

This is my personal lesson planner for teaching servers in depth how to do censing for the Divine Liturgy. Of course, you do not need to do exactly the same thing. Feel free to use this as a template for your own use (you will need to copy the document). The lessons are planned to be 1 hour long.

Teaching Poorvar/Censing Lesson Planner

Student Name: Zaven

Lesson #1 Completed ▾

- ☒ ~~How to swing the poorvar (show basic method only) + a little practice.~~
 - ~~○ It does not need to be perfect, just make sure they know how to do it so they can practice in their free time~~
- ☒ ~~How to cense during the Priest's blessing along with the audible cue (Խաղաղութիւն... & Եղիցի լինդ ձեզ...)~~
- ☒ ~~Turn around and cense 3x when the Celebrant turns around with the chalice to bless the congregation~~
- ☒ ~~More practice on swinging the poorvar~~

Lesson #2 Completed ▾

- ☒ ~~Quickly review lesson 1 (Make sure the student has understood it and can do it themselves. If not, go back and reteach)~~
- ☒ ~~How to cense at the beginning of Badarak (up until the curtain closes)~~
 - ~~○ Don't teach the poorvaragir lines yet~~

Lesson #3 Completed ▾

- ☒ ~~Quickly review lesson 2 (Make sure the student has understood it and can do it themselves. If not, go back and reteach)~~
- ☒ ~~What to do behind the closed curtain (Preparations of the Badarak)~~
- ☒ ~~What to do during Gospel readings~~

Lesson #4 Completed ▾

- ☒ ~~Quickly review lesson 3 (Make sure the student has understood it and can do it themselves. If not, go back and reteach)~~
- ☒ ~~What to do behind the closed curtain (Preparations of the Badarak) + Tapor~~
- ☒ ~~What to do during Gospel readings~~
- ☒ ~~Havadamk~~

Lesson #5 **Not Started ▾**

- ☐ Quickly review lesson 4 (Make sure the student has understood it and can do it themselves. If not, go back and reteach)
- ☐ Veraperoom
- ☐ Kiss of Peace (በብሔር)

Lesson #6 **Not Started ▾**

- ☐ Quickly review lesson 5 (Make sure the student has understood it and can do it themselves. If not, go back and reteach)
- ☐ Soorp Soorp
- ☐ Arachi Ko Der, Vorti Asdzoodzo
- ☐ Hoki Asdoodzo

Lesson #7 **Not Started ▾**

- ☐ Quickly review lesson 6 (Make sure the student has understood it and can do it themselves. If not, go back and reteach)
- ☐ Yevs Aravel...
- ☐ Go down during Amen yev unt hokvooyt koom
- ☐ Hayr Mer
- ☐ Every time the celebrant makes the sign of the cross with the chalice towards the altar or the people, cense 3x
- ☐ “Orhnyal Hayr Soorp...” series

Lesson #8 **Not Started ▾**

- ☐ Quickly review lesson 7 (Make sure the student has understood it and can do it themselves. If not, go back and reteach)
- ☐ Behind the curtain during Der Voghormya
 - Get ready to bless the mas at “Orhnyal e Asdvadz”
- ☐ Behind the curtain after Holy Communion
 - Make sure the Celebrant has water to wash the chalice
 - Make sure candle-holders are ready for descent
- ☐ The descent from the Altar when the curtain opens
 - Note: On some special days we stay on the altar

Lesson #9 **Not Started ▾**

- ☐ Quickly review lesson 8 (Make sure the student has understood it and can do it themselves. If not, go back and reteach)
- ☐ Requiem (Hokehankisd) poorvar
- ☐ What to do on feast days (where no requiem takes place)

Lesson #10 **Not Started ▾**

- ☐ Quickly review lesson 9 (Make sure the student has understood it and can do it themselves. If not, go back and reteach)
- ☐ Poorvaragir lines during the badarak
- ☐ Go over the entire badarak with [this poorvaragir training aid video](#) while teaching all of the minor cues and places to do censing

After these lessons, the student should know the poorvaragir movements well enough to do during a Divine Liturgy (with you telling them how they did and what to fix after the liturgy).