

Vesper Propers, July 6, 2014
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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, 2006

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 48), 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 our venerable father 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 ble - sed end which you had at - tained.

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...

Doxastikon of our venerable father Sisoës - 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.

Cantor: *(Tone 3) Now and ever...*

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 53)

Aposticha in the Tone of the week (Tone 3, p. 54).

Troparia in the Tone of the week (Tone 3, p. 57).