#### ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΑ ΓΑΜΟΥ

## GREEK ORTHODOX WEDDING SERVICE The Service of Betrothal

#### ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΑ ΕΠΙ ΜΝΗΣΤΡΟΙΣ ΗΤΟΙ ΑΡΡΑΒΩΝΟΣ

The priest stands before the Royal Doors, looking towards the two who are to be Betrothed; and they stand outside the Royal Doors, the man to the right, and the woman on the left. On the right side of the Holy Altar are placed the two rings. The priest takes up the censer and censes the holy icons, the bridal pair, and the people. Then the priest asks the bride is she wishes to marry the groom, and the groom if he wishes to marry the bride. The priest then says:

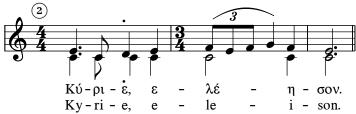
ΙΕΡΕΥΣ: Εὐλογητὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, πάντοτε· νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.



Ἐν εἰρήνῃ τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.



Ύπὲρ τῆς ἄνωθεν εἰρήνης καὶ τῆς σωτηρίας τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.



Ύπὲρ τῆς εἰρήνης τοῦ σύμπαντος κόσμου, εὐσταθείας τῶν ἁγίων τοῦ Θεοῦ Ἐκκλησιῶν, καὶ τῆς τῶν πάντων ἑνώσεως, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.



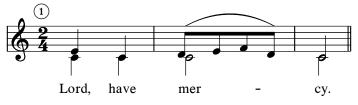
Ύπὲρ τοῦ ἁγίου Οἴκου τούτου, καὶ τῶν μετὰ πίστεως, εὐλαβείας καὶ φόβου Θεοῦ εἰσιόντων ἐν αὐτῷ, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.



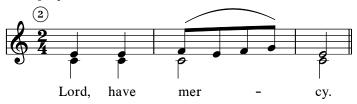
Ύπερ τοῦ Άρχιεπισκόπου ἡμῶν (τοῦ δείνος), τοῦ τιμίου Πρεσβυτερίου, τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ Διακονίας, παντὸς τοῦ Κλήρου καὶ τοῦ Λαοῦ, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν. **PRIEST:** Blessed is our God always, both now and ever, and to the ages of ages.



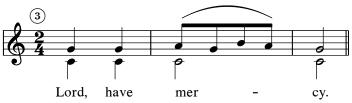
In peace let us pray to the Lord.



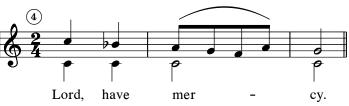
For the peace from above; for the salvation of our souls; let us pray to the Lord.



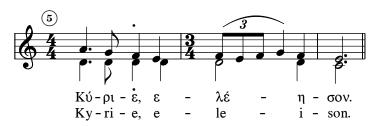
For the peace of the whole world; for the stability of the holy Churches of God; and for the union of all; let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy House, and for them that with faith, reverence, and the fear of God enter therein; let us pray to the Lord.



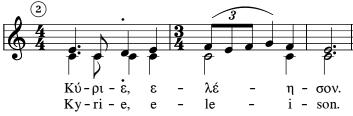
For our Most Reverend Archbishop (Name), for the venerable Priesthood, the Diaconate in Christ; for all the Clergy; and for all the people; let us pray to the Lord.



Ύπὲρ τοῦ δούλου τοῦ Θεοῦ (τοῦ δε), καὶ τῆς δούλης τοῦ Θεοῦ (τῆς δε) τῶν νῦν μνηστευομένων ἀλλήλοις, καὶ τῆς σωτηρίας αὐτῶν, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.



Ύπὲρ τοῦ παρασχεθῆναι αὐτοῖς τέκνα εἰς διαδοχὴν γένους, καὶ πάντα τὰ πρὸς σωτηρίαν αἰτήματα, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.



Υπερ τοῦ καταπεμφθῆναι αὐτοῖς ἀγάπην τελείαν, εἰρηνικήν, καὶ βοήθειαν, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.



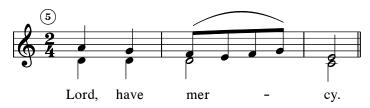
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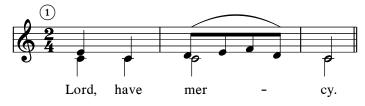
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Ύπὲρ τοῦ διαφυλαχθῆναι αὐτοὺς ἐν ἀμέμπτῷ βιοτῃ καὶ πολιτεία, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.



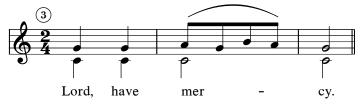
For the servant of God (Name) and the servant of God (Name) who now pledge themselves to one another, and for their salvation; let us pray to the Lord.



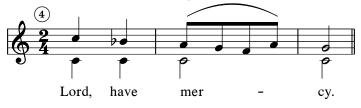
That there may be promised unto them children for the continuation of their race, granting unto them all their prayers unto salvation; let us pray to the Lord.



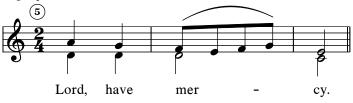
That He send down upon them love perfect and peaceful, and give them His protection; let us pray to the Lord.



That He may keep them in oneness of mind, and in stead-fastness of the Faith; let us pray to the Lord.



That He may bless them in harmony and perfect trust; let us pray to the Lord.



That He may keep the course and manner of their life blameless; let us pray to the Lord.

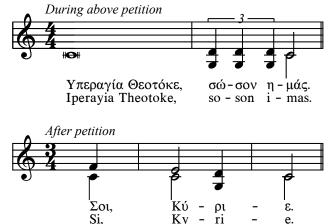
Όπως Κύριος ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν χαρίσηται αὐτοῖς τίμιον τὸν γάμον, καὶ τὴν κοίτην ἀμίαντον, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν. Ὑπὲρ τοῦ ῥυσθῆναι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ πάσης θλίψεως, ὀργῆς, κινδύνου καὶ ἀνάγκης, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.



Άντιλαβοῦ, σῶσον, ἐλέησον, καὶ διαφύλαξον ἡμᾶς, ὁ Θεὸς, τῇ σῇ χάριτι.



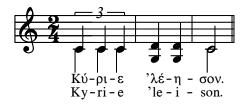
Τῆς Παναγίας, ἀχράντου, ὑπερευλογημένης, ἐνδόξου, δεσποίνης ἡμῶν Θεοτόκου, καὶ ἀειπαρθένου Μαρίας, μετὰ πάντων τῶν ἁγίων μνημονεύσαντες, ἑαυτοὺς καὶ ἀλλήλους, καὶ πᾶσαν τὴν ζωὴν ἡμῶν Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ παραθώμεθα.



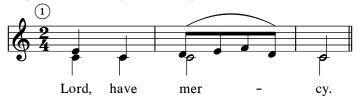
Ότι πρέπει σοι πασα δόξα, τιμὴ καὶ προσκύνησις, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῷ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.



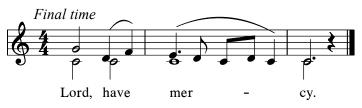
Τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.



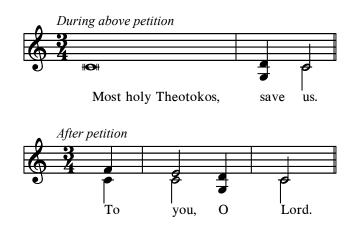
That the Lord God may grant unto them an honorable marriage and a bed undefiled; let us pray to the Lord. That we may be delivered from all tribulation, wrath, danger and necessity; let us pray to the Lord.



Help us, save us, have mercy on us and keep us, O God, by Your Grace.

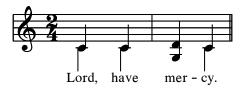


Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, exceedingly blessed glorious Lady Theotokos and Ever; Virgin Mary, with all the Saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and all our life to Christ our God.



For to You are due all Glory, honor, and worship, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and to the ages of ages.





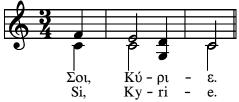
Ό Θεὸς ὁ ἀἰώνιος, ὁ τὰ διῃρημένα συναγαγὼν εἰς ἑνότητα καὶ σύνδεσμον διαθέσεως τιθεὶς ἄἰρἡηκτον· ὁ εὐλογήσας Ἰσαὰκ καὶ Ῥεβέκκαν, καὶ κληρονόμους αὐτοὺς τῆς σῆς ἐπαγγελίας ἀναδείξας· αὐτὸς εὐλόγησον καὶ τοὺς δούλους σου τούτους, ὁδηγῶν αὐτοὺς ἐν παντὶ ἔργῳ ἀγαθῷ. Ὅτι ἐλεήμων καὶ φιλάνθρωπος Θεὸς ὑπάρχεις, καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.



Εἰρήνη πᾶσι.



Τὰς κεφαλὰς ὑμῶν τῷ Κυρίω κλίνατε.



Κύριε ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ τὴν ἐξ ἐθνῶν προμνηστευσάμενος Ἐκκλησίαν παρθένον ἁγνήν, εὐλόγησον τὰ μνῆστρα ταῦτα, καὶ ἕνωσον, καὶ διαφύλαξον τοὺς δούλους σου τούτους ἐν εἰρήνῃ καὶ ὁμονοίգ. Σοὶ γὰρ πρέπει πᾶσα δόξα, τιμὴ καὶ προσκύνησις, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῷ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.



(Εἶτα, λαβών ὁ Ἱερεὺς τοὺς δακτυλίους τοὺς ἐν τῷ δισκελίῳ, ἐπιδίδωσι πρῶτον τῷ ἀνδρὶ τὸν χρυσοῦν καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ·) Ἀἀῥαβωνίζεται ὁ δοῦλος τοῦ Θεοῦ (ὁ δεῖνα) τὴν δούλην τοῦ Θεοῦ (τὴν δεῖνα), εἰς τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ Πατρός, καὶ τοῦ Υἱοῦ, καὶ τοῦ Ἁγίου Πνεύματος. (3)

#### **ΛΑΟΣ**: Αμήν. (Ως ανωτέρω)

(Καὶ ποιεῖ Σταυρὸν μετὰ τοῦ δακτυλίου ἐπὶ τὴν κεφαλὴν αὐτοῦ.) Εἶτα καὶ τῇ γυναικὶ λέγει, λαβὼν τὸν ἀργυροῦν· Ἀὀῥαβωνίζεται ἡ δούλη τοῦ Θεοῦ (ἡ δεῖνα) τὸν δοῦλον τοῦ Θεοῦ (τὸν δεῖνα), εἰς τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ Πατρός, καὶ τοῦ Υἱοῦ, καὶ τοῦ Ἁγίου Πνεύματος. (3)

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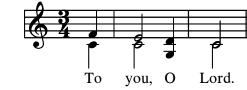
(Καὶ ὅταν εἴπῃ εἰς ἕκαστον τρίς, ποιεῖ Σταυρὸν μετὰ τοῦ δακτυλίου ἐπὶ τὰς κεφαλὰς αὐτῶν καὶ ἐπιτίθησιν αὐτοὺς ἐν τοῖς δεξιοῖς αὐτῶν δακτύλοις. Εἶτα ἀλλάσσει τοὺς δακτυλίους τῶν Νυμφίων ὁ Παράνυμφος.) O God eternal, Who has brought together into unity the things which before had been separate, and in so doing impose on them an indissoluble bond of love, Who did bless Isaac and Rebecca, declaring them to be the inheritors of Your promise: do You Yourself (+) bless these Your servants (Name) and (Name), directing them into every good work. For You are a merciful and loving God, and to You do we send up all Glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and to the ages of ages.



Peace be to all. (+)



Let us bow our heads before the Lord.



O Lord our God, Who espoused the Church as a pure virgin called from out of the Gentiles, bless this Betrothal (+), uniting these Your servants, keeping them in peace and oneness of mind. For to You are due all Glory, honor, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and to the ages of ages.



(Then the Priest takes the rings, blesses them, makes with them the Sign of the Cross over the man's head, and says:) The servant of God (Name) is betrothed to the servant of God (Name), in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (3)

**PEOPLE**: Amen. (*As above, after each.*)

(Then with the rings the Priest makes the Sign of the Cross over the woman's head, saying:)

The servant of God (Name) is betrothed to the servant of God (Name), in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (3)

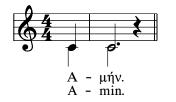
**PEOPLE:** Amen. (*As above, after each.*)

(At the third time, the Priest puts the woman's ring on the man's right finger, and the man's ring on the woman's right finger. Then the Groomsman exchanges the rings thrice.)

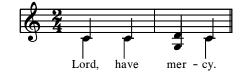
ΙΕΡΕΥΣ: Τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθώμεν.



Κύριε ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ τῷ παιδὶ τοῦ Πατριάρχου Ἀβραὰμ συμπορευθεὶς ἐν τῆ Μεσοποταμία, στελλομένω νυμφεύσασθαι τῷ κυρίῳ αὐτοῦ Ἰσαὰκ γυναῖκα, καὶ διὰ μεσιτείας ύδρεύσεως ἀρραβωνίσασθαι τὴν Ῥεβέκκαν ἀποκαλύψας· Αὐτός, εὐλόγησον τὸν ἀῥῥαβῶνα τῶν δούλων σου (τοῦ δε) καὶ (τῆς δε) καὶ στήριξον τὸν παρ' αὐτοῖς λαληθέντα λόγον. Βεβαίωσον αὐτοὺς τῆ παρὰ σοῦ άγία ένότητι· σύ γὰρ ἀπ' ἀρχῆς ἐδημιούργησας ἄρσεν καὶ θῆλυ, καὶ παρὰ σοῦ ἁρμόζεται ἀνδρὶ γυνὴ εἰς βοήθειαν καὶ διαδοχὴν τοῦ γένους τῶν ἀνθρώπων. Αὐτὸς οὖν, Κύριε ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ ἐξαποστείλας τὴν ἀλήθειαν ἐπὶ τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, καὶ τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν σου ἐπὶ τοὺς δούλους σου, τοὺς πατέρας ἡμῶν, εἰς καθ' ἑκάστην γενεὰν καὶ γενεὰν τοὺς ἐκλεκτούς σου, ἐπίβλεψον ἐπὶ τὸν δοῦλόν σου (τόν δε), καὶ τὴν δούλην σου (τήν δε), καὶ στήριξον τὸν ἀὀῥαβῶνα αὐτῶν ἐν πίστει καὶ ὁμονοία καὶ άληθεία καὶ ἀγάπη· σὺ γάρ, Κύριε, ὑπέδειξας δίδοσθαι τὸν ἀῥῥαβῶνα καὶ στηρίζεσθαι ἐν παντί. Διὰ δακτυλιδίου έδόθη ή έξουσία τῶ Ἰωσὴφ ἐν Αἰγύπτω· διὰ δακτυλιδίου έδοξάσθη Δανιὴλ ἐν χώρα Βαβυλῶνος· διὰ δακτυλιδίου έφανερώθη ή ἀλήθεια τῆς Θάμαρ· διὰ δακτυλιδίου ὁ Πατήρ ήμων ὁ οὐράνιος οἰκτίρμων γέγονεν ἐπὶ τὸν ἄσωτον υἱόν· «Δότε γάρ, φησι, δακτύλιον εἰς τὴν χεῖρα αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐνέγκαντες τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτὸν θύσατε, καὶ φαγόντες εὐφρανθῶμεν». Αὕτη ἡ δεξιά σου, Κύριε, τὸν Μωϋσῆν ἐστρατοπέδευσεν ἐν Ἐρυθρậ θαλάσσῃ· διὰ γὰρ τοῦ λόγου σου τοῦ ἀληθινοῦ οἱ οὐρανοὶ έστερεώθησαν καὶ ἡ γῆ ἐθεμελιώθη· καὶ ἡ δεξιὰ τῶν δούλων σου εύλογηθήσεται τῷ λόγῳ σου τῷ κραταιῷ καὶ τῷ βραχίονί σου τῷ ὑψηλῷ. Αὐτὸς οὖν καὶ νῦν, Δέσποτα, εὐλόγησον τὸ δακτυλοθέσιον τοῦτο εὐλογίαν οὐράνιον. καὶ Ἄγγελος Κυρίου προπορευέσθω ἔμπροσθεν αὐτῶν πάσας τὰς ἡμέρας τῆς ζωῆς αὐτῶν. Ὅτι σὺ εἶ ὁ εὐλογῶν καὶ ἁγιάζων τὰ σύμπαντα, καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, τῶ Πατρὶ καὶ τῶ Υἱῶ καὶ τῶ Ἁγίω Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.



**PRIEST:** Let us pray to the Lord.



O Lord our God, Who accompanied the servant of the patriarch Abraham to Mesopotamia, when he was sent to espouse a wife for his lord Isaac, and did reveal to him a sign by the drawing of water to betroth Rebecca; do You Yourself bless the betrothal of these Your servants (Name) and (Name) and confirm the word that has been spoken by them; for You, O Lord, from the beginning have created male and female, and by You is a woman joined to a man for assistance and for the continuation of the human race. Therefore, O Lord God, Who have sent forth Your truth to Your inheritance and Your promise to Your servants, our fathers, who were Your elect, do You give regard unto this Your servant (Name) and Your servant (Name), and seal their betrothal in faith, in oneness of mind, in truth and in love. For You, O Lord, have declared that a pledge is to be given and held inviolate in all things. By a ring Joseph was given might in Egypt; by a ring Daniel was exalted in Babylon; by a ring the truth of Thamar was made manifest; by a ring our heavenly Father showed compassion upon His prodigal son, for He said, "Put a ring upon his right hand, kill the fatted calf, and let us eat and rejoice." Your own right hand, O Lord, armed Moses in the Red Sea. Yea, by the word of Your truth were the Heavens established and the earth set upon her sure foundations; and the right hands of Your servants shall be blessed by Your mighty word, and by Your uplifted arm. Wherefore, O Sovereign Lord, do You Yourself bless this putting on of rings with Your heavenly benediction; and may Your Angel go before them all the days of their life, for You are He that blesses and sanctifies all things, and to You do we send up Glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and to the ages of ages.



If the Crowning Service follows the Betrothal immediately, then after the "Amen," the Priest censes in front of the Altar, and goes out and censes the Ikonostasion. The Processional Psalm is sung at this time. (See next page.)

#### ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΑ ΣΤΕΦΑΝΩΜΑΤΟΣ

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ: Μακάριοι πάντες οἱ φοβούμενοι τὸν Κύριον.



ΙΕΡΕΥΣ: Οἱ πορευόμενοι ἐν ταῖς ὁδοῖς αὐτοῦ. ΛΑΟΣ: (Ως ανωτέρω) Δόξα σοι, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ: Τοὺς πόνους τῶν καρπῶν σου φάγεσαι.

ΛΑΟΣ: Δόξα σοι, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ: Μακάριος εἶ, καὶ καλῶς σοι ἔσται.

ΛΑΟΣ: Δόξα σοι, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

**ΙΕΡΕΥΣ:** Ἡ γυνή σου ὡς ἄμπελος εὐθηνοῦσα ἐν τοῖς κλίτεσι τῆς οἰκίας σου.

ΛΑΟΣ: Δόξα σοι, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ: Οἱ υἱοί σου ὡς νεόφυτα ἐλαιῶν, κύκλῳ τῆς τραπέζης σου.

ΛΑΟΣ: Δόξα σοι, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

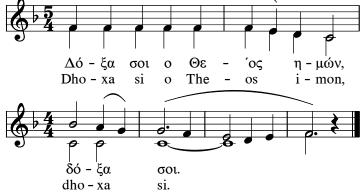
**ΙΕΡΕΥΣ**: Ἰδοὺ οὕτως εὐλογηθήσεται ἄνθρωπος ὁ φοβούμενος τὸν Κύριον.

ΛΑΟΣ: Δόξα σοι, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

**ΙΕΡΕΥΣ**: Εὐλογήσαι σε Κύριος ἐκ Σιών, καὶ ἴδοις τὰ ἀγαθὰ Ἱερουσαλὴμ πάσας τὰς ἡμέρας τῆς ζωῆς σου.

ΛΑΟΣ: Δόξα σοι, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

**ΙΕΡΕΥΣ:** Καὶ ἴδοις υἱοὺς τῶν υἱῶν σου. Εἰρήνη ἐπὶ τὸν Ἰσραήλ.



(Ὁ Ἱερεύς, στραφεὶς κατὰ ἀνατολὰς καὶ ὑψῶν, ὡς συνήθως, τὸ ἅγιον Εὐαγγέλιον, ἐκφωνεῖ·)

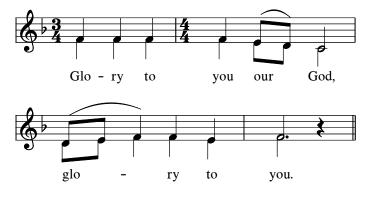
Εὐλογημένη ἡ Βασιλεία τοῦ Πατρὸς καὶ τοῦ Υἱοῦ καὶ τοῦ Ἁγίου Πνεύματος, νῦν καὶ ἀεἰ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.



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#### The Service of the Crowning

**PRIEST:** Blessed is everyone that fears the Lord.



PRIEST: That walks in His ways,

**PEOPLE:** (As above) Glory to you, our God, glory to you. **PRIEST:** For you shall eat the labor of your hands.

**PEOPLE**: Glory to you, our God, glory to you.

**PRIEST**: Blessed are you, and it shall be well with you.

**PEOPLE:** Glory to you, our God, glory to you.

**PRIEST:** Your wife shall be as a fruitful vine on the sides of your house.

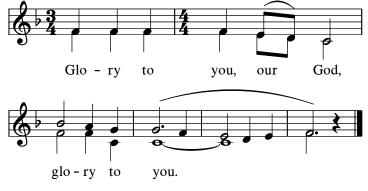
**PEOPLE:** Glory to you, our God, glory to you. **PRIEST:** Your children like young olive plants around your table.

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**PRIEST:** Behold! The man shall be blessed that fears the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Glory to you, our God, glory to you. **PRIEST:** The Lord shall bless you out of Zion, and you shall see the good things of Jerusalem all the days of your life. **PEOPLE:** Glory to you, our God, glory to you.

**PRIEST:** Yea! You shall see your children's children, and peace be upon Israel.



(Turning towards the East and raising the Holy Gospel, the Priest says:)

Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and to the ages of ages.



During the Paschal season "Christ is risen" (Χριστός Ανέστι) is sung thrice.

Ἐν εἰρήνῃ τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.



Ύπὲρ τῆς ἄνωθεν εἰρήνης, καὶ τῆς σωτηρίας τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.



Ύπὲρ τῆς εἰρήνης τοῦ σύμπαντος κόσμου, εὐσταθείας τῶν ἁγίων τοῦ Θεοῦ Ἐκκλησιῶν, καὶ τῆς τῶν πάντων ἑνώσεως, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.



Ύπὲρ τοῦ ἀγίου Οἴκου τούτου, καὶ τῶν μετὰ πίστεως, εὐλαβείας καὶ φόβου Θεοῦ εἰσιόντων ἐν αὐτῷ, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.



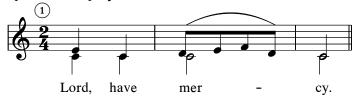
Ύπὲρ τοῦ Ἀρχιεπισκόπου ἡμῶν (τοῦ δεῖνος), τοῦ τιμίου πρεσβυτερίου, τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ διακονίας, παντὸς τοῦ κλήρου καὶ τοῦ λαοῦ, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.



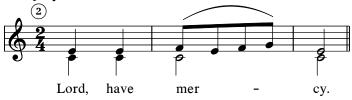
Υπὲρ τῶν δούλων τοῦ Θεοῦ (τοῦ δε) καὶ (τῆς δε), τῶν νῦν συναπτομένων ἀλλήλοις εἰς γάμου κοινωνίαν, καὶ τῆς σωτηρίας αὐτῶν, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.



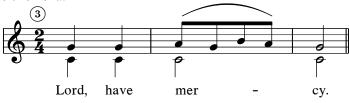
In peace let us pray to the Lord.



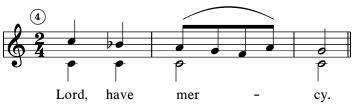
For the peace from above; for the salvation of our souls; let us pray to the Lord.



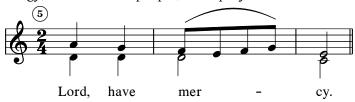
For the peace of the whole world; for the stability of the holy Churches of God; and for the union of all; let us pray to the Lord.



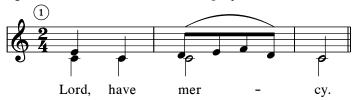
For this holy House; and for them that with faith, reverence, and the fear of God enter therein; let us pray to the Lord.



For our Most Reverend Archbishop (Name), for the venerable Priesthood, the Diaconate in Christ; for all the Clergy; and for all the people; let us pray to the Lord.



For the servants of God (Name) and (Name), who are now being joined to one another in the community of Marriage, and for their salvation; let us pray to the Lord.



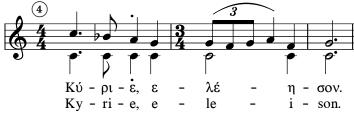
Ύπὲρ τοῦ εὐλογηθῆναι τὸν γάμον τοῦτον, ὡς τὸν ἐν Κανậ τῆς Γαλιλαίας, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.



Υπέρ τοῦ παρασχεθῆναι αὐτοῖς σωφροσύνην, καὶ καρπὸν κοιλίας πρὸς τὸ συμφέρον, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.



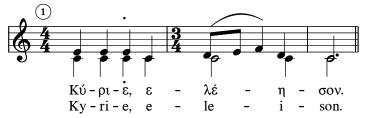
Ύπὲρ τοῦ εὐφρανθῆναι αὐτοὺς ἐν ὁράσει υἱῶν καὶ θυγατέρων, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.



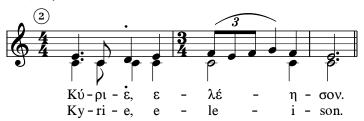
Ύπὲρ τοῦ δωρηθῆναι αὐτοῖς εὐτεκνίας ἀπόλαυσιν, καὶ ἀκατάγνωστον διαγωγήν, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.



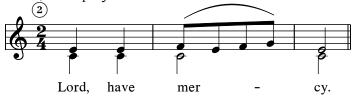
Ύπὲρ τοῦ δωρηθῆναι αὐτοῖς τε καὶ ἡμῖν πάντα τὰ πρὸς σωτηρίαν αἰτήματα, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.



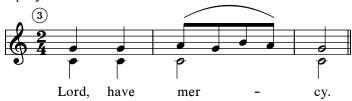
Ύπὲρ τοῦ ῥυσθῆναι αὐτούς τε καὶ ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ πάσης θλίψεως, ὀργῆς, κινδύνου καὶ ἀνάγκης, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.



That this marriage may be blessed as was that of Cana of Galilee; let us pray to the Lord.



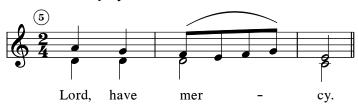
That there may be given unto them soberness of life, and fruit of the womb as may be most expedient for them; let us pray to the Lord.



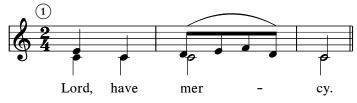
That they may rejoice in the beholding of sons and daughters; let us pray to the Lord.



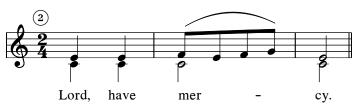
That there may be granted unto them the happiness of abundant fertility, and a course of life blameless and unashamed; let us pray to the Lord.



That there may be granted unto them and unto us all prayers that tend unto salvation; let us pray to the Lord



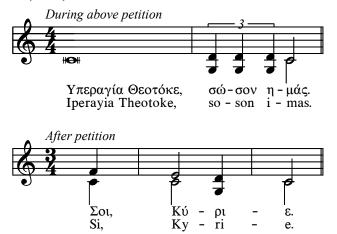
That both they and we may be delivered from tribulation, wrath, danger, and necessity; let us pray to the Lord.



Ἀντιλαβοῦ, σῶσον, ἐλέησον, καὶ διαφύλαξον ἡμᾶς, ὁ Θεός, τῇ σῇ χάριτι.



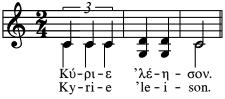
Τῆς Παναγίας, ἀχράντου, ὑπερευλογημένης, ἐνδόξου, Δεσποίνης ἡμῶν Θεοτόκου, καὶ ἀειπαρθένου Μαρίας, μετὰ πάντων τῶν ἁγίων μνημονεύσαντες, ἑαυτοὺς καὶ ἀλλήλους, καὶ πᾶσαν τὴν ζωὴν ἡμῶν, Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ παραθώμεθα.



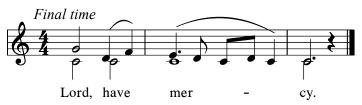
Ότι πρέπει σοι πάσα δόξα, τιμὴ καὶ προσκύνησις, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῷ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.



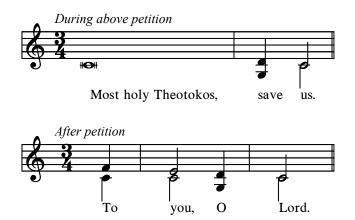
Τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθώμεν.



Ό Θεὸς ὁ ἄχραντος, καὶ πάσης κτίσεως δημιουργός, ὁ τὴν πλευρὰν τοῦ προπάτορος Ἀδὰμ διὰ τὴν σὴν φιλανθρωπίαν εἰς γυναῖκα μεταμορφώσας, καὶ εὐλογήσας αὐτούς, καὶ εἰπών· «Αὐξάνεσθε καὶ πληθύνεσθε, καὶ κατακυριεύσατε τῆς γῆς», καὶ ἀμφοτέρους αὐτοὺς Ἐν μέλος ἀναδείξας διὰ τῆς συζυγίας· ἕνεκεν γὰρ τούτου καταλείψει ἄνθρωπος τὸν πατέρα αὐτοῦ καὶ τὴν μητέρα, καὶ προσκολληθήσεται τῆ ἰδία γυναικί, καὶ ἔσονται οἱ δύο εἰς σάρκα μίαν· καί, οῦς ὁ Θεὸς συνέζευξεν, ἄνθρωπος μή χωριζέτω· ὁ τὸν θεράποντά σου Ἀβραὰμ εὐλογήσας, καὶ διανοίξας τὴν μήτραν Σάἰρἁας, καὶ πατέρα πλήθους ἐθνῶν ποιήσας· ὁ Help us; save us; have mercy on us and keep us, O God by Your Grace.



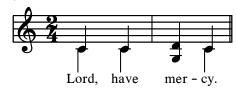
Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, exceedingly blessed glorious Lady Theotokos and Ever--Virgin Mary, with all the Saints; let us commend ourselves and one another and all our life to Christ our God.



For to You are due all Glory, honor, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and to the ages of ages.



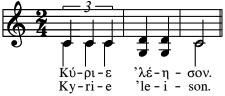
Let us pray to the Lord.



O God most pure, Author of all creation, Who through Your man-befriending love transformed a rib of Adam the forefather into a woman, and blessed them and said, "Increase and multiply, and have dominion over the earth," and, by the conjoining, declared them both to be one member, for because of this a man shall forsake his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife, and the two shall be one flesh-and whom God has joined together let not man put asunder; Who did also bless Your servant Abraham, and opened the womb of Sara, and made him the father of many nations; Who bestowed Isaac upon Rebecca, and blessed her offspring; Who τὸν Ἰσαὰκ τῇ Ῥεβέκκα χαρισάμενος, καὶ τὸν τόκον αὐτῆς εύλογήσας· ὁ τὸν Ἰακὼβ τῇ Ῥαχὴλ συνάψας, καὶ ἐξ αὐτοῦ τοὺς δώδεκα Πατριάρχας, ἀναδείξας· ὁ τὸν Ἰωσὴφ καὶ τὴν Ἀσυνἑθ συζεύξας, καρπὸν παιδοποιΐας αὐτοῖς τὸν Ἐφραίμ, καὶ τὸν Μανασσῆν χαρισάμενος· ὁ τὸν Ζαχαρίαν καὶ τὴν Ἐλισάβετ προσδεξάμενος, καὶ Πρόδρομον τὸν τόκον αὐτῶν ἀναδείξας· ὁ ἐκ τῆς ῥίζης Ἰεσσαὶ τὸ κατὰ σάρκα βλαστήσας τὴν ἀειπάρθενον, καὶ ἐξ αὐτῆς σαρκωθεὶς καὶ τεχθεὶς εἰς σωτηρίαν τοῦ γένους τῶν άνθρώπων· ὁ διὰ τὴν ἄφραστόν σου δωρεὰν καὶ πολλὴν ἀγαθότητα παραγενόμενος ἐν Κανῷ τῆς Γαλιλαίας καὶ τὸν ἐκεῖσε γάμον εὐλογήσας, ἵνα φανερώσης ὅτι σὸν θέλημά ἐστιν ἡ ἔννομος συζυγία καὶ ἡ ἐξ αὐτῆς παιδοποιΐα. Αὐτός, Δέσποτα Πανάγιε, πρόσδεξαι τὴν δέησιν ήμων των ίκετων σου, ώς ἐκεῖσε καὶ ἐνταῦθα παραγενόμενος τῆ ἀοράτω σου ἐπιστασία εὐλόγησον τὸν γάμον τοῦτον, καὶ παράσχου τοῖς δούλοις σου τούτοις (τῷ δεῖνι) καὶ (τῇ δεῖνι) ζωἡν εἰρηνικήν, μακροημέρευσιν, σωφροσύνην, την είς ἀλλήλους ἀγάπην έν τῶ συνδέσμω τῆς εἰρήνης, σπέρμα μακρόβιον, τὴν ἐπὶ τέκνοις χάριν, τὸν ἀμαράντινον τῆς δόξης στέφανον. 'Αξίωσον αὐτοὺς ἰδεῖν τέκνα τέκνων· τὴν κοίτην αὐτῶν άνεπιβούλευτον διατήρησον καὶ δὸς αὐτοῖς ἀπὸ τῆς δρόσου τοῦ οὐρανοῦ ἄνωθεν, καὶ ἀπὸ τῆς πιότητος τῆς γῆς. ἔμπλησον τοὺς οἴκους αὐτῶν σίτου, οἴνου καὶ ἐλέου καὶ πάσης ἀγαθωσύνης, ἵνα μεταδιδῶσι καὶ τοῖς χρείαν έχουσι, δωρούμενος άμα καὶ τοῖς συμπαροῦσι πάντα τὰ πρὸς σωτηρίαν αἰτήματα. Ὅτι Θεὸς ἐλέους, οἰκτιρμῶν καὶ φιλανθρωπίας ὑπάρχεις, καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, σύν τῷ ἀνάρχω σου Πατρί, καὶ τῷ παναγίω καὶ ἀγαθῷ καὶ ζωοποιῷ σου Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.



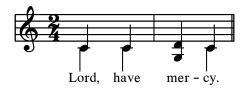
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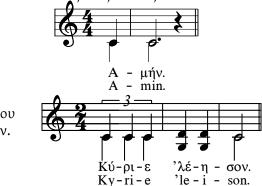
Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Κύριε ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ τοῦ μυστικοῦ καὶ ἀχράντου γάμου ἱερουργὸς καὶ τοῦ σωματικοῦ νομοθέτης, ὁ τῆς ἀφθαρσίας φύλαξ, καὶ τῶν βιοτικῶν ἀγαθὸς οἰκονόμος· αὐτὸς καὶ νῦν, Δέσποτα, ὁ ἐν ἀρχῇ πλάσας τὸν ἄνθρωπον, καὶ θέμενος αὐτὸν ὡς βασιλέα τῆς κτίσεως, καὶ εἰπών· «Οὐ καλὸν εἶναι τὸν ἄνθρωπον μόνον ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς· ποιήσωμεν αὐτῷ βοηθὸν κατ'· αὐτόν»· καὶ λαβὼν μίαν τῶν πλευρῶν αὐτοῦ, ἔπλασας γυναῖκα, ἣν ἰδὼν Ἀδὰμ εἶπε· «Τοῦτο νῦν ὀστοῦν ἐκ τῶν ὀστῶν μου καὶ σάρξ ἐκ τῆς σαρκός μου· αὕτη κληθήσεται γυνή, ὅτι ἐκ τοῦ ἀνδρὸς αὐτῆς ἐλήφθη αὕτη· ἕνεκεν τούτου καταλείψει ἄνθρωπος τὸν πατέρα αὐτοῦ καὶ τὴν μητέρα, καὶ joined Jacob and Rachel, and from them made manifest the twelve patriarchs; Who yoked Joseph and Asenath together, and as the fruit of generation did bestow upon them Ephrem and Manasse; Who accepted Zacharias and Elizabeth, and declared their offspring the Forerunner; Who out of the root of Jesse, according to the flesh, produced the Ever-Virgin Mary, and from her were Incarnate-born for the salvation of the human race; Who through Your unspeakable Grace and plentiful goodness were present in Cana of Galilee, and blessed the marriage there, that You might show a lawful union, and a generation there from, is according to Your Will; do You Yourself,O Most Holy Master, accept the prayer of us, Your servants; and as You were present there, be present also here with Your invisible protection. Bless (+) this marriage and grant unto these Your servants (Name) and (Name) a peaceful life, length of days, chastity, love for one another in a bond of peace, offspring long-lived, fair fame by reason of their children, and a crown of glory that does not fade away. Account them worthy to see their children's children. Keep their wedlock safe against every hostile scheme; give them of the dew from the Heavens above, and of the fatness of the earth. Fill their houses with bountiful food, and with every good thing, that they may have to give to them that are in need, bestowing also on them that are here assembled with us all their supplications that are unto salvation. For a God of mercy and of compassion, and of man-befriending love are You, and to You do we send up Glory: as to Your eternal Father and Your All-Holy, Good, and Life-creating Spirit, both now and ever, and to the ages of ages.



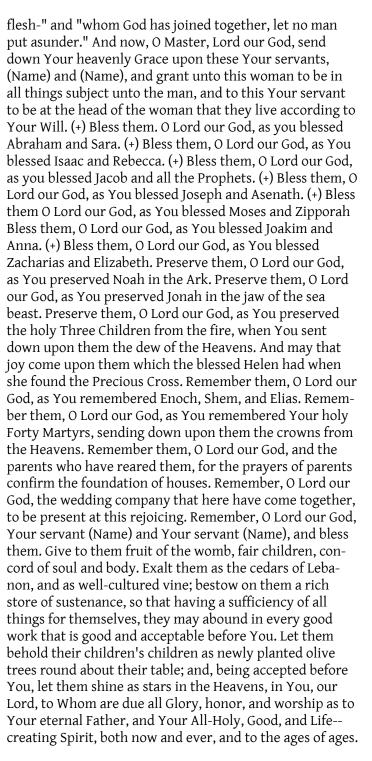
Let us pray to the Lord.



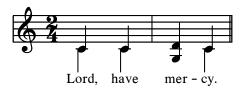
Blessed are You, O Lord our God, Holy Celebrant of mystical and pure marriage, Maker of the laws that govern earthly bodies, Guardian of incorruption, Kindly protector of the means of life: do You Yourself now, O Master, Who in the beginning created man, and appointed him as the king of creation, and said, "It is not good for man to be alone upon the earth; let us make a helpmate for him-" then, taking one of his ribs, made woman, whom when Adam saw, he said, "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh, for she was taken out of her man. For this cause shall a man forsake his father and his mother, and cleave unto his wife, and two shall be one προσκολληθήσεται πρός τὴν γυναῖκα αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἔσονται οί δύο εἰς σάρκα μί-αν» καὶ «οῦς ὁ Θεὸς συνέζευξεν, άνθρωπος μή χωριζέτω». Αὐτὸς καὶ νῦν, Δέσποτα Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, κατάπεμψον τὴν χάριν σου τὴν ἐπουράνιον έπί τούς δούλους σου τούτους (τὸν δεῖνα) καὶ (τὴν δεῖνα). καὶ δὸς τῇ παιδίσκῃ ταύτῃ ἐν πᾶσιν ὑποταγῆναι τῷ ἀνδρί, καὶ τὸν δοῦλόν σου τοῦτον εἶναι εἰς κεφαλὴν τῆς γυναικός, ὅπως βιώσωσι κατὰ τὸ θέλημά σου. Εὐλόγησον αὐτούς, Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὡς εὐλόγησας τὸν Ἀβραὰμ καὶ τὴν Σάἰῥαν. Εὐλόγησον αὐτούς, Κύριε ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὡς εὐλόγησας τὸν Ἰσαὰκ καὶ τὴν Ῥεβέκκαν. Εὐλόγησον αὐτοὺς Κύριε ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὡς εὐλόγησας τὸν Ἰακὼβ καὶ πάντας τοὺς πατριάρχας. Εὐλόγησον αὐτούς, Κύριε ὁ Θεὸς ήμῶν, ὡς εὐλόγησας τὸν Ἰωσὴφ καὶ τὴν Ἀσυνέθ. Εὐλόγησον αὐτούς, Κύριε ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὡς εὐλόγησας Μωσέα καὶ Σεπφόραν. Εὐλόγησον αὐτούς, Κύριε ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὡς εὐλόγησας Ἰωακεὶμ καὶ τὴν Ἄνναν. Εὐλόγησον αὐτούς, Κύριε ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὡς εὐλόγησας Ζαχαρίαν καὶ τήν Ἐλισάβετ. Διαφύλαξον αὐτούς, Κύριε ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὡς διεφύλαξας τὸν Νῶε ἐν τῆ Κιβωτῶ. Διαφύλαξον αὐτούς, Κύριε ό Θεός ήμῶν, ὡς διεφύλαξας τὸν Ἰωνᾶν ἐν τῆ κοιλία τοῦ κήτους. Διαφύλαξον αὐτούς, Κύριε ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὡς διεφύλαξας τοὺς ἁγίους τρεῖς Παῖδας ἐκ τοῦ πυρός, καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς δρόσον οὐρανόθεν καὶ ἔλθοι ἐπ' αὐτοὺς ἡ χαρὰ ἐκείνη, ἣν ἔσχεν ἡ μακαρία Ἐλένη, ὅτε εὗρε τὸν τίμιον Σταυρόν. Μνημόνευσον αὐτῶν, Κύριε ὁ Θεὸς ήμῶν, ὡς ἐμνημόνευσας τοῦ Ἐνώɣ, τοῦ Σήμ, τοῦ Ἡλία. Μνημόνευσον αὐτῶν, Κύριε ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὡς ἐμνημόνευσας τῶν ἁγίων σου Τεσσαράκοντα Μαρτύρων, καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς οὐρανόθεν τοὺς στεφάνους. Μνημόνευσον, Κύριε ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, καὶ τῶν ἀναθρεψάντων αὐτοὺς γονέων ότι εύχαι γονέων στηρίζουσι θεμέλια οἴκων. Μνημόνευσον, Κύριε ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, τῶν δούλων σου τῶν Παρανύμφων, τῶν συνελθόντων εἰς τὴν χαρὰν ταύτην. Μνημόνευσον, Κύριε ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, τοῦ δούλου σου (τοῦ δε) καὶ τῆς δούλης σου (τῆς δε), καὶ εὐλόγησον αὐτούς. Δὸς αὐτοῖς καρπὸν κοιλίας, καλλιτεκνίαν, ὁμόνοιαν ψυχῶν καὶ σωμάτων, Ύψωσον αὐτοὺς ὡς τὰς κέδρους τοῦ Λιβάνου, ώς ἄμπελον εὐκληματοῦσαν. Δώρησαι αὐτοῖς σπέρμα στάχυος, ίνα, πασαν αὐτάρκειαν ἔχοντες, περισσεύσωσιν είς παν ἕργον ἀγαθὸν καὶ σοὶ εὐάρεστον, καὶ ίδωσιν υίοὺς τῶν υίῶν αὐτῶν, ὡς νεόφυτα ἐλαιῶν κύκλω τῆς τραπέζης αὐτῶν καὶ, εὐαρεστήσαντες ἐνώπιόν σου, λάμψωσιν ώς φωστήρες έν οὐρανῷ, ἐν σοὶ τῷ Κυρίῳ ήμῶν. ὦ πρέπει πασα δόξα, κράτος, τιμή, καὶ προσκύνησις, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.



Τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.







Ό Θεὸς ὁ ἅγιος, ὁ πλάσας ἐκ χοὸς τὸν ἀνθρωπον, καὶ ἐκ τῆς πλευρᾶς αὐτοῦ ἀνοικοδομήσας γυναῖκα, καὶ συζεύξας αὐτῷ βοηθὸν κατ' αὐτόν, διὰ τὸ οὕτως ἀρέσαι τῆ σῆ μεγαλειότητι, μὴ μόνον εἶναι τὸν ἄνθρωπον ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς· αὐτὸς καὶ νῦν, Δέσποτα, ἐξαπόστειλον τὴν χεῖρά σου ἐξ ἁγίου κατοικητηρίου σου, καὶ ἄρμοσον (τούτου λεγομένου, ὁ Ἱερεὺς ἁρμόζει τὰς δεξιὰς τῶν νυμφευομένων) τὸν δοῦλον σου (τόν δε) καὶ τὴν δούλην σου (τήν δε), ὅτι παρὰ σοῦ ἁρμόζεται ἀνδρὶ γυνή. Σύζευξον αὐτοὺς ἐν ὁμοφροσύνῃ· στεφάνωσον αὐτοὺς εἰς σάρκα μίαν· χάρισαι αὐτοῖς καρπὸν κοιλίας, εὐτεκνίας ἀπόλαυσιν. Ὅτι σὸν τὸ κράτος, καὶ σοῦ ἐστιν ἡ βασιλεία καὶ ἡ δύναμις καὶ ἡ δόξα, τοῦ Πατρὸς καὶ τοῦ Υἰοῦκαὶ τοῦ ʿΑγίου Πνεύματος, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς ἀιῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.



(Καὶ λαβὼν ὁ Ἱερεὺς τὰ Στέφανα, στέφει πρῶτον τὸν Νυμφίον, λέγων·)

Στέφεται ὁ δοῦλος τοῦ Θεοῦ (ὁ δεῖνα), τὴν δούλην τοῦ Θεοῦ (τήν δε), εἰς τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ Πατρός, καὶ τοῦ Υἱοῦ, καὶ τοῦ Ἁγίου Πνεύματος.

## **ΛΑΟΣ:** (Ως ανωτέρω) Αμήν.

(Εἶτα στέφει καὶ τὴν Νύμφην, λέγων)

Στέφεται ή δούλη τοῦ Θεοῦ (ἡ ἑεῖνα), τὸν δοῦλον τοῦ Θεοῦ (τόν δε), εἰς τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ Πατρός, καὶ τοῦ Υἱοῦ, καὶ τοῦ Ἁγίου Πνεύματος.

## **ΛΑΟΣ**: Αμήν.

(Εἶτα τίθησι τὰ Στέφανα ἐπὶ τὰς κεφαλὰς τῶν Νυμφίων, ψάλλων ἐκ τρίτου·)

Κύριε ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξῃ καὶ τιμῇ στεφάνωσον αὐτούς.

## ΤΑ ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΜΑΤΑ

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ: Πρόσχωμεν.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ: Έθηκας ἐπὶ τὴν κεφαλὴν αὐτῶν στεφάνους ἐκ λίθων τιμίων. Ζωὴν ἠτήσαντό σε, καὶ ἔδωκας αὐτοῖς μακρότητα ἡμερῶν.

## ΙΕΡΕΥΣ: Σοφία.

**ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ:** Πρὸς Ἐφεσίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα (Κεφ. ε´ 20-33).

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ: Πρόσχωμεν.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ: Άδελφοί, εὐχαριστεῖτε πάντοτε ὑπὲρ πάντων, ἐν ὀνόματι τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ τῷ Θεῷ καὶ Πατρί, ὑποτασσόμενοι ἀλλήλοις ἐν φόβῳ Χριστοῦ. Αἱ γυναῖκες τοῖς ἰδίοις ἀνδράσιν ὑποτάσσεσθε ὡς τῷ Κυρίῳ, ὅτι ὁ ἀνήρ ἐστι κεφαλὴ τῆς γυναικός, ὡς καὶ ὁ Χριστὸς κεφαλὴ τῆς Ἐκκλησίας, καὶ αὐτός ἐστι σωτὴρ τοῦ σώματος. Ἀλλ' ὥσπερ ἡ Ἐκκλησία ὑποτάσσεται τῷ Χριστῷ, οὕτω καὶ αἱ γυναῖκες τοῖς ἰδίοις ἀνδράσιν ἐν παντί. Οἱ ἄνδρες ἀγαπᾶτε τὰς γυναῖκας ἑαυτῶν, καθὼς καὶ ὁ Χριστὸς ἠγάπησε τὴν Ἐκκλησίαν Holy God, Who fashioned man from the dust, and from his rib fashioned woman, and joined her to him as a helpmate for him, for it was seemly unto Your Majesty for man not to be alone upon the earth, do You Yourself, O Sovereign Lord, stretch forth Your hand from Your holy dwelling place, and join\* together this Your servant (Name) and Your servant (Name), for by You is a wife joined to her husband. Join them together in oneness of mind; crown them with wedlock into one flesh; grant to them the fruit of the womb, and the gain of well favored children, for Yours is the dominion, and Yours is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and to the ages of ages.



(After the Amen, the Priest, taking up the Crowns, crowns first the Bridegroom, saying:)

The servant of God (Name) is crowned for the servant of God, (Name), in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (3)

PEOPLE: (As above) Amen. (3)

(And he crowns the Bride, saying:)

The servant of God (Name) is crowned for the servant of God (Name), in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (3)

**PEOPLE:** Amen. (3)

(The Priest takes the Crown of the Groom in his right hand, and the Crown of the Bride in his left, and places them on their heads while he intones:)

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

## The Readings

**PRIEST:** Let us attend.

**READER:** You have set upon their heads crowns of precious stones. They asked life of You, and You gave it to them.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

**READER**: The Reading from the Epistle of the holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians. (5:20-33)

**PRIEST:** Let us attend.

**READER**: Brethren, give thanks always for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father. Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, be subject to your husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. As the church is subject to Christ, so let wives be also subject in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the wash-

καὶ ἑαυτὸν παρέδωκεν ὑπὲρ αὐτῆς, ἵνα αὐτὴν ἁγιάσῃ, καθαρίσας τῷ λουτρῷ τοῦ ὕδατος ἐν ῥήματι, ἵνα παραστήση αὐτὴν ἑαυτῷ ἔνδοξον τὴν Ἐκκλησίαν, μὴ ἔχουσαν σπίλον ἢ ῥυτίδα ἤ τι τῶν τοιούτων, ἀλλ' ἵνα ἧ άγία καὶ ἄμωμος. Οὕτως ὀφείλουσιν οἱ ἄνδρες ἀγαπᾶν τὰς ἑαυτῶν γυναῖκας, ὡς τὰ ἑαυτῶν σώματα· ὁ ἀγαπῶν την έαυτοῦ γυναῖκα έαυτὸν ἀγαπậ· οὐδεὶς γάρ ποτε την έαυτοῦ σάρκα ἐμίσησεν, ἀλλ' ἐκτρέφει καὶ θάλπει αὐτήν, καθώς καὶ ὁ Κύριος τὴν Ἐκκλησίαν· ὅτι μέλη ἐσμὲν τοῦ σώματος αὐτοῦ, ἐκ τῆς σαρκὸς αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐκ τῶν ὀστέων αὐτοῦ· ἀντὶ τούτου καταλείψει ἄνθρωπος τὸν πατέρα αὐτοῦ καὶ τὴν μητέρα καὶ προσκολληθήσεται πρὸς τὴν γυναῖκα αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἔσονται οἱ δὺο εἰς σάρκα μίαν. Τό μυστήριον τοῦτο μέγα ἐστίν, ἐγὼ δὲ λέγω εἰς Χριστὸν καὶ εἰς τὴν Ἐκκλησίαν. Πλὴν καὶ ὑμεῖς οἱ καθ' ἕνα, ἕκαστος τὴν ἑαυτοῦ γυναῖκα οὕτως ἀγαπάτω ὡς ἑαυτόν, ἡ δὲ γυνὴ ἵνα φοβῆται τὸν ἄνδρα.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ: Εἰρήνη σοι τῷ ἀναγινώσκοντι.

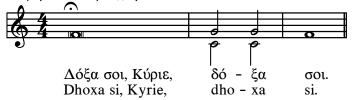
**ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ**: Καὶ τῷ πνεύματί σου.

Στίχ. Σύ, Κύριε, φυλάξαις ἡμᾶς καὶ διατηρήσαις ἡμᾶς.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ: Σοφία<sup>,</sup> ὀρθοί<sup>,</sup> ἀκούσωμεν τοῦ ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου. Εἰρήνη πᾶσι.



Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ἰωάννην ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα. (Κεφ. β´ 1-11) Πρόσχωμεν



Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, γάμος ἐγένετο ἐν Κανᾶ τῆς Γαλιλαίας, καὶ ἦν ἡ μήτηρ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ ἐκεῖ ἐκλήθη δὲ καὶ ὁ Ἰησοῦς καὶ οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ εἰς τὸν γάμον. Καί ὑστερήσαντος οίνου, λέγει ή μήτηρ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ πρὸς αὐτόν. Οἶνον οὐκ ἔχουσι. Λέγει αὐτῇ ὁ Ἰησοῦς: Τί ἐμοὶ καὶ σοί, γύναι; οὕπω ήκει ή ὥρα μου. Λέγει ή μήτηρ αὐτοῦ τοῖς διακόνοις. Ό,τι ἂν λέγῃ ὑμῖν, ποιήσατε. ᢥσαν δὲ ἐκεῖ ὑδρίαι λίθιναι ἕξ κείμεναι κατὰ τὸν καθαρισμὸν τῶν Ἰουδαίων, χωροῦσαι άνὰ μετρητὰς δύο ἢ τρεῖς. Λέγει αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς. Γεμίσατε τὰς ὑδρίας ὕδατος. Καὶ ἐγέμισαν αὐτὰς ἕως ἄνω. Καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς ἀντλήσατε νῦν καὶ φέρετε τῷ ἀρχιτρικλίνω. Καί ἤνεγκαν. Ώς δὲ ἐγεύσατο ὁ άρχιτρίκλινος τὸ ὕδωρ οἶνον γεγενημένον (καὶ οὐκ ἤδει πόθεν ἐστίν· οἱ δὲ διάκονοι ἤδεισαν οἱ ἠντληκότες τὸ ύδωρ) φωνεῖ τὸν νυμφίον ὁ ἀρχιτρίκλινος καὶ λέγει αὐτῶ· Πᾶς ἄνθρωπος πρῶτον τὸν καλὸν οἶνον τίθησι, καὶ όταν μεθυσθώσι, τότε τὸν ἐλάσσω· σὺ δὲ τετήρηκας τὸν καλὸν οἶνον ἕως ἄρτι. Ταύτην ἐποίησε τὴν ἀρχὴν τῶν σημείων ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐν Κανᾶ τῆς Γαλιλαίας καὶ ἐφανέρωσε

ing of water with the word, that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

Even so husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself For no man ever hates his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. "For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one." This is a great mystery, and I take it to mean Christ and the church; however, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

**PRIEST:** Peace be to you who read.

**READER:** And to your spirit.

Psalm verse: O Lord, You shall keep us and You shall preserve us from this generation forth and forever.

**PRIEST**: Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Peace be to all. (+)



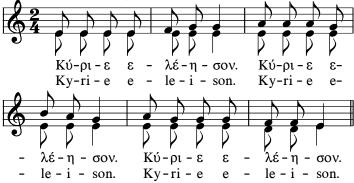
The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (John 2: 1 -11) Let us be attentive.



At that time there was a marriage at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; Jesus also was invited to the marriage, with his disciples. When the wine failed, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "O woman, what have you to do with me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now six stone jars were standing there, for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the steward of the feast." So they took it. When the steward of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first; and when men have drunk freely, then the poor wine; but you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of his signs, Jesus did τὴν δόξαν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐπίστευσαν εἰς αὐτὸν οἱ Μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ.



Εἴπωμεν πάντες ἐξ ὅλης τῆς ψυχῆς, καὶ ἐξ ὅλης τῆς διανοίας ἡμῶν εἴπωμεν.



Ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς ὁ Θεός, κατὰ τὸ μέγα ἔλεός σου· δεόμεθά σου ἐπάκουσον καὶ ἐλέησον.

ΛΑΟΣ: (Ως ανωτέρω) Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (3)

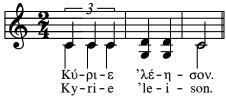
Έτι δεόμεθα ὑπερ ἐλέους, ζωῆς, εἰρήνης, ὑγίειας καὶ σωτηρίας τῶν δούλων σου (τοῦ δεῖνος) καὶ (τῆς δεῖνος) καὶ ὑπερ τοῦ περιεστῶτος λαοῦ, τῶν ἀπεκδεχομένων τὸ παρὰ σοῦ πλούσιον ἔλεος.

ΛΑΟΣ: Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (3)

Ότι ἐλεήμων, καὶ φιλάνθρωπος Θεὸς ὑπάρχεις, καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ Άγίῷ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.



Τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθώμεν.

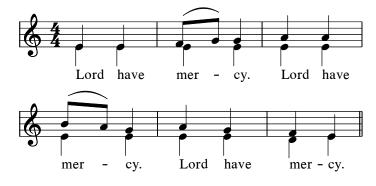


Κύριε ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ ἐν τῇ σωτηριώδει σου οἰκονομία καταξιώσας ἐν Κανậ τῆς Γαλιλαίας τίμιον ἀναδεῖξαι τὸν γάμον, διὰ τῆς σῆς παρουσίας, αὐτὸς καὶ νῦν τοὺς δούλους σου (τὸν δεῖνα) καὶ (τὴν δεῖνα), οὕς ηὐδόκησας συναφθῆναι ἀλλήλοις, ἐν εἰρήνῃ καὶ ὁμονοία διαφύλαξον. Τίμιον αὐτοῖς τὸν γάμον ἀνάδειξον· ἀμίαντον αὐτῶν τὴν κοίτην διατήρησον· ἀκηλίδωτον αὐτῶν τὴν συμβίωσιν διαμεῖναι εὐδόκησον· καὶ καταξίωσον αὐτοὺς ἐν γήρει πίονι καταντῆσαι, ἐν καθαρậ τῇ καρδία ἐργαζομένους τὰς ἐντολάς σου. Σὺ γὰρ εἶ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, Θεὸς τοῦ ἐλεεῖν καὶ σώζειν, καὶ

Σὺ γὰρ εἰ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, Θεὸς τοῦ ἐλεεῖν καὶ σῷζειν, καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, σὺν τῷ ἀνάρχῳ σου Πατρί, at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him.



Let us say with all our soul and all our mind, let us say:



Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy; we pray You, listen and have mercy.

**PEOPLE:** (As above) Lord have mercy. (3)

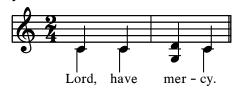
Again let us pray for the servants of God, (Name) and (Name), that they may have mercy, life, health, peace, safety, salvation, pardon and remission of their sins.

#### **PEOPLE:** Lord have mercy. (3)

For You are a merciful and loving God, and to You do we send up Glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and to the ages of ages.



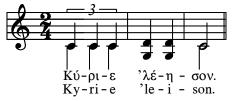
Let us pray to the Lord.



O Lord our God, Who in Your saving Providence did promise in Cana of Galilee to declare marriage honorable by Your presence, do You Yourself preserve in peace and oneness of mind these Your servants (Name) and (Name), whom You are well pleased should be joined to one another. Declare their marriage honorable. Preserve their bed undefiled. Grant that their life together be with be without spot of sin. And assure that they may be worthy to attain unto a ripe old age, keeping Your commandments in a pure heart. For You are our God, the God to have mercy and save, and to You do we send up all Glory, as to Your Eternal Father, and Your All-Holy, Good, and καὶ τῷ παναγίῳ καὶ ἀγαθῷ καὶ ζωοποιῷ σου Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.



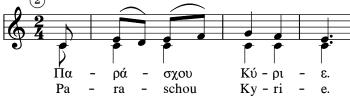
Ἀντιλαβοῦ, σῶσον, ἐλέησον καὶ διαφύλαξον ἡμᾶς, ὁ Θεός, τῇ σῇ χάριτι.



Τὴν ἡμέραν πᾶσαν, τελείαν, ἁγίαν, εἰρηνικὴν καὶ ἀναμάρτητον παρὰ τοῦ Κυρίου αἰτησώμεθα.



"Αγγελον εἰρήνης, πιστὸν ὁδηγόν, φύλακα τῶν ψυχῶν καὶ τῶν σωμάτων ἡμῶν, παρὰ τοῦ Κυρίου αἰτησώμεθα.

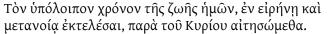


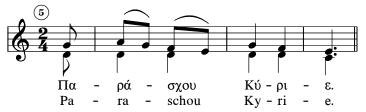
Συγγνώμην καὶ ἄφεσιν τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν καὶ τῶν πλημμελημάτων ἡμῶν, παρὰ τοῦ Κυρίου αἰτησώμεθα.



Τὰ καλὰ καὶ συμφέροντα ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν, καὶ εἰρήνην τῷ κόσμῳ, παρὰ τοῦ Κυρίου αἰτησώμεθα.



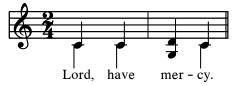




Life-creating Spirit, both now and ever, and to the ages of ages.



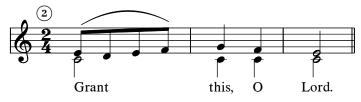
Help us; save us; have mercy on us, and keep Us, O God, by Your Grace.



That the whole day may be kept perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless; let us ask of the Lord.



An Angel of Peace, a faithful Guide, a Guardian of our souls and bodies; let us ask of the Lord.



Pardon and remission of our sins and offenses; let us ask of the Lord.



All things that are good and profitable for our souls, and peace for the whole world; let us ask of the Lord.



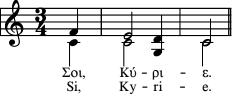
That we may complete the remaining time of our life in peace and repentance; let us ask of the Lord.



Χριστιανὰ τὰ τέλη της ζωῆς ἡμῶν, ἀνώδυνα, ἀνεπαίσχυντα, εἰρηνικά, καὶ καλὴν ἀπολογίαν τὴν ἐπί του φοβεροῦ βήματος του Χριστοῦ αἰτησώμεθα.



Τὴν ἑνότητα τῆς πίστεως, καὶ τὴν κοινωνίαν τοῦ Ἁγίου Πνεύματος αἰτησάμενοι, ἑαυτοὺς καὶ ἀλλήλους καὶ πᾶσαν τὴν ζωὴν ἡμῶν Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ παραθώμεθα.



Καὶ καταξίωσον ἡμᾶς, Δέσποτα, μετὰ παὀῥησίας, ἀκατακρίτως, τολμᾶν ἐπικαλεῖσθαί σε τὸν ἐπουράνιον Θεὸν Πατέρα, καὶ λέγειν.

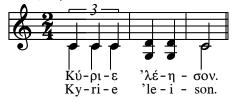
**ΛΑΟΣ:** Πάτερ ἡμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς<sup>.</sup> ἀγιασθήτω τὸ ὄνομά σου<sup>.</sup> ἐλθέτω ἡ βασιλεία σου<sup>.</sup> γενηθήτω τὸ θέλημά σου, ὡς ἐν οὐρανῷ καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς<sup>.</sup> τὸν ἄρτον ἡμῶν τὸν ἐπιούσιον δὸς ἡμῖν σήμερον<sup>.</sup> καὶ ἄφες ἡμῖν τὰ ὀφειλήματα ἡμῶν, ὡς καὶ ἡμεῖς ἀφίεμεν τοῖς ὀφειλέταις ἡμῶν<sup>.</sup> καὶ μὴ εἰσενέγκῃς ἡμᾶς εἰς πειρασμόν, ἀλλὰ ῥῦσαι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ τοῦ πονηροῦ.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ: <sup><sup>70</sup>Οτι σοῦ ἐστιν ἡ βασιλεία καὶ ἡ δύναμις καὶ ἡ δόξα, τοῦ Πατρὸς καὶ τοῦ Υἱοῦ καὶ τοῦ Ἁγίου Πνεύματος, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς χοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.</sup>

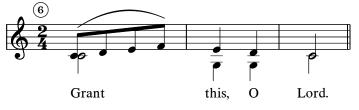




Τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.



A Christian ending to our life, painless, without shame, peaceful; and a good defense before the dread Judgment Seat of Christ; let us ask of the Lord.



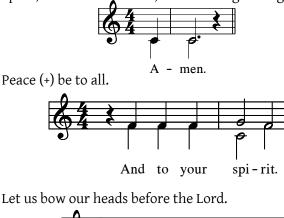
Asking for the unity of the Faith and the Communion of the Holy Spirit, let us commend ourselves and one another and all our life to Christ our God.

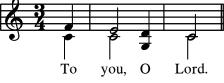


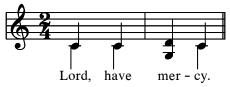
And account us worthy, O Sovereign Lord, with boldness and without condemnation to dare call on You, the Heavenly God, as Father, and to say:

**PEOPLE:** Our Father, Who are in Heaven, hallowed be Your Name; Your Kingdom come. Your Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**PRIEST:** For Yours is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and to the ages of ages.







(Ό 'Ιερεὺς, εὐλογῶν τὸ ποτήριον, λέγει τὴν Εὐχὴν ταύτην) Ό Θεός, ὁ πάντα ποιήσας τῇ ἰσχύϊ σου, καὶ στερεώσας τὴν οἰκουμένην, καὶ κοσμήσας τὸν στέφανον πάντων τῶν πεποιημένων ὑπὸ σοῦ, καὶ τὸ ποτήριον τὸ κοινὸν τοῦτο παρεχόμενος τοῖς συναφθεῖσι πρὸς γάμου κοινωνίαν, εὐλόγησον εὐλογία πνευματικῇ. Ὅτι ηὐλόγηταί σου τὸ ὄνομα, καὶ δεδόξασταὶ σου ἡ βασιλεία τοῦ Πατρὸς καὶ τοῦ Yioῦ καὶ τοῦ Ἁγίου Πνεύματος, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.



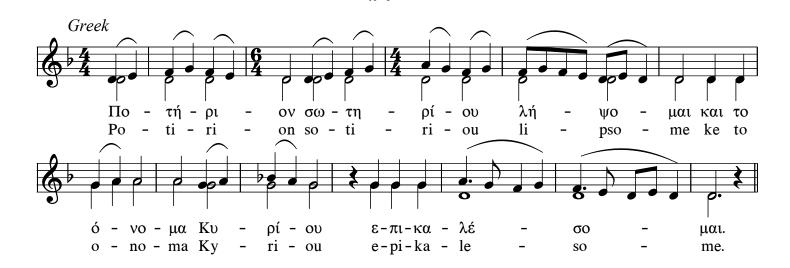
(Εἶτα, λαβών ὁ Ἱερεὺς ἐπὶ χεῖρας τὸ κοινὸν ποτήριον, μεταδίδωσιν αὐτοῖς ἐκ ץ΄, πρῶτον τῷ ἀνδρί, καὶ αὖθις τῆ γυναικί, ψάλλων εἰς ἦχον α΄.)

#### (The Priest blesses the cup saying this prayer:)

O God, Who by Your might create all things, and confirm the universe, and adorn the crown of all things created by You, do You, with Your spiritual blessing (+), bless also this common cup given to them that are joined in the community of marriage. For blessed is Your Holy Name, and glorified is the Kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

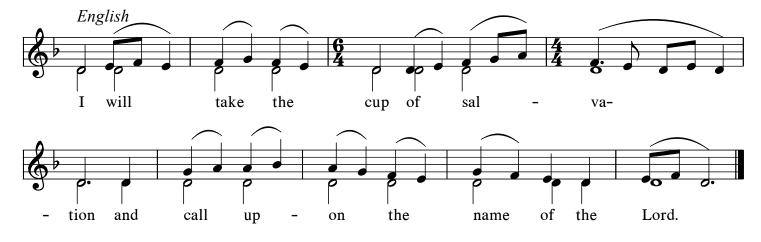


(Then the Priest gives them to drink thrice from the cup, first to the man, then to the woman, chanting:)

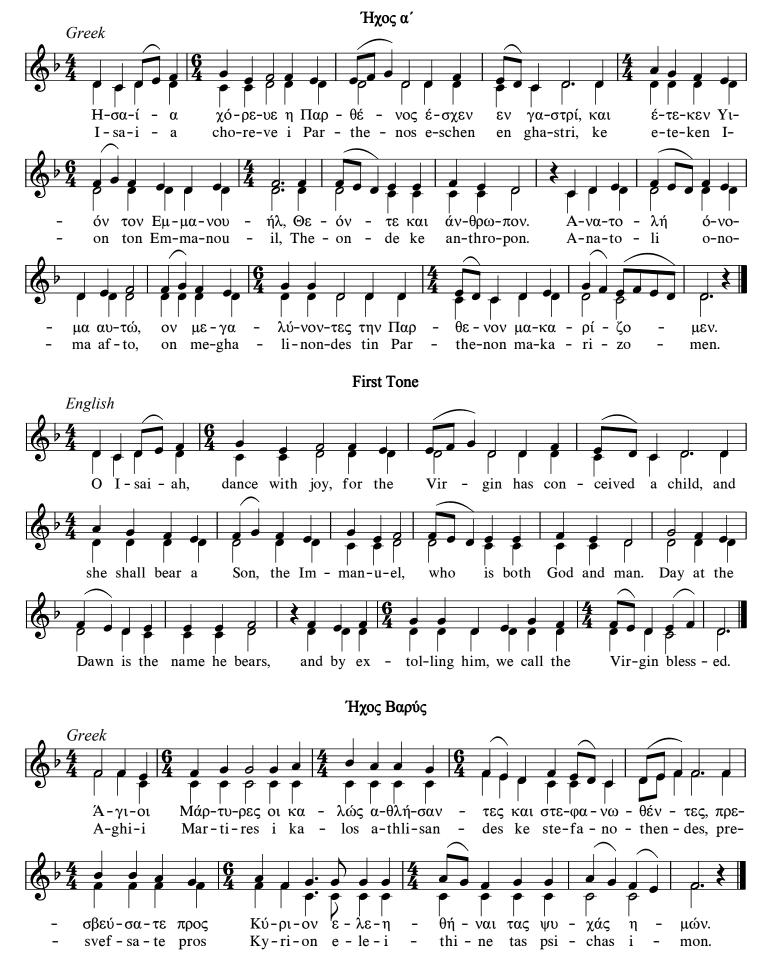


Ήχος Πλ. α΄





(Καὶ εὐθέως λαβὼν αὐτοὺς ὁ Ἱερεύς, τοῦ Παρανύμφου κρατοῦντος ὄπισθεν τοὺς στεφάνους, στρέφει ὡς ἐν σχήματι κύκλου περὶ τὸ ἐν τῷ μέσῳ τραπεζίδιον ἐκ τρίτου.) (Then he takes the Bridal Pair, while the Groomsman holds the Crowns behind and above them, and leads them in a circle around the Analogion thrice. The people sing:)





(Εἶτα ὁ Ἱερεὺς ἐπαίρει τοὺς στεφάνους· καὶ ἐπάρας τὸν στέφανον τοῦ Νυμφίου, λέγει·)

Μεγαλύνθητι, Νυμφίε, ώς ὁ Ἀβραὰμ, καὶ εὐλογήθητι ὡς ὁ Ἰσαάκ, καὶ πληθύνθητι ὡς ὁ Ἰακώβ, πορευόμενος ἐν εἰρήνῃ καὶ ἐργαζόμενος ἐν δικαιοσύνῃ τάς ἐντολὰς τοῦ Θεοῦ.

(Καὶ ἐν τῷ τῆς Νύμφης λέγει·)

Καὶ σύ, Νύμφη, μεγαλύνθητι ὡς ἡ Σάὀῥα, καὶ εὐφράνθητι ὡς ἡ ἘΡεβέκκα, καὶ πληθύνθητι ὡς ἡ ἘΡαχήλ,

εὐφραινομένη τῷ ἰδίῳ ἀνδρί, φυλάττουσα τοὺς ὅρους τοῦ νόμου, ὅτι οὕτως ηὐδόκησεν ὁ Θεός.

Τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθώμεν.

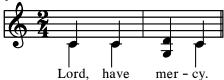


(Then the Priest removes the Crowns, taking first that of the Groom and saying:)

Be magnified, O Bridegroom, as Abraham, and blessed as Isaac, and increased as was Jacob. Go your way in peace, performing in righteousness the commandments of God.

#### (He takes the Crown of the Bride and says:)

And you, O Bride, be magnified as was Sarah, and rejoiced as was Rebecca, and increased as Rachel, being glad in your husband, keeping the paths of the Law, for so God is well pleased.



Ό Θεὸς, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ παραγενόμενος ἐν Κανậ τῆς Γαλιλαίας, καὶ τὸν ἐκεῖσε γάμον εὐλογήσας, εὐλόγησον καὶ τοὺς δούλους σου τούτους, τοὺς τῆ σῆ προνοία πρὸς γάμου κοινωνίαν συναφθέντας. Εὐλόγησον αὐτῶν εἰσόδους καὶ ἐξόδους· πλήθυνον ἐν ἀγαθοῖς τὴν ζωὴν αὐτῶν· ἀνάλαβε (ἐνταῦθα ὁ Ἱερεὺς αἴρει τοὺς στεφάνους ἀπὸ τῶν κεφαλῶν τῶν Νυμφίων, καὶ τίθησιν αὐτοὺς ἐπὶ τῆς τραπέζης) τοὺς στεφάνους αὐτῶν ἐν τῆ Βασιλεία σου, ἀσπίλους καὶ ἀμώμους καὶ ἀνεπιβουλεύτους διατηρῶν εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.



Εἰρήνη πᾶσι.



Τὰς κεφαλὰς ὑμῶν τῷ Κυρίῳ κλίνατε.

Ό Πατήρ, ὁ Υἱὸς καὶ τὸ Ἅγιον Πνεῦμα, ἡ παναγία καὶ ὁμοούσιος καὶ ζωαρχικὴ Τριάς, ἡ μία Θεότης καὶ Βασιλεία, εὐλογήσαι ὑμᾶς, καὶ παράσχοι ὑμῖν μακροζωΐαν, εὐτεκνίαν, προκοπὴν βίου καὶ πίστεως, καὶ ἐμπλήσαι ὑμᾶς πάντων τῶν ἐπὶ γῆς ἀγαθῶν, ἀξιώσαι δὲ ὑμᾶς καὶ τῶν ἐπηγγελμένων ἀγαθῶν τῆς ἀπολαύσεως, πρεσβείαις τῆς ἁγίας Θεοτόκου, καὶ πάντων τῶν Ἁγίων. Δόξα σοι, ὁ Θεὸς, ἡ ἐλπὶς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

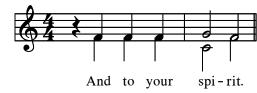
Ό διὰ τῆς ἐν Κανῷ ἐπιδημίας τίμιον ἀναδείξας τὸν γάμον, Χριστὸς ὁ ἀληθινὸς Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς παναχράντου αὐτοῦ Μητρός, τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων καὶ πανευφήμων Ἀποστόλων, τῶν ἁγίων θεοστέπτων βασιλέων καὶ ἰσαποστόλων Κωνσταντίνου καὶ Ἑλένης, τοῦ ἁγίου μεγαλομάρτυρος Προκοπίου, καὶ πάντων τῶν Ἁγίων, ἐλεήσαι καὶ σώσαι ἡμᾶς ὡς ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλάνθρωπος καὶ ἐλεήμων Θεός. Δι' εὐχῶν τῶν ἁγίων Πατέρων, Κύριε Ἰησοῦ Χριστέ, ὁ Θεός ἡμῶν, ἐλέησον καὶ σῶσον ἡμᾶς.



O God our God, Who was present in Cana of Galilee and blessed the marriage there, do You (+) also bless these' Your servants, who, by Your Providence, are joined in the community of marriage. Bless their comings-in and their goings-out. Replenish their life with all good things. (Here the priest lifts the crowns from the heads of the bride and groom and places them on the table.) Accept their crowns in Your Kingdom unsoiled and undefiled; and preserve them without offense to the ages of ages.



Peace be to all.



Let us bow our heads before the Lord.

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; the All-Holy, Consubstantial and Life-creating Trinity; One Godhead and Kingdom; bless (+) you; grant to you long life, wellfavored children, progress in life and in Faith; replenish you with all the good things of the earth, and count you worthy of the promised blessings, through the intercessions of the holy Theotokos, and of all the Saints. Glory to You, O Christ our God and our hope: glory to You.

He, Who by His presence in Cana of Galilee declared marriage to be honorable, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-pure Mother, of the holy, glorious, and all-praiseworthy Apostles, of the holy, God-crowned and Equal-to-the-Apostles Constantine and Helen, of the Holy, great Martyr Procopios, and of all the holy Saints, have mercy on us and save us, as our good and loving Lord. Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ Our God, Have Mercy on us and save us.



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