



Восточно-Американская Епархія Русской Православной Церкви Заграницей
Eastern American Diocese of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia

*Examination of a Candidate for Ordination,
carried out on the ____ day of the month of _____,
in the year of Our Savior's Incarnation _____.*

I, the undersigned _____, who am assigned to _____ in _____, do in the presence of my spiritual father, _____, state the following:

1. I am the son of _____; I am ____ years of age, having been born on the ____ day of _____, of the year _____.

I have the following education: _____
_____.

I have no physical infirmities which would be an impediment to the exercise of the sacred ministry, nor do I have any contagious disease or incurable illness. I am of the Orthodox Faith and have no relationship with schismatic or heretical groups.

2. I am in first marriage with _____, the daughter of _____, a virgin of Orthodox faith, blameless and virtuous in conduct.

3. I accept ordination to the _____ only for the glory of God and the salvation of souls, of my own free will, with the sincere intention to serve the Holy Church, and not for motives of profit.

4. I accept the obligation to perform all liturgical services or prayers piously, according to the rules of the Church, contenting myself with the salary assigned me and the free-will gifts of my parishioners, never extorting payment for special services. I promise always to perform the divine services on Sundays and holy days, and not only the Divine Liturgy, but also the other services prescribed by the Typicon.

5. I promise to wear the dress proper to the clergy, not to cut my hair nor to shave my beard, to observe the fasts of the Orthodox Church, not to smoke, not to indulge in drunkenness or gambling, and in general to comport myself as befits a clergyman, taking care not to compromise my high station, and not to scandalize the faithful by unbecoming behavior.

6. I will direct my domestic life and rear my children as befits a servant of the altar, in the Christian Faith and in fear of God.

7. I will always celebrate the services connected with the Mysteries with the necessary preparation, with piety and the fear of God. In the holy sanctuary and in the church in general, I will conduct myself in accordance with the holiness of the place, instructing others as well to be respectful of this holiness.

8. In my services, I will never forget that a clergyman may do nothing without the sanction of his bishop. I promise to be obedient to the ecclesiastical authorities and to act in accordance with the canons of the Holy Apostles, the Ecumenical and Local Councils, and the teachings of the Holy Fathers.

9. As a constant reminder of the high office I am accepting, and to kindle within me the gift of the grace of Holy Orders, I promise to fill the time when I am not performing priestly services with the reading of the Holy Scriptures, the writings of the Holy Fathers, and the study of the Typicon.

In witness to the statements made above, I kiss the words and Cross of my Savior.

Candidate for Holy Ordination

Examination performed by

The Candidate for ordination to the _____ has made his confession to me on _____, and I bear witness that I have found no impediment to his ordination.
