
Guidelines for the Mystery of Marriage

Musical instruments may be allowed with the prior permission of the Metropolitan. The musical instrument should be appropriate to the music or hymn; e.g., a guitar would not normally be used to play the “Ave Maria.” The musical instrument should be suited to the Orthodox liturgical setting; for example, strings, flutes, and harps have been generally acceptable; guitars, mandolins, and bouzoukis are not. Such instruments have been allowed in places where the church organ was not in service and when the players were individuals other than the parish organist.

The chanter should normally make the liturgical responses throughout the service; the choir may participate if requested. Exceptions may be made only at the discretion of the Metropolitan.

