

# Holy Matrimony

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<p>God took the hand of Eve and gave it into the right hand of Adam. And Adam said: 'This now is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh.' ..them that God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.</p> <p>Blessed art thou who didst create heaven and earth and every creature therein. Thou didst also create man in <u>thine image</u> and made him lord and sovereign of all thy earthly creatures.</p>	<p>Bless, O Christ..so that they..may not be approached by the wickedness of the <u>Evil One</u>..may they be saved from all the snares of <u>Satan</u>.</p> <p>..you should realize that there are in this world all kinds and manner of tribulations. There is sickness, there is poverty, and there are other afflictions and trials.</p>	<p>(Isaiah:) For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord God will cause <u>righteousness and praise to spring forth</u> before all the nations.</p>	<p>Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave himself for it. For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.</p>	<p>..by divine ordinance, and in accordance with the canons of the holy patriarchs, you have come to <u>this holy church</u> to be crowned and wedded lawfully in holy matrimony.</p>	<p>Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of equity is the scepter of thy <u>Kingdom</u>.</p> <p>Grant them, O Lord, offspring according to thy will, and sweeten the virtuousness of their lives with thy bountiful beneficence, that they may live with good behavior in this world unto a ripe age and may be worthy of thy <u>heavenly kingdom</u> and of thy unfading crowns.</p>