THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY
The Betrothal Service

LITANY #1

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

1. Lord, have mercy.
2. Lord, have mercy.
3. Lord, have mercy.

A-men.

4. Lord, have mercy.
5. Lord, have mercy.
6. Lord, have mercy.

7. Lord, have mercy.
   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.
LITANY #2

1. A-men. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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

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

4. Lord, have mercy.


Priest: Let us pray to the Lord. Priest: ... unto ages of ages. Priest: Peace be to all. Priest: Let us bow our heads unto the Lord. Priest: ... unto ages of ages.


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

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Putna Monastery Chant
Romania

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**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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**Version #1**

Unknown composer

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**Version #2**

Semyon Panchenko (1867-1937)
Priest: Blessed is our God, ... unto ages of ages.

1. Lord, have mercy.

2. Lord, have mercy.

3. Lord, have mercy.

4. Lord, have mercy.

5. Lord, have mercy.

6. Lord, have mercy.

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

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."
**LITANY #2**

*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, by the priest and/or the choir.

Based on Byzantine chant Tone 7

Christopher Holwey

Wedding - 6

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THE PROKEIMENON
Version #1

Priest: Let us attend.

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

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

CHOIR: Thou hast set upon their heads...

Third and Final Time:

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

Third and final time
Priest: Let us attend.

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

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

CHOIR: Thou hast set upon their heads...

Third and Final Time:

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

CHOIR: They asked life of thee, and thou gavest it them.
Priest: Let us attend.

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

CHANter: For thou wilt give them thy blessing forever and ever; thou wilt make them to rejoice with gladness through thy presence.

CHOIR: Thou hast set upon their heads...

Third and Final Time:

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

Optional Third Ending
Priest: Peace be to thee that readest.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia. And to thy spir - it.

Glo - ry to thee, O Lord, glo - ry to thee.
THE AUGMENTED LITANY #1

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

THE AUGMENTED LITANY #2

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

And to thy spirit. To thee, O Lord.

Priest: Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Amen.

NOTE: As the couple drinks from the Common Cup, the following hymn is sung.

Psalm 115:4

I will take ______ the cup ______ of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
O ISAIAH, DANCE THY JOY  
Version #1  
Patrick Teague

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 blessed. Ye (ye) ho - ly mar - tyrs,  
who_ fought the _ good _ fight and re - ceived your crowns: en -
treat ye the Lord to have mercy on our souls. Glory to thee, O Christ our God.

Christ our God: the Apostles' boast, the Martyrs' joy the preaching of the Trinity, the con-substantial Trinity.
O ISAIAH, DANCE THY JOY
Version #2

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 magnifying we call

the Vir-gin bless-ed. Ye ho-ly mar-tyrs,

who fought the good fight and have re-ceived your crowns:

Arranged by Archpriest Igor Soroka

Obikhod Chant, Tone 7

Antiochian Archdiocese translation
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.

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Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

"Lord, have mercy."

(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."

Priest: Bow your heads unto the Lord.

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

Father, 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.”

GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS
Version #1

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!
GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS

Version #2

Dmitri S. Bortniansky
(1751-1825)
God grant you many years! God grant you many years. God grant you many years, many, many years!

God grant you many years. God grant you many years, many, many years!

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

Third time

Harmony expanded by James Meena

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GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS
Version #3

Arranged by John N. Belous