

The 6th Day of July

Our Venerable Father Sisoës the Great. *[pronounced Si-soway]*

Vespers

At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stichera, in Tone 4: *To the melody, “Thou hast given a sign....”*

Thine all-laudable memory, O ven’rable one, /
Hath shone forth brighter than the sun /
Illumining all with the brilliant rays of thy virtues /
And enlightening the faithful with the radiance of thy miracles /
Therefore, we keep thy feast, O blessèd one ///
Joyfully honoring and blessing thee, as the praise of monastics.

Living thy life as an earthly angel, O richly blessèd one /
Thou didst wither thy mortal body through fasting and vigils /
Divinely mindful of death, O father, /
Steadily increasing in thine ascent to thy final desire, ///
And didst attain its perfect fulfillment.

A wonder beyond understanding /
Occurred at thy falling asleep, O wondrous and ven’rable one /
When the ranks of saints suddenly appeared, O father /
And thy countenance shone like the sun, /
Revealing thy splendid beauty and the purity of thy soul ///
Convincing all of the blessèdness of thy repose.

Glory..., in Tone 8:

We honor thee, O our father Sisoës, /
As an instructor of a multitude of monks /
Teaching us to walk truthfully in the steps of thy way /
Blessèd art thou in thy labors for Christ /
For through them thou didst denounce the power of the enemy, /
O converser with the angels /
And companion of the venerable and righteous ones, ///
Together with them, pray to the Lord that He will have mercy on our souls.

Now and ever..., Theotokion, or the Stavrotheotokion:

Beholding her Child upon the Tree /
As a willing sacrifice, /
The unblemished Maiden wept bitterly /

And she cried lamenting: /
“Woe is me, my beloved Child /
What hath the ungrateful people done to Thee? ///
Wishing to leave me childless, O my beloved One.”

Or Dogmatic Theotokion if a Resurrection service.

The Troparion of the Saint, in Tone 1:

O dweller in the wilderness and angel in the body, /
Thou wast a wonderworker, O our God-bearing father Sisoës. /
Thou didst receive heavenly gifts /
Through fasting, vigil and prayer: /
Healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to thee by faith. /
Glory to Him who gave thee strength! /
Glory to Him who hath granted thee a crown! ///
Glory to Him who through thee grants healing to all!

Matins

The Canon of the Saint, in Tone 8:

— *incomplete as of 5/31/14*

After the Sixth Ode:

The Kontakion of the Saint, in Tone 4: *To the melody, “Thou hast appeared today....”*

Thou didst retire to the wilderness, O holy Sisoës /
And didst become an angel in the flesh; /
Through thy spiritual teachings /
Thou hast become a shining guide to the faithful. ///
So we glorify thee in faith.