

ACOLYTE CERTIFICATES

Sunday February 5th

We will present a Certificate with the tile of **ACOLYTE** to our worthy and dedicated Altar Boys: Alexander Barrett, Johnathan Crysler, Konstantinos Giannikopoulos, Andreas Hambos, Maximos Hambos, Anthony Mitrakos, Stavros Monokandilos, Themelis Monokandilos, Andreas Theodosion and Joseph Theodosion who were tonsured by HIS GRACE BISHOP APOSTOLOS OF MEDEIA ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 29TH, 2022

On November 29th, 2022, the Vesper Service of St. Andrew, several of our Altar Boys were tonsured by HIS GRACE BISHOP APOSTOLOS OF MEDEIA. Altar Boys undergo a trial period during which they learn what they are expected to do as Altar boys. When this trial period is over, the priest recommends to the Metropolitan names of boys who serve the church to be tonsured and become Readers of the church. The ceremony is a short but important one in the life of the church and can only be celebrated by the Bishop. This was an opportune time for this to happen while His Grace came for the Great Vespers Service at St. Andrew. The boys went before the His Grace holding their "Orarion" or stole neatly folded. They knelt before the Bishop, who read the Prayer for the Tonsure of a Reader. He then cut their hair in the form of a Cross just like when they were baptized, as a symbol of a gift of their sacrifice to God. He then took each of the boys Orarion and placed it over their head as a symbol of them coming under the yoke of the priesthood. His Grace Bishop Apostolos proclaimed "Axios" and the people responded "Axios" in response. It was a joyous ceremony to see ten of our young men become members of the lower orders of the priesthood.

Adapted from "The Altar Boys Guidebook" by Fr. M. T. Kontogiorgis



We congratulate them and wish them success. **"Axios"**

The boys who were tonsured left to right are: Alexander Barrett, Joseph Theodosion, Johnathan Crysler, Maximos Hambos, Andreas Theodosion, Stavros Monokandilos, Andreas Hambos, Themelis Monokandilos, Anthony Mitrakos, Konstantinos Giannikopoulos.