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JULY 19, 2020
VENERABLE SISOES THE GREAT
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Reading
Romans 12:6-14

Gospel Reading
Matthew 9:1-8

**CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!
HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!**

Troparion (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion for Venerable Sisoes

From your youth you followed the angelic life and were therefore filled with many godly gifts. O Sisoes, emulator of the angels, in the hour of your going forth from this life, you shone resplendently as the sun revealing your glory and illuminating our souls!

Kontakion (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, and we cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

Kontakion for Venerable Sisoes

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 Sisoes.

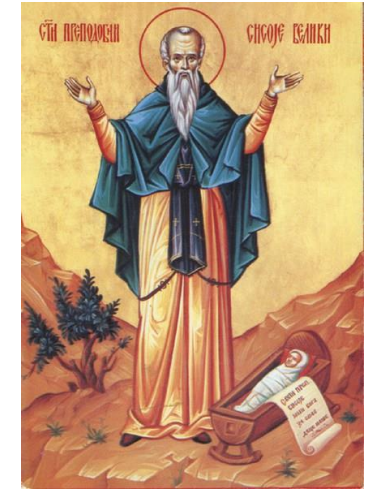
Prayers for Popadija Kitty

Please remember Popadija Kitty in prayer for her surgery on Thursday, July 23.

The Veneration of St. Sisoes in Serbia

St. Sisoes (†429) has a unique veneration in Serbia where he is highly revered by mothers as a protector of children and a speedy assistant in every sadness and trouble. While an unwritten rule, it is a growing tradition for pious mothers to fast for seven days before his feastday on July 6 (July 19 Old Calendar). A portion of his relic is located in the Monastery of St. Basil of Ostrog in Montenegro.

~Excerpt from *Mystagogy*



Orthodoxy 201 – Schedule Change

The adult discussion group will not meet on July 22. Class will resume on July 29.

IOCC Urges Parishes and Families to Stay Prepared for Weather-Related Events

“While each of us is doing our part to slow the spread of COVID-19, we also have the ability to do our part to prepare for weather-related events that can severely impact your life and community. IOCC is urging everyone to plan now, and stay prepared. And, if you have kids, make sure to include them in your planning process! If you aren't sure where to start, we've created simple templates to guide you, your community, and your parish.” Visit [IOCC: Emergency Supply Kit](#)

Faith in Action “Back 2 School Drive”

Reminder: We can help low-income children and teens get ready for school through Northern Virginia Family Services. Donations of school necessities and financial gifts are still possible by going to the [NVFS website](#) throughout July.

Orthodox Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday is next Sunday, July 26

“With awareness and Christian charity, this ministry is able to do the work commanded by our Lord and reach these often forgotten brethren.”

Information is coming next week on how to support the ongoing efforts of [Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry](#).

God Grant You Many Years!

Grant, O Lord, a peaceful life, health, salvation and furtherance in all good things to Borka Sucevic for her birthday on Tuesday. Mnogaja ljeta!