

Wedding at Cana/ Water Turned to Wine

2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. **2** Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. **3** And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine."

4 Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come."

5 His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do *it*."

6 Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. **7** Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim. **8** And He said to them, "Draw *some* out now, and take *it* to the master of the feast." And they took *it*. **9** When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. **10** And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the *guests* have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!"

11 This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and ^[a]manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

Reflection Questions:

1. Think back to your wedding sacrament. In what ways can you recognize Jesus and His Mother present with you, acting on your behalf?

2. When you have dry periods in your marriage, when "the wine runs out," have you sought the Theotokos' intercessions? If so, how has she helped you celebrate your union again?

3. Jesus Himself turned the water into wine for the community members to have joy in celebrating the couple. In what ways do you recognize Him using what you take for granted or think of as common in your marriage(water) to impart joy to your community(wine)?

4. A whole community of servants, friends, and family were present to celebrate, support, and bless the couple in Cana. The original rite of marriage was held within the community celebration of the Eucharist because marriage grows in communion with God and other people. In what ways have your community members, friends and/or family helped reinforce your marital bond?

5. Wines get better as they age (appreciate). What things do you miss about the "new wine" you tasted in your early marriage relationship? In what ways do you appreciate your marital wine growing richer over time?