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

Traditional Byzantine Chant version - Tone 8

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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

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

Simple Byzantine Chant version

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

To thee, O Lord. Amen.

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.  

Priest: ... ages of ages.  

Priest: Peace be to all.

Lord, have mercy. Amen. And to thy spirit.

Priest: Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.  

Priest: ... ages of ages.

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


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

Glory to thee, our God; glory to thee.

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

Traditional Byzantine Chant version - Tone 8

1.

A-men.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

To thee, O Lord. A-men.

2.

Simple Byzantine Chant version

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

To thee, O Lord. A-men.

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.

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

THE PROKEIMENON

(Sung as straight chant)

Thou hast set upon their heads crowns of precious stones;

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

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.

\[\text{Simple Byzantine Chant version}\]

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 spirit. 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 magnifying we call the Virgin blessed.
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.

Priest: Bow your heads unto the Lord.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, Both now and ever and unto ages.

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

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 many years!  God grant you many years!