



EXAMINATION of a candidate for Ordination.

Carried out on the _____ day of _____, 2_____.

I, the undersigned _____, appointed to the Church of _____
_____, in the presence of my spiritual father,
_____, state the following:

1. I am the son of _____, I am _____
years old, having been born on _____ of the year _____. I have the following
education: _____

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

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

3. I accept ordination to _____ 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 any profit.

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

5. I promise to wear the dress proper to the clergy, not to cut my hair and beard, to observe the Fasts of the Orthodox Church, not to smoke, not to indulge in drunkenness or gambling, and in general to conduct myself as befits a clergyman, taking care not to compromise my high position, and not to scandalise the faithful by unbecoming behaviour.

6. I will direct my home life and raise my children as befits a servant of the Altar, according to the Christian faith and in the fear of God.

7. I will celebrate the services connected with the Sacraments always with the necessary preparation, piously and with fear of God. In the holy Altar and in the Church generally, 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 service 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 act according to the Canons of the Holy Apostles, of the Ecumenical and Local Councils and the teachings of the Holy Fathers.

9. As a constant reminder of the high office that I am accepting and to kindle in me the gift of Grace of Holy Orders, I promise to fill the time that I am free from services by reading the Holy Scriptures, the works of the Holy Fathers, and studying the Typicon.

Candidate for Holy Orders _____
(Signature)

Examination carried out by _____
(Signature)

The candidate for the _____ has made his confession to me
on _____ 19_____, and I testify that I have found no impediment to
his ordination.

Spiritual Father _____
(Signature)