



Saint Sharbel Lector Ministry

1. Start reading the announcement when you Abouna in the back of the church.

When reading the intention for the liturgy, do not read who requested it. Enter the sanctuary from the middle after you bow in front of the altar. Exit from the middle as well and bow before walking away on the side of the church.

2. When it is time to read, both lectors should walk up to the front of the altar, bow together, and walk up the steps on the same side, one after the other.
3. The Old Testament **always** goes first, whether it is Arabic or English
4. When reading the Old Testament, do not ask for Abouna's blessing. The Maronite Church does not bless the Old Testament.
5. While reading, remember you are not giving a speech. It is ok to not look up often, focus on reading the correct words. If you are nervous, prepare beforehand to get ready.
6. Please do not try to read in a monotonous voice. These readings are important to the mass and should be understood by the people. Try to have an engaging tone, respecting the grammar, like commas and question marks.
7. When finished, walk down the steps together, face the altar, bow, and go back to your seats using the side isles.