

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY
Byzantine Chant Version
The Betrothal Service

Priest: Blessed is our God,
 ... unto ages of ages. First time only

1.

Traditional Byzantine Chant version - Tone 8

A - men. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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

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

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

Lord, have mer - cy. To thee, O Lord. A - men.

2.

Simple Byzantine Chant version

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

To thee, O Lord. A - men.

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: ... ages of ages.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Lord, have mer - cy. A - men. And to thy spir - it.

Priest: Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.

Priest: ... ages of ages.

To thee, O Lord. A - men.

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. Priest: ... ages of ages.

A - men. Lord, have mer - cy. A - men.

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.

1.
Priest: Blessed is the Kingdom ... of ages. Traditional Byzantine Chant version - Tone 8

A-men. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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

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

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

To thee, O Lord. A - men.

2.
 Simple Byzantine Chant version

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

To thee, O Lord. A - men.

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

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Priest: ... ages of ages.

Lord, have mer - cy. A - men. A - men.

* 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.

A - men.

NOTE: As the crowns are exchanged, the following hymn is sung in Tone 7 three times.

Bishop BASIL Essey

O Lord ___ our God, crown ___ them with glo - ry and
 hon - or. O Lord ___ our God,
 crown ___ them with glo - ry and hon - or.

Third and final time

THE PROKEIMENON (Sung as straight chant)

Priest: Let us attend.

Thou hast set upon their heads crowns of pre - cious stones;
 they asked life of thee, and thou gav - est it them.
 Verse
 For thou wilt give them thy blessing forever and ev - er:
 thou wilt make them to rejoice with glad - ness through thy pres - ence.

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



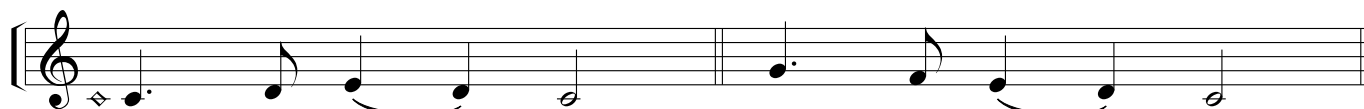
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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.

THE COMMON CUP

Priest: Peace be to all.

Priest: Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.

And to thy spir - it. To thee, O Lord.

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: ... ages of ages.

Lord, have mer - cy. A - men.

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

Byzantine Chant - Tone 5
Dr. Sam Cohlma

I will take _____ the cup _____ of sal - va - tion, and

call up - on 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 I - sa - iah, dance thy joy: for _____ a Vir - gin 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.

Byzantine Chant - Tone 7



Ye ho - ly mar - tyrs, who ___ fought the good ___ fight and



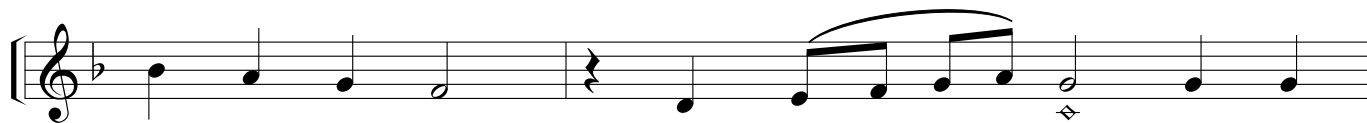
have ___ re - ceived ___ your ___ crowns: en - treat ye the



Lord ___ that he will have mer - cy on ___ our ___ souls.



Glo - ry to thee, O Christ our God: the A - pos - tles' boast, ___



the Mar - tyrs' joy, whose preach - ing was the



con - sub - stan - tial Trin - i - ty. _____

THE DISMISSAL

Wedding - 8

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

*Priest: ... O God, our God, ...
unto ages of ages.*

Lord, have mer - cy. A - men.

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

119 *Priest: Peace be to all.*

Priest: Bow your heads unto the Lord.

And to thy spir - it. To thee, O Lord.

*Priest: May the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, ... and of all the Saints. Amen.
Glory to thee, O Christ our God and our hope, glory to thee.*

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Glo - ry to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it,
Both now and ever and unto ages

of a - ges. A - men. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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

Fa - ther, bless. A - men.
(Mas - ter, bless.)

*Priest: "Grant, O Lord, a peaceful life, health, prosperity and furtherance in all good things
to Thy servants ___ and ___, and preserve them for many years."*

Traditional Russian melody

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

God ___ grant ___ you ___ man - y, man - y years!