

**Vesper Propers, July 6, 2008**  
**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Cantor:** (Tone 7) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon Tone 7, page 98*

*Aposticha and Troparion in Tone 7, page 99*

**Our venerable father Sisoës the Great**, hermit in Egypt, who was very remarkable in the exercise of the monastic life. Many of his “words” are recorded in the *Apothegmata Patrum*. A brother once told him that he could not hold the wise sayings in his head and quote them to others. Sisoës replied, “It is not necessary. That which is necessary is to acquire purity of mind and to speak from this purity, placing one’s hope in God.” (c. 429)

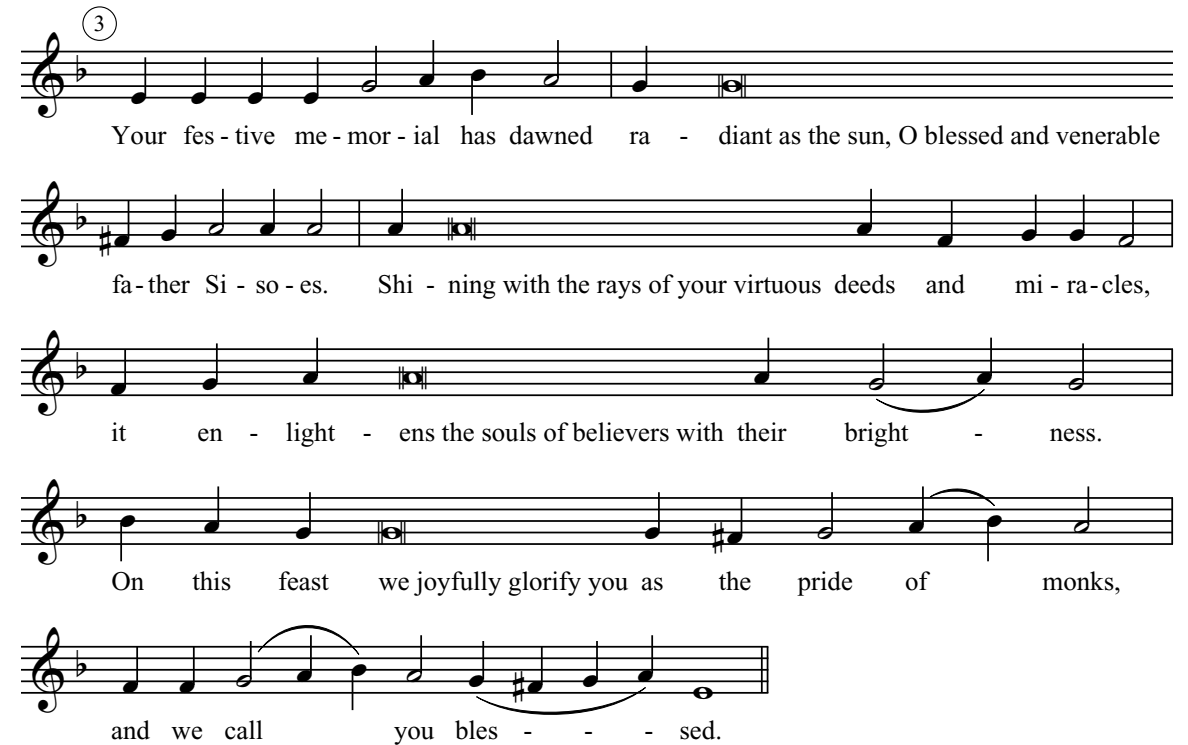
*Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2005*

*Tone of the Week: Tone 7 (begins on page 92), stichera 10-4*

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

**Stichera of Sisoës - Tone 4 samohlasen**

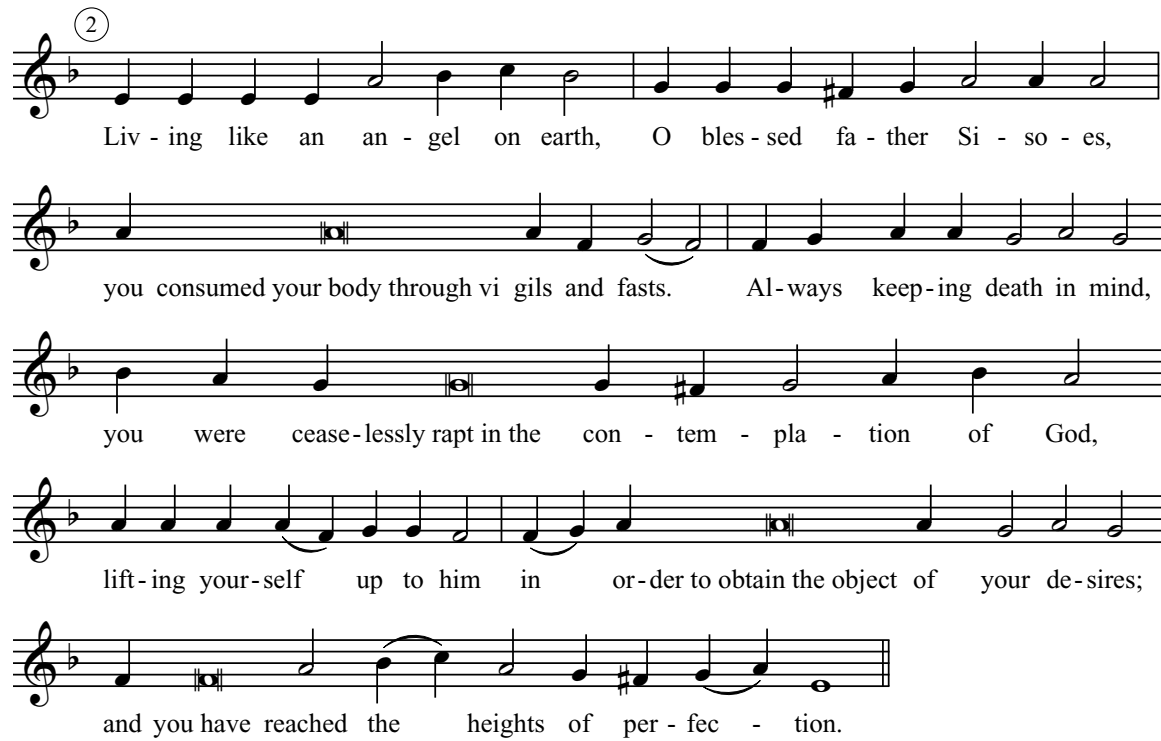
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Your fes - tive me - mor - ial has dawned ra - diant as the sun, O blessed and venerable  
fa - ther Si - so - es. Shi - ning with the rays of your virtuous deeds and mi - ra - cles,  
it en - light - ens the souls of believers with their bright - ness.  
On this feast we joyfully glorify you as the pride of monks,  
and we call you bles - - - sed.

**Cantor:** Praise the Lord all you nations; **Psalm 116**  
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples.

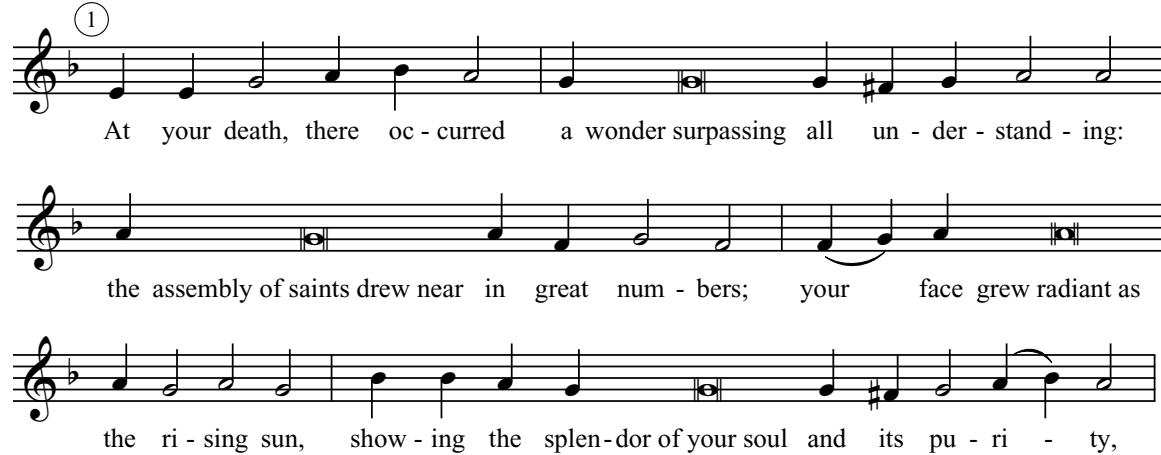
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Liv - ing like an an - gel on earth, O bles - sed fa - ther Si - so - es,  
you consumed your body through vi gils and fasts. Al - ways keep - ing death in mind,  
you were cease - lessly rapt in the con - tem - pla - tion of God,  
lift - ing your - self up to him in or - der to obtain the object of your de - sires;  
and you have reached the heights of per - fec - tion.

**Cantor:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
(on 1) he is faithful forever.

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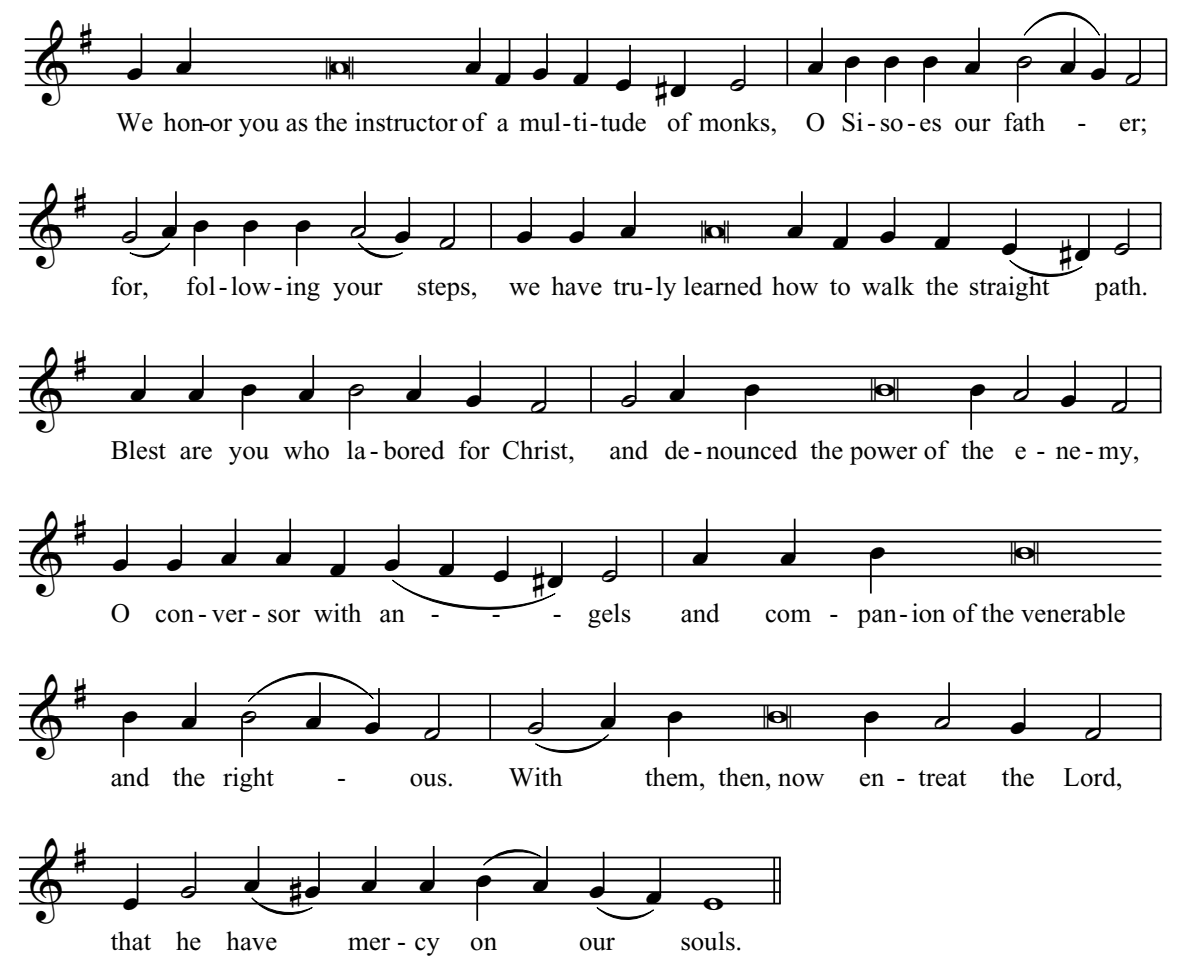
At your death, there oc - curred a wonder surpassing all un - der - stand - ing:  
the assembly of saints drew near in great num - bers; your face grew radiant as  
the ri - sing sun, show - ing the splen - dor of your soul and its pu - ri - ty,



con - firming in the sight of all the bles - sed end which you had at - tained.

**Cantor:** (Tone 8) Glory...

**Doxastikon of the Venerable - Tone 8 samohlasen**



We hon - or you as the instructor of a mul - ti - tude of monks, O Si - so - es our fath - er;  
for, fol - low - ing your steps, we have tru - ly learned how to walk the straight path.  
Blest are you who la - bored for Christ, and de - nounced the power of the e - ne - my,  
O con - ver - sor with an - - - gels and com - pan - ion of the venerable  
and the right - ous. With them, then, now en - treat the Lord,  
that he have mer - cy on our souls.