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Just before the Dismissal at Liturgy, the youth draws near to the holy doors. Priest:

Let us pray. O God, by Whose providence every created being that cometh to maturity rejoiceth in its growth, hearken to our prayers over this Thy servant N., rejoicing in the comeliness of the age of youth, and mercifully be present and help him, tonsuring the flower of his first season, that armed in all things by the assistance of Thy protection, he may receive blessing from heaven, and rejoice in Thy help both in this present life and that which is eternal. O Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. **℟ Amen.**

Choir: Like the dew of Aermom, which cometh down upon the mountains of Sion, so may God's blessing come down upon thee.

The Priest cuts hair from his beard, saying:

O In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PSALM 132

Behold now, what is so good or so joyous ∴ as for brethren to dwell together in unity?

It is like the oil of myrrh upon the head ∴ which runneth down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron,

Which runneth down to the fringe of his raiment ∴ it is like the dew of Aermom, which cometh down upon the mountains of Sion.

For there the Lord commanded the blessing ∴ life for evermore.

O Glory be to the Father and to the Son ∴ and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, and now and always ∴ and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Choir: Like the dew of Aermom, which cometh down upon the mountains of Sion, so may God's blessing come down upon thee.

℣ The Lord be with you. ℟ And with thy spirit. Priest: Let us pray.

Oalmighty, everlasting God, bless this Thy servant N., who offereth Thee his youth's first-fruits; pour upon him Thy blessing, O Lord, that it may run down upon his head and upon his beard, like the oil of myrrh which ran down upon the beard of Aaron, that he may walk with that blessing in the path of Thy commandments, and with that blessing he may attain joyfully to the highest happiness. O Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. **℟ Amen.**

Some books say the following antiphons are sung for him before he leaves the church:

ant. Blessed art thou in the city and blessed in the field and blessed are thy remains. Blessed shalt thou be entering in and going out. O Glory... Blessed art thou...

ant. Glory and majesty shalt Thou lay upon him, O Lord.