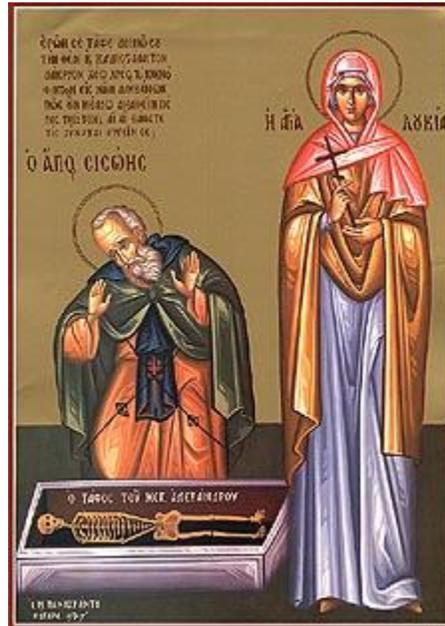


St. Nikolai Orthodox Mission of Alliance, Divine Liturgy, 9:00 am.  
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JULY 6, 2014: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost/Venerable Sisoës the Great  
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**Tone 3 Troparion** *(Resurrection)*

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad!  
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.  
He has trampled down death by death.  
He has become the first born of the dead.  
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,  
and has granted to the world//great mercy.

**Tone 1 Troparion** *(Venerable Sisoës)*

Dweller of the desert and Angel in the body,  
You were shown to be a wonder-worker, our God-bearing Father Si-so-ës.\*  
You received heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer:  
healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to you by faith.  
Glory to Him Who gave your strength!  
Glory to Him Who granted you a ^crown!//  
Glory to Him Who through you grants healing to all!

**Tone 4 Troparion** **St. Nikolai**

In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence;  
your humility exalted you; your poverty enriched you. Hierarch Father Nikolai, entreat Christ our God that our  
souls may be saved.

**Tone 3      Kontakion      (Resurrection)**

On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One,  
leading us from the gates of death.  
On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;  
with the Prophets and Patriarchs//  
they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

**Tone 4      Kontakion      (Venerable Sisoës)**

In asceticism you were revealed to be an earthly Angel,  
continually enlightening the thoughts of the faithful with divine signs.//  
Therefore we honor you with faith, venerable Sisoës.\*

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

**Tone 3      Prokeimenon      (Resurrection)**

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!  
*v: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!*

**Tone 3** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: In You, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame!*  
*v: Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me!*

**Gospel:** Matthew 8:5-13

**Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.



**Saint Sisoës the Great** (+ 429) was a solitary monk, pursuing asceticism in the Egyptian desert in a cave sanctified by the prayerful labors of his predecessor, St Anthony the Great (January 17). For his sixty years of labor in the desert, St Sisoës attained to sublime spiritual purity and he was granted the gift of wonderworking, so that by his prayers he once restored a dead child back to life.

Extremely strict with himself, Abba Sisoës was very merciful and compassionate to others, and he received everyone with love. To those who visited him, the saint first of all always taught humility. When one of the monks asked how he might attain to a constant remembrance of God, St Sisoës remarked, “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.” Asked by the monks whether one year is sufficient for repentance if a brother sins, Abba Sisoës 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.”

When St Sisoës lay upon his deathbed, the disciples surrounding the Elder saw that his face shone like the sun. They asked the dying man what he saw. Abba Sisoës replied that he saw St Anthony, the prophets, and the apostles. His face increased in brightness, and he spoke with someone. The monks asked, “With whom are you speaking, Father?” He said that angels had come for his soul, and he was entreating them to give him a little more time for repentance. The monks said, “You have no need for repentance, Father” St Sisoës said with great humility, “I do not think that I have even begun to repent.”

After these words the face of the holy abba shone so brightly that the brethren were not able to look upon him. St Sisoes told them that he saw the Lord Himself. Then there was a flash like lightning, and a fragrant odor, and Abba Sisoes departed to the Heavenly Kingdom.



**PRAYERS are requested for:**

Candi (friend of John and Lynette Baier)  
Wendy (friend of Lana Baier)  
Jim, Cousin of Fr. David  
George Borojevich, brother of Wally and Debby  
+Archimadrite Theodor (Micka)  
+Nell Janik

**COFFEE HOUR:**

Coffee Hour Sunday, July 6 will be provided by John and Lynette Baier.  
Coffee Hour on Sunday, July 13 will be provided by Jaga Radosevic.  
We need coffee hour hosts. July 20 and July 27 are available. Coffee Hour for the summer needs to be very simple (i.e. coffee, donuts, juice) due to facility constrictions. Any leftovers will need to go home with the host. Please see Cathy or Tom Baier if you would like to help.

**GOLF OUTING:**

The date for our golf outing, July 19, is approaching fast! Please see Tom Krupko if you have any information or responses.

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