Priest: Blessed is our God, ... unto ages of ages.

A - men. Lord, have mer - cy.

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

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

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

Priest: Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.

To thee, O Lord. A - men.
NOTE: After the priest blesses the Groom and the Bride each time with the rings, the choir responds: Amen.

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: ... unto ages of ages.


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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. Following verse 5, do the ritard at the end of the Refrain.)

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.

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Refrain

Glory to thee, our God; glory to thee.

rit. final time

Byzantine Tone 7

Joyce E. Black
Priest: Blessed is the Kingdom... unto ages of ages.

1. Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. To thee, O Lord. Amen.

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Amen. Amen.

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

Based on Byzantine chant Tone 7

Sung twice

Crown them, O Lord, our God, with glory and honor.

Third and final time

Crown them, O Lord, our God, with glory and honor.

THE PROKEIMENON

CHANTER: Thou hast set upon their heads, O Lord, crowns of precious stones; They asked life of thee, and thou gavest it them.

CHOIR: Based on Byzantine Tone 8

Arranged by Joyce E. Black

Thou hast set upon their heads, O Lord, crowns of precious stones,

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

Arranged by Joyce E. Black
CHANTER: For thou wilt give them thy blessing forever and ever; thou wilt make them to rejoice with gladness through thy presence.

CHANTER: Thou hast set upon their heads, O Lord, crowns of precious stones;

CHOIR:

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

CHANTER: Thou hast set upon their heads, O Lord, crowns of precious stones;

CHOIR:

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

Continue with the reading of the Epistle
PRIEST: Wisdom! Attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Peace be to all.

And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glory to thee, O Lord, glory to thee.

The Reading of the Gospel

Glory to thee, O Lord, glory to thee.
THE AUGMENTED LITANY

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: ... unto ages of ages.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: ... unto ages of ages.

Amen.

THE COMMON CUP

Priest: Peace be to all.

And to thy spirit.

Priest: Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.

To thee, O Lord.
Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Amen.

Priest: ... unto ages of ages.

I WILL TAKE THE CUP OF SALVATION

Byzantine Tone 1
Arranged by Joyce E. Black

I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord, the name of the Lord.

Al - le - lu - ia!
O ISAIAH, DANCE THY JOY

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 Tone 5
Arranged by Joyce E. Black

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-rient is his name; whom mag-ni-fy-ing we call the Vir-gin bless-ed.
O HOLY MARTYRS

O holy martyrs, who fought the good fight

and have received your crowns:

en-treat ye the

Lord our God to have mercy on our souls.
GLORY TO THEE, O CHRIST OUR GOD

Byzantine Tone 7

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

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.

Priest: Bow your heads unto the Lord.

And to thy spirit. 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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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

Father, bless. (Master, bless.)

Amen.

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."

Dmitri S. Bortniansky
(1751 - 1825)
Adapted by Priest Michael G.H. Gelsinger
(1890-1980)

God grant you many years! God grant you many years!

God grant you many, many years!