



How We Heal Our Brother With Consideration and Love

By quiet and gentle love we approach and heal the human being.

We never harp on to someone about his weaknesses and failings.

We speak only well of others.

While we see their mistakes, we keep silent and only love.

For when we behave towards a harsh and callous person as he “deserves,” we only make him worse. When, on the other hand, we treat him with consideration and love, we are able to make him better.

A Christian does not detest anyone.

What does he do? **He** only loves. **He** loves even his enemies.

When St. Stephen the Protomartyr was being stoned, he gave no thought to the physical pain, but rather how to forgive his torturers.

That is why he said: “Lord, lay not this sin to their charge.”

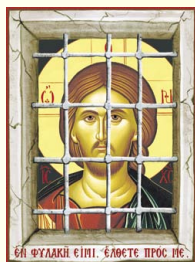
It is astounding to contemplate how far the love of a believer can go.

This is a **distinctive love**, which brings you freedom and calmness, and which enables the **Light of the Resurrection** to spring forth within you.

It opens unto you spiritual horizons, causing you to participate in heavenly things while still on earth.



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Pilgrimage

a. to the Detention Center of Amphissa (our tenth)

b. to the tenth-century Monastery of
Hosios Loukas, Steirion, Boiotia



St. Philaret the Merciful Orthodox Women's Guild



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† First Saturday of Souls

before the Sunday of the Last Judgement



Our Relations With Others

A Christian takes pleasure in the presence of all of his fellow human beings.

He does not grow tired of his neighbor, since he does not allow himself to be infected by the *germ of overfamiliarity*, which occasionally turns into cruelty, whereupon courtesy, tenderness, good sentiments, discretion, and grace in human relationships are banished.

In his relations with others there is nothing routine.

Everything is a gentle surprise, a sunrise, bound up with life and the salvation of the world.

Everything engenders a source of consolation, which he feels within himself to unite all things.