

LITURGICAL VARIABLES – SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2025

*Commemoration of our Righteous Father Sisoës the Great of Egypt;
Apostles Archippos, Philemon, and Onesimos of the Seventy*

FIRST ANTIPHON

It is good to give praise unto the Lord, and to chant unto Thy Name, Most High!
Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!
To proclaim in the morning Thy mercy and Thy truth by night. *(Refrain)*
Upright is the Lord our God, and there is no unrighteousness in Him. *(Refrain)*
Glory...Both now...*(Refrain)*

SECOND ANTIPHON

The Lord is King; He is clothed with majesty! The Lord is clothed with strength
and hath girt Himself.
Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee: Alleluia!
For He established the world which shall not be shaken. *(Refrain)*
Holiness becometh Thy house, O Lord, unto length of days. *(Refrain)*
Glory...Both now...O Only-begotten Son...

• During the Little Entrance, chant the Apolytikion of the Resurrection.
Then, the following Entrance Hymn:

ENTRANCE HYMN OF THE RESURRECTION

Come let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God,
Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

• After the Entrance, sing the hymns in the following order below:

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (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.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. NICHOLAS (TONE 4)

In truth you were revealed to your flock, as a rule of faith, a model of meekness
and a teacher of self-control. Therefore, you have won the heights by humility,
riches by poverty. Holy Father, Bishop Nicholas, intercede with Christ our God
that our souls may be saved.

KONTAKION OF REGULAR SUNDAYS (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.

TRISAGION HYMN

English: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.
Arabic: Qudduson ullah, Qudduson ulqawi, Qudduson ullahdhi, la yamut
urhamna.
Greek: Agios O Theos, Agios Ischiros, Agios Athanatos, eleison imas.
*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever and unto
ages of ages. Amen.* Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.
Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.



THE EPISTLE

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands all ye peoples.

Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans (6:18-23)

Brethren, having been set free from sin, you have become slaves of
righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural
limitations. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and
to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to
righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were
free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from
the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is
death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become
slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal
life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (8:5-13)


At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching Him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered Him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, He marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the Kingdom of Heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

COMMUNION HYMN OF THE RESURRECTION (TONE 8)

Praise the Lord from the Heavens, praise Him in the highest!

SYNAXARION

On July 6, we commemorate our Righteous Father Sisoës the Great of Egypt. Sisoës was a disciple of St. Anthony the Great. Imposing difficult ascetic labors on himself in the wilderness for 60 years, Sisoës humbled himself so much that he became meek and guileless as a lamb. God endowed Sisoës with abundant grace so that he was able to heal the sick, drive out unclean spirits and resurrect the dead. Sisoës taught those who visited him: "Regardless in what way temptation comes to man, a man should give himself to the will of God and to recognize that temptation occurred because of his sins. If something good happens, it should be said that it happened according to God's Providence." Sisoës died peacefully in extreme old age in 429.



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