

Youth Service Jan. 28, 2018

Vestments of the Priest: The Sticharion

We observe 4 weeks of Pre-Lent (prior to the 40 Days)

The Triodion is the Book of 3 Odes (sections/chapters)

Chapter 1 is “How to prepare for Lent”

Chapter 2 is Lent

Chapter 3 is Holy Week and Easter

In the early life of the Church baptisms were celebrated at Easter and marked by the lighting of a large candle which is kept in order to light each Easter, at our wedding, and throughout our lives at services. When we light our candles we pray “I am a baptized Christian and I believe that Jesus is the light of the world”

Father began to explain the vestments worn by the priest and what each represents. These are not only custom made but are also hand made.

The first piece of vestment is called the *Sticharion (robe)* which is made only of light colored silk or linen because it is not to be made from animals which have been killed. Prior to putting on his Sticharion the priest prays “May you clothe me with the holy spirit as a bridegroom.”

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/sA9KZwt70wc>