance and hostility shall also be anathema.

(The bishop stands up again, raising his hands.)

Again, for the third time, we stand up and extend our hands before God. Let Him be a witness of your promises that you will keep the canons of the apostles and the Holy Synods, the holy traditions, and the Orthodox faith of the Church.

(The bishop sits in his throne.)

TONSURING

(The bishop clips the candidate's hair in the manner of a cross, saying the following.)

(N) is tonsured and sealed to signify his rejection of carnal habits by the clipping of this lifeless hair from his head:

People: Barekmor.

Bishop: In the name of the Father † *(clips hair)*

People: Amin

Bishop: And of the Son † *(clips hair)*

People: Amin.

Bishop: And of the Holy Spirit † for life eternal. *(clips hair)*

People: Amin.

Again, beloved son, the sign of the cross is a witness between you and us, and therefore we pray to our Lord Jesus Christ in order for us and you to be protected from error and evil conduct. Also, do not stand against us or His Holiness the Catholicos, lest you be stripped of the holy priesthood. We pray to the Lord God through the intercessions of the Mother of God and the Saints so that you may rejoice of the profits made out of your spiritual operations and that you and we may be worthy to hear to that gladdening voice uttered to us: "O you, blessed of my Father, come and inherit the blessings prepared for you from the foundation of the world".

General Exhortation to the Congregation

Beloved brethren, you should pray to God Almighty so that this (these) beloved son(s) who is(are) to receive the diaconate may be sanctified and blessed. Through his(their) prayers may you be blessed, obedient to the commandments, and dependent on God. May God protect you and your children; may He help them to grow properly. May blameless deacons, holy priests, zealous evangelists, powerful leaders, and a variety of other workers of the church arise from them. May the compassionate Lord grant you mercy, blessing, happiness and prosperity. May He bless you with love, unity, and peace. May He dismantle the snares of Satan from you. May He deliver you from temptations and the sorrows of difficult times. May He guide your life along the proper path. May He give rest to the souls of your departed in heaven along with the Patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. May He gladden you in paradise.

May you and your departed ones hear that gladdening voice uttered to you on the last day by our Lord, "O you blessed by my Father, come and inherit the blessings prepared for you from the foundation of the world." May the prayers of Saint Mary, the Mother of God, and of all the Saints, particularly of Saint Thomas, be a fortress for all of us. Amen.

Here Ends the Amalogia

(The bishop holds the right hand of the ordinand and says)

Bishop: The Holy Spirit calls you to be a deacon in the Holy Church!

QUQOYO

(Basic Mode/Tubaihun'abde...)

Bless`ed are the good servants whom when their Lord comes He
finds watchful and working In His great vineyard Girding
himself, – He will serve all those
Who have worked from – morning `til evening.
The Father will refresh them; The Son will serve them The Holy
Spirit, the Paraclete, will weave crowns Halleluyah – to place on
their heads.

(The bishop leads him to the front of the altar; the ordinand kneels on his right knee behind the bishop during the ordination service, signifying his readiness to serve.)

SERVICE OF ORDINATION

Bishop: † Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People: May His mercy and compassion be upon us, / weak and sinful, /
in both worlds forever and ever. / Amin.

INTRODUCTORY PRAYER

Bishop: Christ our God, make us worth to administer this divine service and these holy mysteries. Make us worthy temples so that Your presence may remain in us. Make this Your servant perfect by this spiritual service. We raise up praise to You, to Your Father and Your Holy Spirit, now and always, forever and ever.

People: Amin.

QUQLION

(Tone 2)

O Lord, who shall dwell in Your tabernacle?

Halleluyah

Who shall live on Your holy mountain?

He who walks blamelessly and does what is right

Halleluyah

And speaks truth in his heart;

Who does not deceive with his tongue

Halleluyah

Nor does evil to his friend;

Nor finds fault with his neighbor;

Halleluyah

In whose eyes evil is despised;

But who honors those who fear the Lord
Halleluyah
And never sets aside his oath;

Who does not lend money at interest
Halleluyah
Nor takes a bribe against the innocent.

He who does these things shall never be shaken
Halleluyah
Praise be to You, O God, forever

(Tone 7)

I shall sing the mercy of the Lord/
and my tongue shall declare his faithfulness
Halleluyah w'Halleluyah, Halleluyah w'Halleluyah

In order that I may receive blessing from the Lord/
and righteousness from God our Savior
Halleluyah w'Halleluyah, Halleluyah w'Halleluyah...*Barekmor*

Bishop: Glory to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

(Tune: Sehiyon Kootayil)

May those talents you received
through Christ, who comes to our help,
and the grace of The Spirit
multiply one hundredfold;
And let us cry out and sing
"O you servants of the Lord
Bless the Lord God forever
Bless God who is eternal!"

People: Unto the ages of ages and forevermore

Isaiah was filled with grace
Received from the God of peace
That grace is brought to us now,
And we understand that You
Are Christ-God who came to earth,
Who shed blood to save our souls,
Reconciling our weak race
With Your Father in Heaven

Moriyo rahem.../Lord have mercy upon us and help us

PRAYER

Bishop: O Lord, adorn this Your servant with the help of Your divine grace, so that he may serve before Your presence with joyfulness and delight and with purity of body and soul, and that he may raise up glory and thanksgiving to You, The One who exists as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now always, forever and ever.

People: Amin.

PSALM 51

Have mercy on me, O God, in Your loving kindness;/ in the abundance of Your mercy blot out my sin.

Wash me thoroughly from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin, / for I acknowledge my fault and my sins are before me always.

Against You only have I sinned and done evil in Your sight, / that You may be justified in Your words / and vindicated in Your judgment, / for I was born in guilt and in sin did my mother conceive me.

But You take pleasure in truth and You have made known to me the secrets of Your wisdom. / Sprinkle me with Your hyssop and I shall be clean; / wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Give me the comfort of Your joy and gladness, / and the bones, which have been humbled shall rejoice. / Turn away Your face from my sins and blot out all my faults.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, / and renew Your steadfast spirit within me. / Do not cast me from Your presence / and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

But restore to me Your joy and Your salvation / and let Your glorious spirit sustain me, / that I may teach the wicked Your way / and sinners may return to You.

Deliver me from blood, O God, God of my salvation, / and my tongue shall praise Your justice. / O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall sing your praise.

For You do not take pleasure in sacrifices; / by burnt offerings You are not appeased. / The sacrifice of God is a humble spirit; / a heart that is contrite God will not despise.

Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion / and build up the walls of Jerusalem. / Then shall You be satisfied with sacrifices of truth / and with whole burnt-offerings; / then shall they offer bullocks upon Your altar. And to You belongs the praise, O God. Barekmor

Bishop: † Glory to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People: Unto the ages of ages and forevermore

ENIYONO

(Husoyo Hwili / Punnyapradhanaam)

Lord have mercy;
You are the God of Mercy – great and deep;
O Lord – accept him (them)
Like the prodigal son as Your – servant(s). +

Holy Father,
O God who gives purity – to Your Church,
Make him (them) - holy, Lord,
As he(they) bows for gifts from Your great - bounty. +

By Your mercy,
Son who gave wisdom to Your - apostles,
Send forth - Your wisdom
To this (these) servants who longs for the - Spirit. +

Open Your door
To us by Your abundant – saving grace
Stretch forth – Your right hand
On us servants who long for Your - blessings. +

Lord adorn him (them)
Who bows his(their) head(s) before Your – majesty
For Your – sacred robe,
Lord, adorn him(them) with the Holy – Spirit. +

By this service
All those in heaven rejoice – O Lord God;
Those on – earth sing praise,
For he(they) is(are) counted with those in – heaven.

Lord, through Your priest
The Holy Spirit inclines – the heavens
And brings – down your gifts
To those on earth who long and pray – for them

By indwelling
Of the Holy Spirit, You – remove sin;
Cleanse and – sanctify
This (these) servant(s) who longs to serve You, – O Lord +

You are boundless
Yet you are bound by the hands – of Your priests,
And for – this service
The high priest, like Aaron, receives -Your grace+ ... *Barekmor*

† Glory to the Father..Unto the ages of ages...

To Him, the Invisible,
Greatest among all beings;
To Him, who is served by all
The watchers and the angels,
Whom the youth in the furnace
Did raise up praises in awe,
Offer praises, all you priests;
All you nations, praise His Name!

Deacon: Stoumen Kalos

People: Kurielaison

PROMION

Bishop: Let us pray and beseech the Lord for mercy and compassion.

People: O merciful Lord, have mercy upon us and help us.

Bishop: Glory and thanksgiving, praise and adoration, and unceasing exaltation, truly at all times and hours, may we ascribe unto You, O Lord. O God, holy and glorious, to You belong glory, thanksgiving, honor, and adoration, for You arrange the upper assembly in heaven and appoint spiritual and fiery servants in it, adorning them with befitting beauty and employing them for Your spiritual service. You also appoint spotless deacons for Your immaculate service in Your holy churches, in the manner of the spirituals who are occupied in Your most noble service and sing spiritual praises with their mouths always. Lord, we beseech Your grace which is generous in its gifts, may Your grace dwell on us and this(these) Your servant(s). To You, who exist as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, belong glory, thanksgiving and honor at this time of the ordination of this(these) servant(s) to the diaconate, and at all times and hours and festivals, forever and ever. **People:** Amin.

SEDRO

Christ our God, who extol Your heavenly servants and purify and adorn the officers of the church, You have made the servants of Your sanctuary holy and pure, and invited them to participate in the experience made possible by Your heavenly promise. You said in Your life-giving gospel: "the one who serves me and keeps my commandments shall abide in my love." You made Stephen, the first among the deacons and the first of the martyrs, perfect, and he observed the commandments of the Lord. O Lord, we beseech Your grace for this(these) Your servant(s) who has(have) aspired to this noble office, make him(them) a deacon who observes the will of the Lord, and who walks in the path of Your precepts. Make him(them) a deacon who has(have) put on the armor of Your spiritual powers, who has(have) run away from impurity and stain, who has(have) put on the holiness of the invisible host, and who sings spiritual hymns and canticles for You. Make him(them) a deacon who properly observes evangelical precepts and who is(are) pure, holy and spotless, and perfect in genuine love. Make him(them) a deacon always handsome in divine grace and careful and zealous about the genuine doctrines of the church. Make him(them) a deacon who makes profits out of the talents he(they) has(have) received, who receives the heavenly joy with delight, who decorates the holy sanctuary with humble service and sweet melodies, who is exemplary through the dictates of the apostles and the doctors of the Holy Church. Make him(them) a deacon of the right side who restrains his(their) tongue and mouth from falling into malice, deception, and vain talk, and who hates destructive heretical doctrines and adheres to the orthodox faith. Make him(them) a deacon of the right side who is a true believer and is well accepted by all because of his good works. Make him(them) a deacon who gladdens the sanctuary when he(they) offers incense. Make him(them) a deacon of the right side who is fervent in prayer and fasting and is like a harp that produces sweet melodies in the sanctuary. Make him(them) a deacon who loves God, his brother and foreigners, particularly the poor, and is consistent in this behavior and consequently attains eternal life. Make him(them) a deacon of the right side who constantly chants hymns of thanksgiving and melodies of praise in the church, and a minister who pronounces the invisible mysteries of God. Make him(them) a deacon of the right side who preaches the Holy Trinity by his(their) virtuous acts, a deacon of the right side who constantly observes Your divine commandments and precepts. May Your mighty right hand help us to think always of pleasing Your divine will, and to appear before Your lordly presence along with Your servants in the heavenly church with confidence and joy. We offer praise, thanksgiving, and honor to You, Your Father and Your Holy Spirit, now and always, forever and ever. **People:** Amin.

QOLO

(Enono Nuhro Shareero -Tone 7)

Come and listen, all you peoples

Bless`ed Paul - wrote fervently to - Timothy, his disciple:

"Belov`ed, - with unselfishness - carry out your ministry.

I give to you God's command:

Do not confer priestly grace

to the arrogant and brash;

Only those - who tend their homes well - will serve the Church faithfully."

You have commanded me to observe Your precepts

At all times, - God has appointed - *fire* and wind for His Service.

Before Him - they keep watch and serve - throughout all the day and night.

The Word became incarnate,

and by His grace He set out

to appoint men of the earth

For His - Service in this world - throughout all the day and night...*Barekmor*

Bishop: Glory to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

O Lord, those - of *fire* and spirit - who dwell in the heights above

Worship You - and serve You always - in your heavenly dwelling;

And for Your service on earth

You made men of flesh and blood

equal to those *beings* above;

To You - they offer worship - humbly and in purity.

People: Unto the ages of ages and forevermore

When the Christ, - the Bridegroom, betrothed - the Faithful and Holy Church

He called John - and Simon Peter, - entrusting the Church to them;

He made Peter the steward,

And He made John the preacher,

Calling and instructing them

To guard - the Church that He had - purchased with His precious blood.

Moriyo Rahem.../Lord have mercy upon us and help us

ETRO

(Prayer of Incense)

Bishop: O Lord, we offer this incense to the abundance of Your mercies for this Your servant who has prepared himself for Your sacred ministry. May he be purified by the fellowship of Your divine mysteries, and may he attain the grace of Your heavenly call along with those wise stewards. We offer You praise and thanksgiving now and always, forever and ever.

People: Amin.

ZUMORO

Hymn before the Scripture Readings

Our Lord God, ever our hope,
Proclaimed to the saints of old
"I have chosen the worthy
From among all the nations,
Anointing my beloved
With pure and holy chrism."
The Lord God will grant you joy
More than those who surround you
For he has anointed you
With pure and holy chrism.

GENERAL EPISTLE HYMN

(Shleehe Gbayo/Bhoovilashesham)

The Apostles
Were chosen and sent out to preach the Good News
By Christ, our God,
To all nations and to the ends of the earth;
They proclaimed – the Kingdom
Of Heaven – and announced:
"Bless'd are the faithful!"

Reader: The reading is from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. *Barekmor*.

People: Glory be to the Lord of the Apostles / and may His mercy be upon us, forever.

Reader: [Acts 6:1-6] My beloved (*Habibai*), Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Proch'orus, and Nica'nor, and Timon, and Par'menas, and Nicola'us, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. *Barekmor*.

PAULINE EPISTLE HYMN

(Tubayk`Idto/PaulosShleeha)

I have heard Paul,
The Bless`ed Apostle, say:
"If any man or angel
Teaches a gospel to you,
Other than what we had preached
Let him be cut off – from the Church"
Behold how perverse doctrines
Are springing forth from all sides
Bless`ed is he who begins
And ends in the Lord's teachings

Reader: The reading is from the letter of St. Paul the Apostle to Timothy. Barekmor.

People: Glory be to the Lord of the Apostles / and may His mercy be upon us, forever.

Reader: [1 Timothy 3:8-16] My brethren (*Ahai*), Deacons likewise must be serious, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for gain; they must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And let them also be tested first; then if they prove themselves blameless let them serve as deacons. The women likewise must be serious, no slanderers, but temperate, faithful in all things. Let deacons be the husband of one wife, and let them manage their children and their households well; for those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith which is in Christ Jesus. *Barekmor.*

GOSPEL

Halleluyah, Halleluyah

O Lord, I have loved Your temple and its service

Do not punish me with the sinners__

Halleluyah (*Psalm 26:8-9*)

Deacon: Barekmor. With stillness, fear and purity, let us attend and listen to the Good News of the living words of God in the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, that is read to us.

Bishop: † Peace be unto you all.

People: May the Lord God make us worthy, with your spirit

Bishop: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, The life-giving proclamation from St. John the Apostle who preaches the good news of life and salvation to the world.

People: Blessed is he who has come and is to come; Glory be to Him who sent Him for our salvation; and may His mercy be upon us all, forever.

Bishop: Now, in the time of the Incarnation of our Lord and our God and Savior Jesus Christ, the Word of Life, † God who took flesh of the Holy Virgin Mary, these things thus came to pass.

People: We believe and confess

The Gospel is placed over the head of the ordinand, and the bishop reads from St. John 12:24-26, 35-36; 13:31-32, and 34-35 and from St. Luke 11:13

Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat fall into the earth and dies it remains alone, but if it dies it bears much fruit. He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If any one serves me, he must follow me, and where I am, there shall my servant be also; if any one serves me, the Father will honor him.

(35-36) Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, lest the darkness overtake you; he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.

(13:31-32) When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of man glorified and in him God is glorified; if God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once."

(34-35) A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have loved for one another.

(St. Luke 11:13) If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

† Peace be unto you all.

ENIYONO

(QadishoDashri.../like "ManavorVanor Mun Mun Nin)

*Praise the Lord in His holy place;
Praise Him in the firmament of His strength.*

Holy Lord of Mount Sinai
Who sanctified Your people,
Come and dwell on Your servant
Sanctify him by Your grace

*Praise Him for His mighty deeds;
Praise Him for His abounding greatness;*

God came upon Mount Sinai
And laid His hands on Moses;
Moses laid them on Aaron;
And this reached John the Baptist

*Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet;
Praise Him with lyre and harp.*

O Spirit, who spoke and dwelt
In prophets and apostles,
Come and dwell on this servant
Sanctify him by Your grace

*Praise Him with the timbrel and the drum;
Praise Him with the soft strings;*

O Spirit, Who like a dove
Descended upon the Son,
Come and dwell on this servant
Sanctify him by Your grace

*Praise Him with the loud cymbals; praise Him with the sound of the voice;
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.*

O Spirit, who descended
To those in the upper room
Come and dwell on this servant
Sanctify him by Your grace...Barekmor

Bishop: Glory to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Praise to the Holy Father
Who sent forth His Only Son
To dwell in the holy womb
And sanctified the righteous

People: Unto the ages of ages and forevermore

O Spirit, Who sanctified
Prophet Samuel in the womb
Come and dwell on this servant
Sanctify him by Your grace

NICENE CREED

Deacon: Barekmor. / Attend to Divine Wisdom. / Let us all stand well / and respond to the prayer of the most reverend holy father.

Bishop: We believe in one true God

People: The Father Almighty, / Maker of heaven and earth, / and of all things visible and invisible;

And in the One Lord Jesus Christ, / the Only-Begotten Son of God, / begotten of the Father before all worlds, / Light of Light, / True God of True God, / begotten, not made, / being of one essence with the Father, / and by Whom all things were made; / Who for us men and for our salvation / came down from heaven;

† And was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and of the Holy Virgin Mary, / Mother of God, / and became man;

† And was crucified for us / in the days of Pontius Pilate / and suffered, and died, and was buried;

† And on the third day, He rose again / according to His will, / and ascended into heaven, / and sits at the right hand of the Father, / and shall come again in His great glory / to judge both the living and the dead, / whose kingdom shall have no end;

And in the one Living Holy Spirit, / the life-giving Lord of all, / Who proceeds from the Father, / and Who together with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, / Who spoke through the prophets and apostles;

And in the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church; / and we confess one baptism for the remission of sins and look for the resurrection of the dead and the new life in the world to come. Amin.

Deacon: Stoumen Kalos

People: Kurielaison (*Congregation continues to chant Kurielaison*)

(Gets over the step of the altar, and he sets aside the covers of the chalice and the paten in order to keep the holy mysteries open; and then says silently:)

Bishop: *O God, Lord of powers, who has appointed us for ministry; You know the minds of men and examine their hearts and consciences. Because of Your abundant mercy, give heed to us, O Lord. Do away with all the stains of our bodies and souls. Like clouds take away our sins, and like smoke do away with our debts. Fill us with Your power by the grace of Your Only-begotten Son and with the operation of Your Holy Spirit. Make us worthy to be the ministers of Your new covenant. Enable us to perform our priestly duties and offices before You in accordance with Your holy name. Do not leave us to be partakers of the sins of others, but absolve and make reparation of our sins. Strengthen us not to commit anything sinful. Grant us knowledge to select those who are worthy and present them before You.*

Bishop: *(Audibly) O Lord, accept this servant who has approached You for Your heavenly indwelling, and make him a deacon, for You are gracious and compassionate to those who call upon You, and You reign in majesty. Glory and adoration belong to You, Your only begotten Son, and Your Holy Spirit, both now and always, forever and ever.*

People: Amin.

Bishop: Peace be unto you all

People: And to your Spirit

(The Archdeacon carries the staff of the bishop and receives the following declaration. He then comes to the southwest corner of the sanctuary, & solemnly reads it facing the congregation.)

1ST DECLARATION

(Taibuthe d'...)

The grace of our Lord Jesus
Descends upon this servant,
Who's drawn near in devotion
And bows his head in true faith
Before this holy altar;
Who with inner eyes gazes
Watchfully at His presence
And looks for gifts from heaven
By the will of the Father
And the strength of His Spirit.

APPELLATION (*Hoi d 'Koryo*)

(The bishop places his right hand over the forehead of the ordinand and declares:)

Bishop: By this very grace he is called from the order of (subdeacon) to the order of deacon.

Archdeacon: Through the prayers of Mary, the Mother of God, the twelve apostles, the forty holy martyrs, Saints Augen, Matthew, and George the crown of the martyrs, Bahanam the martyr, Thomas the Apostle of India, Gregorios and Dionysius of Malankara and all the saints of the church; within the jurisdiction of the Malankara Orthodox Apostolic Catholicate of the East, which loves Christ, and is loved by Him, in the altar dedicated to St. (N) in the city of (N), for the Diocese of (N), the God-loving (N) is called to be a deacon.

2ND DECLARATION

(Traditional Tone)

(The Archdeacon comes to the southwest corner of the sanctuary and chants the following declaration given by the bishop, from the altar:)

Let us pray for this servant
Who trembles with fear and awe,
That the Spirit endow him
With His grace and indwelling,
Now, always, and forever;
Let us cry aloud and say
Kurielaison three times!

(The people chant Kurieelaison while the bishop says the following prayer silently.)

Bishop: *(Silently)* Accept, O Lord, on account of Your compassion towards mankind, this Your servant who has come to be enlightened by you; pour forth the gift of Your sanctifying Holy Spirit upon him. Enable him to understand that You are the true God, and that You wish to attract everyone to You. May he serve You in purity and wisdom. Make him worthy to serve Your people who hope. Through his intercession shower forth Your grace upon Your creation. Enable him to offer services and thanksgiving to You.

Accept the prayers of Your people on his behalf. May Your people rejoice on account of the gift showered upon him. Father, because of Your grace which perfects everything, protect him in Your name, and that of Your Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Bishop: *(Audibly)* Likewise, O Lord, make him worthy to receive mercy and serve You and to function as a deacon in Your sanctuary befitting Your holy name. Because You are merciful and compassionate, to You, Your Only Begotten Son and the Holy Spirit belong glory, thanksgiving, and adoration, now and always, forever and ever.

People: Amin.

INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Karakosham

(The people chant "Kurieleison," or the cantor solemnly sings the following kathisma)

May the Holy Spirit come
And descend on this servant
And completely cleanse the stains
of his soul and his body

(Malayalam)

Parakaleetharohavanethi
Aavasumcheyettivanil
Aathmashareerakarrayellam
Paadeyneekumcheyatte

(Now the bishop lays his hands upon the ordinand while behind the covering of his vestments at the step of the altar.)

(The Archdeacon chants the following kathisma at the southwest corner of the sanctuary)

3RD DECLARATION (KATHISMA)

(Traditional Tone)

Lord who hears, We ask of You;
We, Your weak ones, beseech You:
May the Spirit come upon him
As was promised by Your Son;
Lord, forbid not the Spirit
From dwelling in this servant.
Holy Spirit, Comforter,
Holy are You, most Holy;
The indwelling of the Spirit,
Is indeed a great myst'ry;
We do not understand it,
And we cannot explain it;
Your great deeds for us, the weak,
Are always indeed wondrous;
Glory be to our Lord God,
the God of all creation!

(Immediately after the 3rd Declaration, the act of the laying on of hands takes place with the following invocation to the Holy Spirit, which should also be done with intense concentration and the presence of the Holy Spirit. As this is the ordination prayer, no part of this should be left out; every part should be intelligible and recited distinctly. A defective ordination prayer (form) may render the ordination invalid. Hence the need of the awareness of the presence of the Holy Spirit and intense concentration.)

During the invocation of the Holy Spirit, the people should continuously chant Kurieleison, or solemnly sing the following kathisma "May the Holy Spirit come".

May the Holy Spirit come
And descend on this servant
And completely cleanse the stains
of his soul and his body

(Malayalam)

Parakaleetharohavanethi
Aavasumcheyettivanil
Aathmashareerakarrayellam
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INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Bishop (*Silently*): O God, who built Your church and confirms and augments her and repairs her deficiencies in all generations through Your saints who are ordained for her administration, Lord, at this time, look upon this Your servant and send down upon him the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and fill him with love, faith, power, and holiness as You gave grace to Stephen whom You called first to the duty of this ministry. Likewise, give to this Your servant help from heaven, not only by the laying on of our sinful hands but also by the coming of Your rich mercies. May grace be given to those who deserve it. Therefore, we pray and beseech You: deliver us, O Lord, from the touch of sin, for You are the one who rewards everyone according to his deeds. Grant, O Lord, that we may do nothing sinful; but give us knowledge to select those who are worthy to offer in Your holy sanctuary, so that they may serve You blamelessly for the growth and progress of Your people, and that they may not be sources of scandal for Your church, and that they may also be delivered from eternal punishment. May we flee from the dreadful reward of those who sin within the sanctuary.

Bishop (*Audibly*): Lord, as we stand in the presence of Your sanctuary with purity of conscience, may we receive mercy from You together with this Your servant on the day of the just reward. For You are gracious and compassionate, and to You, Your Holy Son, and Your Holy Spirit belong glory, honor, and dominion, now and always, forever and ever.

People: Amin.

Bishop: Peace be unto you all.

People: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Let us bow our heads before the Lord.

People: We bow our heads before you, our Lord and our God.

(The People begin repeatedly chanting "Kurielaison.")

Bishop: *(Silently)* Look upon us and our ministry, O Lord. Purify us from all our stains. Send Your grace from heaven upon this Your servant. May he become worthy to serve You without blame and to receive Your mercy along with all the saints who pleased You.

Bishop: *(Audibly)* You are the Lord and God of all and the source of all good gifts. This servant looks unto You with great hope that Your gifts may always dwell within his soul and illuminate it. May he be one who takes these gifts from You and one from whom these gifts are taken back by You. May he rejoice within himself and fill His soul with Your grace which intensely desires for Your gifts, for You are compassionate and gracious toward humanity. Glory, honor, and adoration belong to You, and to Your Holy Son, and to Your Holy Spirit, both now and always, forever and ever.

People: Amin.

PROCLAMATION

(Turning to the new deacon, he places his right hand over the ordinands head and says):

Bishop: Having been ordained in the Holy Church of God...

Archdeacon: ...in the presence of Mary, the Mother of God, the twelve apostles, the forty noble martyrs, St. Thomas the Apostle of India, St. Gregorios of Parumala and St. Dionysius of Vattasseril, and all the saints of the Church; within the jurisdiction of the Malankara Orthodox Apostolic Catholicate of the East, which loves Christ, and is loved by Him, in the altar dedicated to St. (N) in the city of (N), for the Diocese of (N), is the God-loving Deacon (N).

Bishop: In the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Deacon (N) is signed....

Archdeacon: Barekmor.

(Making the sign of the cross thrice on the forehead of the candidate with the right thumb)

Bishop: In the name of the Father †,

People: Amin.

Bishop: And of the Son †,

People: Amin.

Bishop: And of the Holy Spirit †, for life eternal

People: Amin.

(The people continuously chant "Kurieleison.")

Bishop: *(Turns to the east and says inaudibly)* Lord, Who are Almighty, for everything we thank You in every manner; we glorify and praise Your name, for You have done many things for us; You have poured forth Your indwelling upon this servant. Lord, we pray and beseech You: Hearken unto us because of Your abundant mercy. Be pleased with the diaconate which this Your servant has received by the descent of the Holy Spirit. Strengthen him to prosper in the talent he has received.

Bishop: *(Audibly)* O Lord, may he receive his reward along with all the saints who pleased You from the beginning and with those wise and faithful stewards at the Second Coming from heaven of our Lord Jesus Christ, with whom glory, honor, and dominion belong with You and Your Holy Spirit, both now and always, forever and ever. Amin.

(The bishop then thrice exalts the stole over the mysteries and over the new deacon. During this time the following is chanted)

L'thesbuhto w'liqoro

For the glory and honor Of the Trinity, one in essence; For the peace and building up Of the Holy Church of God	Onmayilonnamthrithwathin Stuthimahimavunnathiyathinum Than thirusabhayudeshanthickum Nanmaykumsangathiyaakka
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The bishop vests the new deacon with the stole. He wears it over his left shoulder with one half of the stole hanging in front of him. The deacon then receives a thurible from the bishop, and the bishop places incense in it and the new deacon incenses the sacred mysteries, the bishop, the priests, and the congregation. Even if there is more than one candidate, they all do likewise. Then the bishop gives the book of the gospel to the new deacon/s. These two actions are integral to this ordination, for they represent the liturgical duties the new deacon will be performing in the Church of God. Then he kisses the hands of the bishop and the priests and gives the kiss of peace to other deacons and the laity. Toward the end of this part of the service, the following Manitho may be sung:

When we, the weak, think of you,
Noble bishops, our fathers,
Thoughts of the last day enter
into our frail and weak hearts.
You will be known on that day
As servants of God most high,
You will be called on that day
The priests of God forever;
And when you become worthy
of receiving this blessing,
Pray for us that we may be
The sheep at His right-hand side,
Worthy of Christ's great mercies,
and filled with His blessedness!

THE ORDINATION SERVICE IS ENDED