

## Venerable Sisoes the Great (July 6)

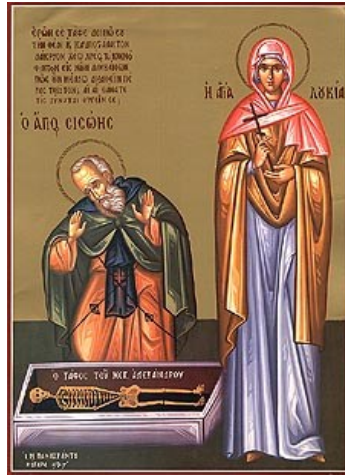
Saint Sisoes the Great (+429) was a solitary monk who pursued asceticism in the Egyptian desert for sixty years. He lived in a cave once sanctified by the prayerful labors of his predecessor, Saint Anthony the Great (commemorated January 17). Through his decades of struggle, Saint Sisoes attained profound spiritual purity and was granted the gift of wonderworking. By his prayers, he once raised a dead child to life.

Though extremely strict with himself, Abba Sisoes was merciful, compassionate, and full of love for others. He received everyone with kindness and always taught humility first. When a monk asked how to attain constant remembrance of God, Saint Sisoes replied, "That is no great thing, my son, but it is a great thing to regard yourself as inferior to everyone else. This leads to the acquisition of humility." When asked if one year was enough for repentance after sin, he said, "I trust in the mercy of God that if such a man repents with all his heart, then God will accept his repentance in three days."

As Saint Sisoes lay on his deathbed, the disciples surrounding him saw that his face shone like the sun. They asked what he saw, and he replied that he beheld Saint Anthony, the prophets, and the apostles. His face grew even brighter, and he began to speak with someone. When the monks asked whom he was speaking with, he said that angels had come for his soul, and he was begging them for more time to repent. The monks replied, "You have no need for repentance, Father." But Saint Sisoes said with deep humility, "I do not think that I have even begun to repent."

After these words, his face became so radiant that the brethren could no longer look at him. He then said that he saw the Lord Himself. Suddenly, there was a flash of lightning and a sweet fragrance filled the room. In that moment, Abba Sisoes peacefully departed to the Heavenly Kingdom.

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**July 6, 2025**

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST & THE FOURTH  
SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

### COMMEMORATIONS:

SISOES THE GREAT, HOLY APOSTLES ARCHIPPUS,  
PHILEMON AND ONESIMUS, LOUKIA THE VIRGIN-  
MARTYR, RIXIOS AND THE 24 COMPANION  
MARTYRS, JULIANA THE VIRGIN-MARTYR

**Tone 3 - Eothinon 4**

**Orthros Gospel: St. Luke 24:1-12**

**Epistle: Romans: 6:18-23**

**Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew: 8:5-13**

**TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION - Tone 3 -** Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

**ORDINARY KONTAKION - Tone 2 -** O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

### TODAY:

**ORTHROS 8:15 a.m.**

*Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission 9 a.m.*

**Divine LITURGY 9:30 a.m.**

Coffee Hour following Liturgy

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. Please contact them directly or call the church office.

## Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

This Week:	Next Week (July 13):
COFFEE HOUR: Potluck	Potluck
PROSPHORA BREAD: Kristi Moore	Gabriela Plesa & Macrina Layton
ALTAR CANDLES: Sidorochev-John's Name Day	
USHERS: Dan Marquardt & Todd Moody	Steve Kulp & Bill Henry
CLEANING TEAM:	
COFFEE HOUR TEAM: Calvin, Mary T., Conor, Christian L. Mike L., Dave & Darby, Steven	

## Mark Your Calendar:

**VCS 2025**  
\*Register *TODAY*\*  
*July 28-Aug 1*

**Dormition Fast Begins**  
*August 1*

**Holy Transfiguration**  
*August 6*

**Dormition of the Theotokos**  
*August 15*

**Beheading of the Forerunner**  
Strict Fast Day  
*August 29*

**Ecclesiastical New Year**  
*September 1*

**International Food Festival**  
*September 19-20*

**JULY OUTREACH**  
**COLLECTION:**  
**Oral Care Products**

### Pray For:

Living	Departed
Our Patriarch John and Faithful of Syria and all the holy land	+ Jaroslav
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	+ Gehrman
Fathers of St Catherine Monastery on Mt Sinai	+ Olga
Survivors of the Damascus Church	+ Edgar
Attack	+ Rene
Archpriest Joel	+ Maxim
Nun Sergeia	(July Parish Diptychs)
John	+Asma
Doris	+Albert
James	+Dorothea
Steven	+Irene
Paraskevi	+Stavros
Elizabeth	+Ressom
Michaela	+Iwan
Elias	+Theresa
Mary	+Fuad
Alexander	+Helen
Natalia and family	+Christine
Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, Michael, Xenia, & all Missionaries	+John
Dn Nathan, John, Samuel & all seminarians	

<u>Catechumens</u>
Ryan
Kassandra
Jasper
Matthew
Mary
Martin
Photini
John
Steven
Robert
Liara
Asher
Sarah
Andrew
Carolyn
Martin
James
Anthony
Slavek
Gabriella
Nevada
Josiah
Casie
Ray

Those searching for housing, jobs and spouses  
Engaged Couples  
Families trying to conceive  
Expectant mothers  
New mothers and their babies  
Those in mourning  
The people of our land, and for their repentance, healing & unity

## This Week:

<b>Mon, July 7:</b>	- - -
<b>Tues, July 8:</b>	Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1:00 p.m.
<b>Wed, July 9:</b>	Little Compline, 6:30 p.m. Patristic Reading, 7:00 p.m. FOCUS Philadelphia (Norristown), 7:00 p.m.
<b>Thurs, July 10:</b>	FOCUS Philadelphia (Avaitor), 8:00 p.m.
<b>Fri, July 11:</b>	Divine Liturgy, 7:00 a.m. Confessions, 6:00 p.m. Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m. Confessions, 7:30 p.m.
<b>Sat, July 12:</b>	Baptism Liturgy (Hewitt) at Mission Chapel, 9:30 a.m. Q&A w/ Fr. Noah, 5:00 p.m. GREAT VESPERS, 6:00 p.m. Confessions, 7:00 p.m.
<b>Sun, July 13:</b>	ORTHROS, 8:15 a.m. Ft. Washington Mission Chapel, 9:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY, 9:30 a.m. Crowning (Henninger), 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour, 11:30 a.m.

**PROSPHORA BAKING CLASS** — Mark your calendar!  
**When:** August 2 between 9:30 am - 1:30 pm  
**Where:** Great room and kitchen.  
**Who:** Anyone interested in joining the Prosphora baking team, please ask for Fr Noah's blessing and then contact Gabi or Catalin Tinjala for details: [ctinjala@yahoo.com](mailto:ctinjala@yahoo.com)

ATTENDANCE: Vespers 6/28: 94                      Liturgy 6/29: 235

**OFFERINGS 6/29:** Candles, \$574. Collections, \$1,092. Book Shelf Ministry, \$79. Needy Fund, \$150. Mission Chapel, \$450. Stewardship, \$5,988.51. Total received: \$8,333.51.

**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**