

**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. *Ison* 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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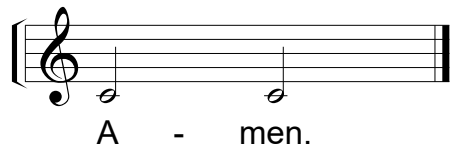
*Priest:* ... ages of ages.

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.

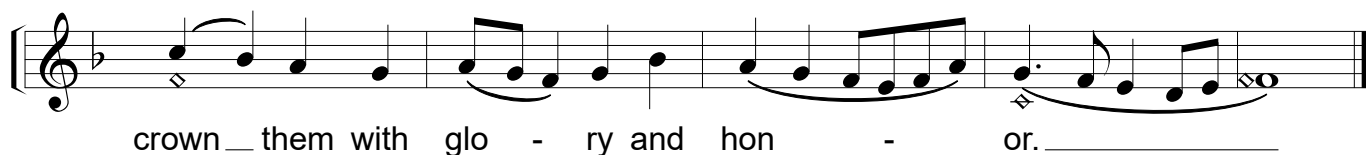
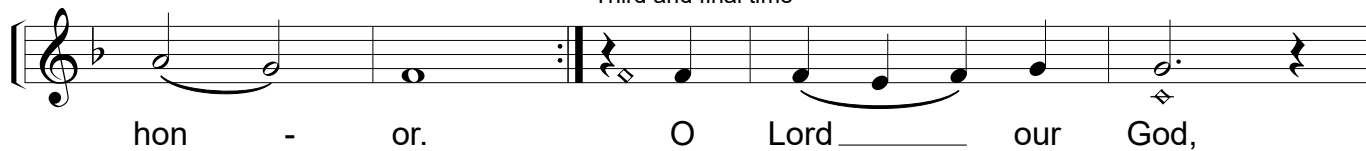


**NOTE:** As the crowns are exchanged, the following hymn is sung in Tone 7 three times.

Bishop BASIL Essey



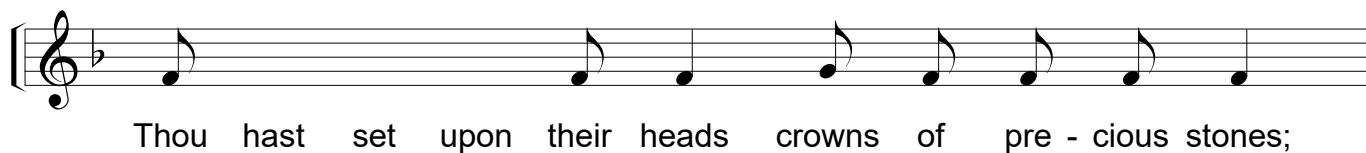
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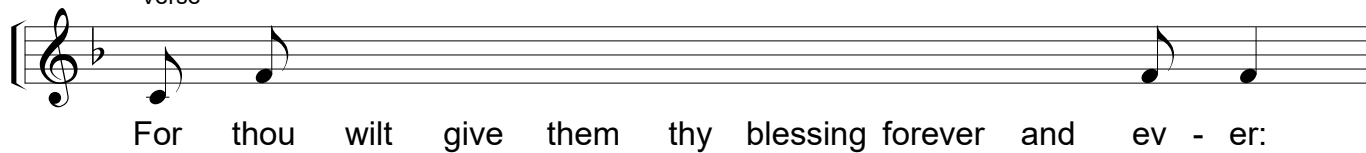
## THE PROKEIMENON

*(Sung as straight chant)*

*Priest:* Let us attend.



Verse



### 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



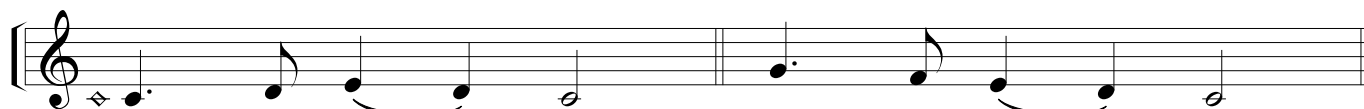
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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



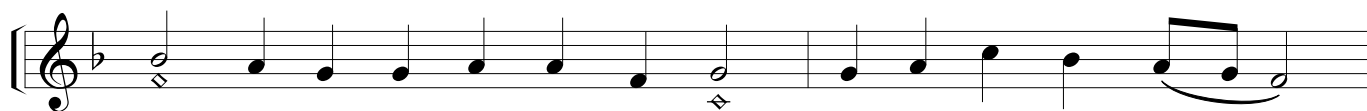
Ye ho - ly mar - tyrs, who \_\_\_ fought the good \_\_\_ fight and



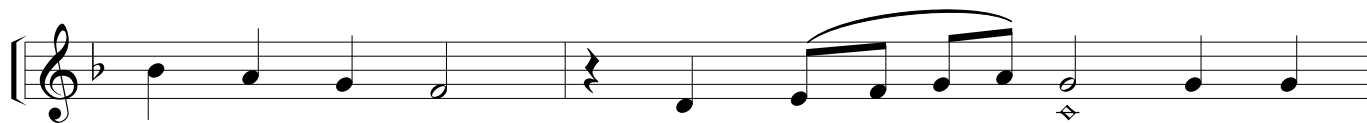
have \_\_\_ re - ceived \_\_\_ your \_\_\_ crowns: en - treat ye the



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

*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!