

SUTARIS JOSEPH E  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol                         |  |
| Â SUTARIS JOSEPH E                        |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC. [CBU]  |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 05/21/2018   |  |
| 5790 WIDEWATERS PARKWAY                   |         |                                      | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                           | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)   |  |
| DEWITT, NY 13214                          |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner       | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
|   |         |                                      | EVP & Chief Financial Officer  | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 2,774   | D  | Â   |
| Common Stock                    | 1,013.7966  | I  | By 401(k) Plan <sup>(1)</sup>                         |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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|              | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares | Derivative Security | Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |   |
|--------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---|---|
| Stock Option | Â (2)            | 03/19/2023      | Common Stock | 3,026                      | \$ 29.79            | D   | Â |
| Stock Option | Â (3)            | 03/18/2025      | Common Stock | 2,388                      | \$ 35.36            | D   | Â |
| Stock Option | Â (4)            | 03/19/2024      | Common Stock | 2,296                      | \$ 37.77            | D   | Â |
| Stock Option | Â (5)            | 03/16/2026      | Common Stock | 2,576                      | \$ 38.02            | D   | Â |
| Stock Option | Â (6)            | 03/20/2028      | Common Stock | 1,559                      | \$ 55.92            | D   | Â |
| Stock Option | Â (7)            | 03/15/2027      | Common Stock | 1,503                      | \$ 57.12            | D   | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |                                 |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                         | Other |
| SUTARIS JOSEPH E<br>5790 WIDEWATERS PARKWAY<br>DEWITT, NY 13214 | Â             | Â         | Â EVP & Chief Financial Officer | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/ Marguerite K. Geiss, pursuant to a Confirming Statement executed by Joseph E. Sutaris 05/31/2018

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The number of shares reported herein acquired pursuant to Community Bank System, Inc.'s 401(k) Plan and are based on a current plan statement.
- (2) The option vested ratably on March 19, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.
- (3) The option vests ratably on March 18, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.
- (4) The option vests ratably on March 19, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.
- (5) The option vests ratably on March 16, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021.
- (6) The option vests ratably on March 20, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023.
- (7) The option vests ratably on March 15, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

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