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for the  
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for Priests

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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 He may 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 have to 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 have to complete 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 in 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 descend 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.)*

**SAMUEL Mshamshono** 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 beginning of the world".

Blessed son, you shall not forget what we have commanded you thus far. We again exhort you: we must enter the holy sanctuary of God only with fear and trembling. Do not enter the house of the awe-inspiring God with pride, conceit, jealousy, hatred, and animosity. Enter with purity and humility of heart which are virtues of a good priest of God. Many had rebelled against the divine decision and functioned improperly in the sacred ministry: 250 men including Korah and Dathan rebelled against Moses and Aaron and made 250 censers and offered incense at the holy place sanctimoniously; they were devoured by the earth and their followers consumed in fire;

Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, offered unholy fire before the Lord against the commandment of God, and therefore they were consumed by the fire that had come from the altar; Uzziah, the King of Judea, rebelled against the priesthood and offered incense at the altar without authority; he was punished with leprosy and was made an outcast from society. Therefore, I ask of you: You shall not enter the sanctuary with arrogance lest the wrath of God be upon you. You shall not enter the holy place without the skull cap proper to your office. You shall not eat or drink anything in the church or in the sanctuary but the Body and Blood of our Lord, and the blessed bread. Priests must wear a black cassock, a stole, and a girdle inside the sanctuary. Priests shall not eat in a market place or in a street. They shall also not eat while they walk. They shall not participate in parties where alcohol is served, and shall not become drunkards. A priest should not become a secular administrator or leader. He should not prescribe penance to anyone beyond his ability.

He should do justice without being bribed. In the spiritual court there is no bribery. You are called to be righteous. Bribery blinds even the eyes of the wise. If a blind man leads another blind man both will fall into the ditch.

The sacrificial lamb should be blameless and spotless; and therefore the leavened bread that is used for Divine Liturgy should be well-shaped, not burned and not excessively fermented. The bread mystically takes the place of our Lord Jesus Christ and is offered as a sacrifice before God. You should not pour wine into the chalice inattentively and gluttonously.

If you administer all the divine services with proper piety and carefulness, as we have exhorted you, they will bear blessings for you. You should arrange and organize altar linens and corporals, and the altar cross and candle sticks if they are not properly placed. Negligence in their proper arrangement would always indicate laziness in the service of God. Always realize that Christ our Lord is constantly watching you and your deeds, and that He will reward you for your good deeds and bad.

You should not leave your church of appointment for another church and celebrate services there without the permission of your bishop, lest you be a tool of conflicts there. Do not shake off altar linens and corporals; this will protect the particles of the sacred body from falling on the floor. The Holy Spirit dwells in those particles.

If you observe all that we have commanded, you will be made worthy of all that you have received, and you will be known as a priest of God and His proper minister, or else you will be responsible before the Lord Jesus Christ on the day of His great judgment. If you will then be guilty, I shall have no part in it. If you lead a life in accordance with what I have exhorted you, you will prove that you are a good priest and minister.

We shall continue our prayer for you to the Lord our God. May He deliver you from all punishments and rods of wrath. May He help you and strengthen you in order to maintain worthy services. May the priesthood you receive today become a blessing to you? May you be strengthened to be free from all errors and imperfections which might destroy you, through the prayers of the Mother of God, Saint Thomas the Apostle, and all the Saints.

*General Exhortation to the Congregation*

Beloved brethren, you should pray to God Almighty so that this beloved don who is to receive priesthood may be sanctified and blessed. Through his 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 beginning 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 Amalugia*

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

**Bishop:** The Holy Spirit calls you to be a priest in the Holy Church.

## QUQOYO

*(Basic Mode/Tubaihunl'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 stays on both knees behind the bishop during the ordination service)*

## 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:** O Lord, protect Your church which You ransomed by Your precious blood, under the care of Your mighty right hand. Banish all heresies and false teachings from her. Enable the church to keep her hope and expectation in You and to enjoy and rejoice in Your salvation. We offer praise to You and to Your Father and to your Holy Spirit, now and always, forever and ever.

**People:** Amin.

### QUQLION

*(Tone 2)*

O Lord, who shall dwell in Your tabernacle?

Halleluyah w'Halleluyah

Who shall live on Your holy mountain?

He who walks blamelessly and does what is right

Halleluyah w'Halleluyah

And speaks truth in his heart;

Who does not deceive with his tongue

Halleluyah w'Halleluyah

Nor does evil to his friend;

Nor finds fault with his neighbor;

Halleluyah w'Halleluyah

In whose eyes evil is despised;

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

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

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

*(Tone 7)*

Moses and Aaron were among his priests  
Halleluyah w'Halleluyah  
Samuel was among those who - called on Him

Your priests shall be clothed in righteousness and Your saints in  
glory  
Halleluyah w'Halleluyah  
For Your servant, David's sake, turn not away the face of Your -  
anointed

I will always sing of the Lord's mercy; with my tongue I shall  
declare His truth  
Halleluyah w'Halleluyah w'Halleluyah w'Halleluyah

From the Lord He will receive a blessing and righteousness from  
God our Savior  
Halleluyah w'Halleluyah w'Halleluyah w'Halleluyah...Barekmor

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

*(Tune: Sehiyon Kootayil)*

Let our souls be partakers  
Of that *oil* meant for the Christ  
So that we may receive help  
On the day of the judgment  
And let us cry out and say,  
“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 our God, grant this your servant Your divine grace, for he has approached You for Your gift. Decorate him with the ornament of priesthood. Fill him with the indwelling of Your Holy Spirit. Make him rich in Your divine strength. May he be sanctified by Your holiness. Make him worthy to serve Your holy name with fear and piety, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and 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  
Like the prodigal son as Your – servant +

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

By Your mercy,  
Son who gave wisdom to Your - apostles,  
Send forth - Your wisdom  
To this servant 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  
Who bows his head before Your – majesty  
For Your – sacred robe,  
Lord, adorn him with the Holy – Spirit. +

By this service  
All those in heaven rejoice – O Lord God;  
Those on – earth sing praise,  
For he is 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 servant who longs to serve as – Your priest+

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

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

**People:** Unto the ages of ages and forevermore

Lord, who descended to earth  
And ascended to heaven,  
Send down Your Holy Spirit  
To grant His goodness on earth  
O Lord, who loves humankind,  
Do not forsake us sinners  
And may your Holy Spirit  
Show wonders to our weak selves

**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. Glory be to the King of King and the Lord of Lords, who grants heavenly gifts and renders indescribable grace; and who perfected the apostles by His Spirit and taught the disciples His wisdom. To him be glory, honor and adoration at this time of the celebration of this divine service when we beseech compassion and mercy for this your servant, a candidate for priesthood, and at all times, hours, seasons and festivals, now and forever.

**People:** Amin.

## SEDRO

O God, great in might and inscrutable in wisdom, marvelous in counsel above the sons of men; who are compassionate and loves humankind; the whole universe is inadequate to glorify You. The angels worship You. The archangels glorify You. The Seraphim sing "Holy" to You. The incorporeal and spiritual ranks praise You with fear and trembling. Lord, You gladden our human nature with spiritual and heavenly glory because of Your boundless mercy. You have entrusted heavenly ministry to the earthly through the mediation of apostles. You demonstrated to Peter, the first of the apostles, and his companions the reality of the priesthood, which was introduced as an archetype through Moses, the first of the prophets, and is being continued in the holy church.

O Lord our God, accept this first-fruit which we offer before Your majesty from us who are weak and unworthy. O God, who crowns those You deem worthy to serve the world of Your truth in the divine ministry of this degree, preserve, Lord, in purity of life and in unswerving faith this Your servant whom You graciously are pleased to lay hands upon. Grant him the abundant grace of Your Holy Spirit, and make him Your servant, in all things acceptable unto You. May he worthily exercise the great honor of the priesthood, which You have conferred upon him by Your mighty power. Make him a minister and steward of Your mysteries, a priest of truth, a good administrator and a spiritual pillar. Grant him spiritual maturity and enable him to be a diligent pastor to Your spiritual flock. Make him an alert and zealous priest who holds the keys of the kingdom of heaven and opens the door of repentance for those who return to You. Make him a minister of Your treasury who binds sinners according to Your will and looses those who come to You in repentance. Confirm him in Your love and adorn him with Your hope. Make him an ideal priest who is brightened with the ornaments of holiness and shines with purity, and who works properly in Your spiritual vineyard. Enable him to be an enlightened presbyter, and a devotee who is eager and zealous for good deeds. Make him a priest who multiplies his talent thirty, sixty, and a hundred fold. Make him a priest who is diligent to obey and observe Your divine commandments. Lord, cast away from him all impure attractions, which are caused by sins of the flesh.

Accept him in divine love and blessed hope. Accept him and confirm him in the purity of body, soul, and mind. Make him persevere in true faith. May he not be defiled by heresies and by evil deeds which destroy a righteous life. Make him worthy to approach the divine mysteries and this heavenly ministry, which even the angels are eager to gaze upon. May he be made bright by good deeds, with all virtues and humility of heart.

O Lord, anoint Your servant with the gift of Your Holy Spirit so that he may advance to the priesthood, that he may be worthy to stand in innocence before Your Altar, to proclaim the Gospel of Your Kingdom, to minister the word of Your truth, to offer unto You spiritual gifts and sacrifices, and to renew Your people through the laver of regeneration.

Through Your mercy make him and the spiritual flock entrusted to his care worthy of receiving perfect salvation, true redemption of life, remission of debts, and forgiveness of sins, so that when he shall go to meet You, at the Second Coming of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, Your Only-begotten Son, he may receive the reward of a good steward in the degree committed unto him, through the abundance of Your goodness. For blessed and glorified is Your all-holy and majestic Name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and always, forever and ever.

**People:** Amin.

## QOLO

*(Enono Nuhro Shareero -Tone 7)*

*Come and listen to what I say:*

The Lord of - Shepherds entrusted - the keys of heaven and earth  
To Simon - the son of Jonah - and commanded him, saying:

“Be steadfast in my commands;

I entrusted sheep to you;

Lead men, women, and children

For you - will account for them - before my throne at judgment.”

*You have commanded me to observe Your precepts*

When the Lord - entrusted His sheep - to Simon, Son of Jonah  
He told him - "tend to all my sheep, - the men, women, and children  
If you love me above all,  
Watchfully shepherd my lambs  
Tending them in true justice;  
With love - and humility - without arrogance lead them." Barekmor

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

O you priests - how will you maintain - the priesthood God gave to you  
So that you - might be endowed with - strength for loosing and binding?  
The Savior has given you  
The keys of heaven and earth  
And if you follow His will,  
You will - enter with the Lord - into His bridal chamber

**People:** Unto the ages of ages and forevermore

"Do not fear, - faithful Holy Church, - My true and beloved bride  
For if you - are faithful in love, - I will always cling to you.  
When the resurrection comes  
Earth and sky will pass away  
Yet, you need not be afraid  
For Your - altar has been placed - between the earth and heaven."  
*Moriyo Rahem.../Lord have mercy upon us and help us*

**ETRO**

*(Prayer of Incense)*

**Bishop:** O Lord, accept this incense we have offered to You with sincerity of heart and purity of soul. Send forth Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this Your servant who kneels before You in order to receive Your indwelling and grace, through the mediation of our prayers. We offer praise and glory, honor and adoration to You, O Jesus Christ, who are the true high priest, to Your Father who is the fountain of all blessings, and to Your Holy Spirit who perfects all gifts and purifies all the saints, both 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.

(OR)

Holiness belongs, O Lord,  
To your temple forever

## GENERAL EPISTLE HYMN

*(ShleehGbayo/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 1:14-21] My beloved (Habibai), But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words.

For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy. I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord. And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ “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 1:18-20, 3:1-7] My brethren (Ahai), I am giving you these instructions, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies made earlier about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, having faith and a good conscience. By rejecting conscience, certain persons have suffered shipwreck in the faith; among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have turned over to Satan, so that they may learn not to blaspheme.

The saying is sure: whoever aspires to the office of bishop desires a noble task. Now a bishop must be above reproach, married only once, temperate, sensible, respectable, hospitable, an apt teacher, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, and not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, keeping his children submissive and respectful in every way – for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how can he take care of God’s church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may be puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace and the snare of the devil.

### GOSPEL

Halleluyah, Halleluyah

Your priests shall be clothed in righteousness and Your saints in glory  
For Your servant, David’s sake, turn not away the face of Your anointed\_\_  
Halleluyah

**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 St. John 20: 19-29)*

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

*(Now the bishop breathes over the face of the candidate who stands under the book of the gospel thrice in the manner of a cross, and continues:)*

If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord."

But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

† Peace be unto you all.

*(The bishop continues to face the ordinand and the congregation, and blesses the candidate at the proper times during the Eniyono.)*

## 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

**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 Priest, 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 diaconate to the priesthood in the order of the presbytery.

**Archdeacon:** Through the prayers of Mary, the Mother of God, the twelve apostles, the forty holy martyrs, Saints Augen, Matthew, Moses, Juliana, and St. George the crown of the martyrs, St. Bahanam the martyr, St. Thomas the Apostle of India, St. Gregorios and St. 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. Thomas, in the city of Los Angeles, for the Diocese of South-West America, the God-loving SAMUEL is called to be a priest.

## 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)* And therefore, O Lord God, who blesses everything and reigns over all, make him worthy of the call to priesthood to perform the Holy Mysteries and to receive mercy before You. Because You are a compassionate and gracious God; glory, honor and adoration belong to You, to Your Son and to Your Holy Spirit, both now and always, forever and ever.

**People:** Amin.

## INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Karakosham*

*(The people keep on chanting Kurieeleison 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  
Paadeyneekumcheyatte

## INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

**Bishop** (*Silently*): O great God, who performs innumerable, glorious, and marvelous deeds, who is great in strength, inscrutable, intelligent, more admirable in understanding than mankind, You are our God who comprehends the secrets of hearts, probes our thoughts, and examines faculties, for nothing is hidden from Your eyes of justice of Your judgment. You understand the life of this Your servant, understand everything past, see everything that exists, and foresee everything that will happen. You select, from all generations, those who please You for the ministry of Your mysteries. Select this Your servant for priesthood. Grant him blameless and flawless conduct and unchanging faith in order for him to receive the great gift of Your Holy Spirit, so that he may become worthy to perform priestly services for the Gospel of Your kingdom, to stand before Your sanctuary and offer spiritual gifts and perfect sacrifices, and renew Your people through the baptism of regeneration. May he show everyone that he is the lighted torch of Your only begotten Son who is consubstantial with You, and may he enrich and adorn Your Holy Church and do good by the laying on of his hands; and thus, may the word of Your Gospel be spread and Your Holy Name be glorified throughout all creation and in the church entrusted to this Your servant.

**Bishop**: (*Turns to the altar and says audibly*): O Great God and Redeemer, at the time of Your Second Coming, may this servant escort You among the ranks of the righteous priests, and may he receive proper reward for his gracious stewardship by the abundant grace of Your Only-Begotten Son. Through him and with him and with Your Spirit who is all holy, good, adorable, and life-giving, and is of One Essence with You, glory, honor, and dominion belong to You, both 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)* Lord, carefully watch us and our ministry. By Your grace, may we serve You without blame, along with Your saints who have pleased You from the beginning. Make this servant worthy to receive Your mercy and grace from heaven so that we may be purified of every stain.

**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 (ETHTHASRAH)

*(Turning to the new priest, 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. Gregory the Theologian, 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. Thomas, in the city of Los Angeles, for the Diocese of South-West America, is the God-loving Priest, SAMUEL (Samuel Qashisho).

**Bishop:** In the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Priest SAMUEL 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 priesthood 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 takes the bottom end of the stole which is hanging over the new priest's left shoulder, and he brings it around his neck and hangs it over his right shoulder so that both ends may hang in front of the new priest over his chest. During this time the following is chanted)*

*L'thesbuhto w'likoro*

For the glory and honor <i>Of the Trinity</i> , 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 then exalts the priestly vestments with the skull cap which were previously blessed, if new, three times each over the sacred mysteries and the head of the new priest. Then he gives all vestments except the skull cap to the new priest. The new priest, for the first time, makes the sign of the cross over each of the vestments and wears them. The archdeacon or another priest helps him vest. The bishop places the skull cap over the new priest's head. During the time of exaltation and vesting the choir and the congregation keep singing the  
above hymn.*

*Then the bishop gives the new priest a censer, and the new priest himself blesses the incense and places it inside the thurible. He waves the incense before the altar, bishop, priests, and the congregation. The giving of the thurible, and the blessing and placing of the incense by the new priest are integral to the priestly ordination, and they together symbolize the primary duty of the priesthood--offering sacrifices--which is granted to him through the authority of the Church. 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!

*(During the time of communion, the bishop asks the new priest to come over the step of the altar and receive communion)*

**THE ORDINATION SERVICE IS ENDED**