



## 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.

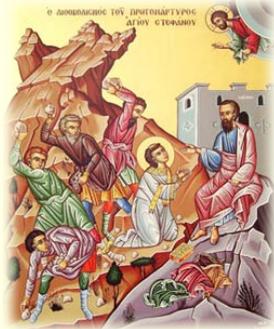
**When** St. Stephen the Protomartyr was being stoned, he gave no thought to the physical pain, but rather how to forgive his torturers.

**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.