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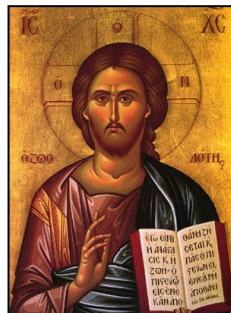
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### Liturgical Guide for Saturday, June 3, 2023

ON THIS DAY, THE SATURDAY OF THE SOULS BEFORE THE FEAST OF PENTECOST, WE REMEMBER ALL WHO HAVE PIOUSLY FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION. WE ALSO COMMEMORATE Lucillian of Byzantium, 4 martyred Youths and Paula the Virgin; Athanasios the Wonderworker; and Kevin, Abbot of Glendalough. *O Master Christ, assign the souls of those who have already reposed to the dwellings of the Righteous, and have mercy on us, as the only Immortal One. Amen.*

## **Welcome, Visitors and Newcomers, to our Parish!**

We invite you to enter your name, mail/email addresses in our Guest Register (near the entrance) if you are interested in joining and assisting with our mission's development. We want to keep you informed of our schedule and location of services. *You and your family are welcome; we look forward to knowing you. We invite you and your family to join and assist us often!*

*Please consider that only baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christians in canonical good standing may approach for Holy Communion. All are invited to partake of the Antidoron ("instead of the gifts") distributed at the conclusion of today's Divine Liturgy.*

## **SPECIAL HYMNS SUNG BEFORE/AFTER SMALL ENTRANCE**

### **1./2. Special Hymn for Saturday of Souls – (not in Hymnal):**

*It is sung before and after the Small Entrance.* O only Creator Who out of love for man arrange all things with depth of wisdom, and impart to all what is beneficial, O Lord, grant repose to the souls of Your servants. For they have placed their hope in You, our Creator and Fashioner and God.

### **3. Hymn Commemorating St. Christopher – (see music distributed):**

*It is sung after the Small Entrance:* Made comely with garments woven from your venerable blood, you stand before the Lord, the King of Heaven and earth, O famed Martyr Christopher. With the choirs of Angels and the Martyrs you chant, singing the thrice-holy hymn and most awesome praises. Thus, by your intercessions with God, save us, your servants.

### **4. Kontakion – (Hymnal – pp. 354–355):**

*This hymn is sung after the Small Entrance:* Among the saints give rest, O Christ, to the souls of Your servants where there is no pain, nor sorrow, nor suffering, but only life everlasting.

### **5. Special Communion Hymn (Psalm 64[65]) – (not in Hymnal):**

Blessed are those You have chosen and taken to dwell within Your courts, O Lord. Their memory will endure from generation to generation. Alleluia.

## **6. Special Hymn (instead of “We have seen the light) – (not in Hymnal):**

Remember us also, O Merciful One, as You remembered the Robber, in the kingdom of heaven.

## **SCRIPTURAL PASSAGES FROM TODAY'S DIVINE LITURGY**

<p><i>The Scriptures were not given us for this only, that we might have them in books, but that we might engrave them on our hearts.</i></p> <p>– St. John Chrysostom</p>
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### **Epistle Reading (1 Thess. 4:13-17):**

*1Ths. 4:13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord Himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever.*

### **Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (John 21:14-25):**

*John 21:14 This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after He was raised from the dead. 15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love Me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Feed My lambs.” 16 A second time He said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend My sheep.” 17 He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love Me?” Peter felt hurt because He said to him the third time, “Do you love He?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know everything; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. 18 Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” 19 (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which He would glorify God.) After this He said to him, “Follow Me.” 20 Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved*

*following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray You?” 21 When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about him?” 22 Jesus said to him, “If it is My will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow Me!” 23 So the rumor spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, “If it is My will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?” 24 This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. 25 But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.*



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*On this the 20<sup>th</sup> year of celebrating the Saturday of the Souls before Pentecost together at St. Christopher's, we continue to thank each of you for your presence and support.* Although it may seem like we are just a handful of men, women and children, if we commit ourselves to serving our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we will experience the miracle of growth as the Holy Spirit brings others into His service to help us build His new church in the Peachtree City, Georgia area for the glory of God!

## **COMMUNITY SCHEDULE** *(CHECK WEB CALENDAR FOR MORE...)*

### **Saturday, June 3 (Saturday of the Souls before Pentecost):**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, followed by Memorial Service

3:00 p.m. Pan-Orthodox Vespers for Pentecost at Ss. Constantine &

Helen Church *Join Fr. George and all our Atlanta Orthodox parishes at*

***Ss. Constantine & Helen Romanian Church (664 Dickens Rd NW, Lilburn, GA 30047) for this Vespers Service featuring the Gospel being read in various languages followed by an outdoor picnic celebration. It is a truly Orthodox family gathering. It is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. to ensure that we have a relaxed fellowship/dinner following the Vespers and return to our homes before dark!***

***Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!***