Priest: Blessed is our God, ... unto ages of ages. A - men.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Help us, save us, ... by thy grace. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

To thee, O Lord. A - men.

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy. A - men. And to thy spir - it.

NOTE: After the priest blesses the Groom and the Bride each time with the rings, the chanter responds: Amen.

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.


THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY
The Crowning Service

(NOTE: The choir responds "Glory to thee, our God; glory to thee" after each of the following verses of Psalm 128 is chanted by the Priest. Use the "Last time only" version following verse 5.)

Priest: 1) Blessed are all they that fear the Lord: and walk in his ways.

2) Thou shalt eat of the fruit of thy labors: O blessed art thou, and happy shalt thou be.

3) Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine upon the walls of thy house: Thy children like a newly-planted olive-orchard round about thy table.

4) Lo, thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord: The Lord in Zion shall so bless thee, that thou shalt see the good things of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.

5) Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.

Traditional Arabic melody
Adapted by Christopher Holwey

Glo - ry to thee, our God; glo - ry to thee.

Last time only

Glo - ry to thee, our God; glo - ry to thee.
Priest: Blessed is the Kingdom ... of ages.

Priest: Help us, save us, ... by thy grace.

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

* After the priest says, "Bless them, O Lord our God, as thou didst bless Abraham and Sarah," the choir responds: Amen; and likewise after "... Isaac and Rebecca ... Joachim and Anna ... Zacharias and Elizabeth."
The Crowning

NOTE: After the priest blesses the Groom and the Bride each time with the crowns, the chanter responds: Amen.


The Prokeimenon

( Sung as straight chant )

Priest: Let us attend.

Thou hast set upon their heads crowns of precious stones;

they asked life of thee, and thou gavest it them.

Verse

For thou wilt give them thy blessing forever and ever:

thou wilt make them to rejoice with gladness through thy presence.
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

1. Priest: Peace be to thee that readest. Simple Byzantine Chant version

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Sung before and after the Gospel reading.

And to thy spir-it. Glo-ry to thee, O Lord, glo-ry to thee.

2. Byzantine Chant version - Tone 2

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Sung before and after the Gospel reading.

And to thy spir-it. Glo-ry to thee, O Lord, glo-ry to thee.

THE AUGMENTED LITANY

Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy. A-men.
Priest: Peace be to all.

And to thy spirit.

To thee, O Lord.

Priest: Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.

To thee, O Lord.

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Amen.

NOTE: As the couple drinks from the Common Cup, the chanter sings the following hymn.

Byzantine Chant - Tone 5
Dr. Sam Cohlmia

I will take ___ the cup ___ of salvation, and

call upon the name ___ of ___ the Lord.

Al - le - lu - ia!

NOTE: The following three hymns are then sung as the couple and their sponsors are led by the priest in procession, three times, around the Analogion.

Byzantine Chant - Tone 5
Bishop BASIL Essey

O Isaiah, dance thy joy: for ___ a Virgin was ___ with child

and hath borne a son, Em-man-u-el, both God and man: and O-ri-ent

is ___ his name; whom mag-ni-fy-ing we call the Vir-gin bless-ed.
Ye holy martyrs, who fought the good fight and have received your crowns: entreat ye the Lord that he will have mercy on our souls.

Glory to thee, O Christ our God: the Apostles' boast, the Martyrs' joy, whose preaching was the consubstantial Trinity.
Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Amen.

(According to the Greek and Arabic Euchologia, the following is the traditional dismissal for the Wedding Service.)

Priest: Peace be to all.

And to thy spirit. To thee, O Lord.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: May he ... Through the prayers ... and save us.

Fa ther, bless. Amen.

(Mas ter, bless.)

God grant you man y years! God grant you man y years!

God grant you man y, man y years!