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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode Pl. 2.

When the angelic powers were at Thy tomb, then they that guarded Thee became as dead. And Mary stood beside the grave seeking Thine immaculate body. Thou hast despoiled Hades and wast not tried thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst grant life to us. O Thou Who art risen from the dead, Lord, glory be to Thee.

Seasonal Kontakion. Mode 2.

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the

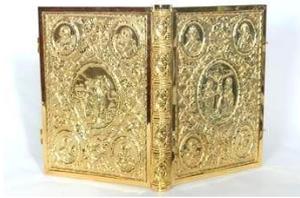
Creator most constant: O despise not the supplicant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

**Prokeimenon. Mode 4.
Psalm 67.35,26**

God is wonderful among his saints.
Verse: Bless God in the congregations The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 15:1-7

We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ² Let each of us please *his* neighbor for *his* good, leading to edification. ³ For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me." ⁴ For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. ⁵ Now

may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus,⁶ that you may with one mind *and* one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.⁷ Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.



The Gospel According to Matthew 9:27-35

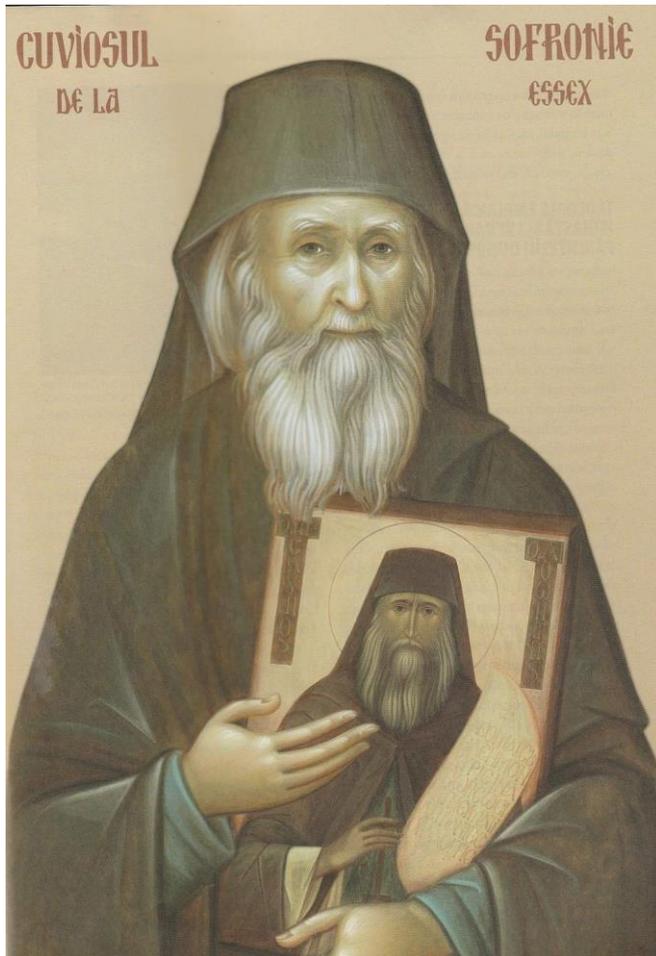
When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!"²⁸ And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord."²⁹ Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you."³⁰ And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See *that* no one knows *it*."³¹

But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country.³² As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed.³³ And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!"³⁴ But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons."³⁵

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

Quotes from newly canonized Saint Sophrony

"Stand at the brink of despair, and when you see that you cannot bear it anymore, draw back a little, and have a cup of tea."



Saint Sophrony canonized with the feast day of July 11.

"There are three things I cannot take in: non-dogmatic faith, non-ecclesiological Christianity and non-ascetic Christianity. These three - the church, dogma, and asceticism - constitute one single life for me." - *Letter to D. Balfour, [August 21, 1945](#).*

Discipline imposed by others does not help in repentance and does not help the soul to

develop and become a person. Discipline is not the same as self-discipline, and obedience is different again. Those monasteries in the West that began with discipline have collapsed.

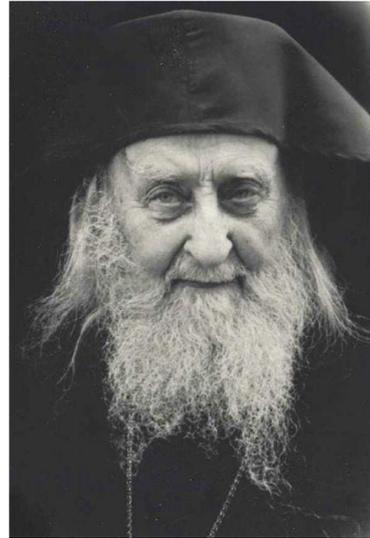
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The purpose of Christian marriage is for people to reach unselfish love and cut off their own will, and thence to reach God.

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When someone who is not Orthodox comes to the Orthodox Church he must go through a furnace of repentance, of change and regeneration of his entire way of thinking and living. This will take a long time. In order for someone's positive attitude towards Orthodoxy to become an experience of his heart, he must lead a life of asceticism and crucifixion for many years under the guidance of an experienced

spiritual father. Otherwise the 'old self' will remain, with the result that unbelief and the inclination to go back to the old way of life will often OCCUR. <http://orthodoxriver.org/2016/02/04/five-quotes-from-elder-sophrony/>



Liturgical Schedule for this week

Monday <i>July 27</i>	9:00 pm	Divine Liturgy - Saint Panteleimon
Wednesday <i>July 29</i>	6:00 pm	Paraklesis
Saturday <i>August 1</i>	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Divine Liturgy Vespers
Sunday <i>August 2</i>	8:30 am 9:30 am	Matins Divine Liturgy



Announcements:

- **Saturday Liturgies for higher risk parishioners have begun. Please respect their request for wearing masks if you attend.**
- **The Holy Dormition fast starts Friday July 31st. No dairy, meat and eggs are allowed until August 15. Fish is allowed on the Holy Transfiguration feast, August 6.**

