

Pentecostarion
Saturday of Souls
Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Mode 6
Special Melody: *Ere the morning star*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

C

1) Dread-ed is that end brought by death on all things;

fear - ful is the judg - ment passed by the Mas - ter.

G

For yon - der the fire that is un-quench - a - ble is read - ied;

there is the grim gnash-ing of teeth, there the sleep-less worm tor-ment-eth;

E

there is thē out - er dark-ness, there is thē ev - er - last - ing sen-tence.

Un. G

Let us, there - fore, cry un - to the Sav - ior:

Grant rest to those Whom Thou hast tak - en from tem - p'ral things,

E F E

by Thy Great Mer - cy, O Christ our God.

C

2) All ye that cleave fast to life with long - ing,

come un - to the grave - side and be a - ston - ished:

G

Bend down and be-hold the world's be-quile-ment and de - lu - sion.

Where is the beau-ty of the bod-y, where the glo - ry of rich-es?

E

Where is the pride of life now? Tru - ly all things are vain and emp-ty.

Un. G

Let us, there - fore, cry un - to the Sav - ior:

Grant rest to those Whom Thou hast tak - en from tem - p'ral things,

E F E

by Thy Great Mer - cy, O Christ our God.

C

3) He once on a throne hath a tomb to rest on;

then he wore the pur - ple, but now cor - rup - tion,

G

now not on a throne, but in a tomb laid out in dark - ness.

See how his king-ship and do-min-ion hath failed at once_ com-plete-ly!

E

See how the life of man doth pass a-way like a dream and shad-ow.

Un. G

Let us, there - fore, cry un - to thee Sav - ior:

Grant rest to those Whom Thou hast tak - en from tem - p'ral things,

E F E

by Thy Great Mer - cy, O_ Christ our_ God._____

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4) All who from things here have been hence trans - lat - ed,

in the bless - ed hope of life ev - er - last - ing,

G

de - part - ed this life in what - so - ev - er way, O Sav - ior:

those of all na - tions and con - di - tions and ev - 'ry age and stat - ure

E

both men and wom - en, old and young, and e - ven the new - born in - fants,

Un. G

O Thou Friend of man, in Thy Great Mer - cy,

ap - point a place for them of rest and e - ter - nal life

E F E

there in the bos - om of A - bra - ham.