

Saint Sisoes 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 Sisoes 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 Sisoes 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 Sisoes 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 Sisoes 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 Sisoes 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 Sisoes 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 Sisoes 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

County Fair Food Booth

AppleFest

Beefsteak Dinner

Holy Spirit Orthodox Church - Wantage, NJ

Archpriest Samuel Kedala, Rector

Joanne Patrick, Choir Director

Parish Council

Timothy Kachur, Sr. Warden

Mark Benda, Jr. Warden

Michael Olsen, Treasurer

Doris Livanos/Susan Matthews, Co/Recording Secretary

Council members

Edward Engelsman • Michael Chwan

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Sunday, July 6, 2008

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

Tues. 7:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting
Saturday 6:00 P.M.. Vespers/Confessions
Sunday 9:35 AM Hours, 10 AM Divine Liturgy

**Today's commemorated feasts and saints... 3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —
Tone 2. Ven. Sisoës the Great (429).** Ven. Sisoës, Schema-monk, of the Kiev Caves
(Far Caves—13th c.). Uncovering of the Relics of Holy Princess Juliana Ol'shanskaya
(16th c.). Martyrs Marinus and Martha, and their child

Romans 5:1-10 (Epistle) Matthew 6:22-33 (Gospel)

BULLETIN

Thank you to **Ed Engelsman** for cutting grass and pruning trees around the Church
May God Repay

Thank you to **Ed Engelsman** for donating a case of wine for use after Holy Com-
munion. Many Years!

There is a sign-up sheet for Lawn mowing and Church Cleaning downstairs.
Please sign-up to help at least one time.

Thank you to **Michael Olsen** and **Timothy Kachur** for their successful **Golf Outing**.
We thank all who participated and donated to the success of this event.

Traveling this Summer? Be sure to visit the "Orthodoxy in America" website to find
an Orthodox Church wherever you are heading, be it in the United States, Canada, or
Mexico. All the canonical Orthodox jurisdictions (OCA, Greek, Romanian, Antiochian,
Serbian, etc.) are listed together on this one helpful site: www.orthodoxyinamerica.org-
Check it out! Also, Father can contact a priest ahead of time for you to inform him that
you would like to come to the Chalice at the Liturgy. If you do travel, also please remem-
ber to not take a vacation from your support of our parish! We are here even when you
are not! Thank you, God bless your travels and come back safe and sound!

Thank you to Maria Lange and Family who hosted the Coffee Social last week.
The **Livanos Family** is hosting today. Check the Coffee Social Assignment Sheet for
your assigned Sunday.

PLEASE PURCHASE gift cards for shopping at ShopRite and A & P stores.
They are working out wonderfully. Very convenient for shopping. No cash, no
checks, just a little card. They are great, and our church benefits by your using
them.

WE HAVE SHOP RITE AND A&P GIFT CARDS-STOCK UP ON GIFT CARDS
FOR YOUR REGULAR SHOPPING & AS GIFTS TO OTHERS

Please place a **food donation in the Sussex Help Center Basket** downstairs.
The food is distributed to the needy in our community.

Please place a small donation in the basket at Coffee Social to help pay for the
paper products.

Please **keep the following people in your prayers:** Catherine Schwed,
Thelma Macheska, Alyssa Karakos, Mary Kwak, Matushka Evelyn Kreta, Christo-
pher, Corinne Matthews, infant Nicholai, Dan Taylor, Stephen Kachur, Pighi
Mardaloescu, Archimandrite Joachim (Parr), Frank Higginbotham, Joanne Patrick,
Feodora Apanasow, Alexander, Archpriest Joseph Chupeck, the infant Logan Eu-
gene, Jennifer, Matushka Vera Yuschak, Christine Molbury and her children,
Catherine Matthews, Jean Holowach, Despena Eptamenitis, Matushka JoAnne,
Samuel Nicholas Kedala, Louis Vagias and the infant Ella Jane.

Seven Day Vigil Candles

By **Engelsman family** for the health Salvation of their grandson **Alexander** as he
enters the Marine Corps in Basic training

By **Ion Family** for the Health and Salvation of **Petru**

Seven day vigil candles are available for the faithful to sponsor in memory of their
departed, the sick, or for the general intentions (anniversaries, birthdays, weddings,
baptisms, etc.). They will remain lit on the altar and table of oblation. The sug-
gested donation is \$10.00 each and will burn for seven days. The intentions and
those who offered them will be announced in the weekly bulletins. You may pur-
chase your offering at the Parish Council office.

If you would like to have something published in the weekly bulletin, e-mail or
bring typed copy to Father Samuel by Wednesday of the week prior to the Sunday
you would like it published. If you would like something in the monthly bulletin have
it e-mailed or brought to Fr. Samuel two weeks prior to the first of the month it is to
be published in.