

Youth Service Feb. 4, 2018

Vestments of the Priest: The Epitrachelion

The vestment which is donned after the Sticharion is the *Epitrachelion* (stole). It represents Jesus as a shepherd. Shepherds return their stray sheep to the flock by carrying the sheep around his shoulders holding back legs in one hand and front legs in the other.

Deacons also wear an epitrachelion and hold one end up when he prays which represents the wings of an angel.

Alter boys have a special prayer bestowed upon them and have a piece of hair cut which makes them a part of priesthood which allows them to wear the robe and a stole which differs by not being connected.

YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/ANFH3eKQubk>