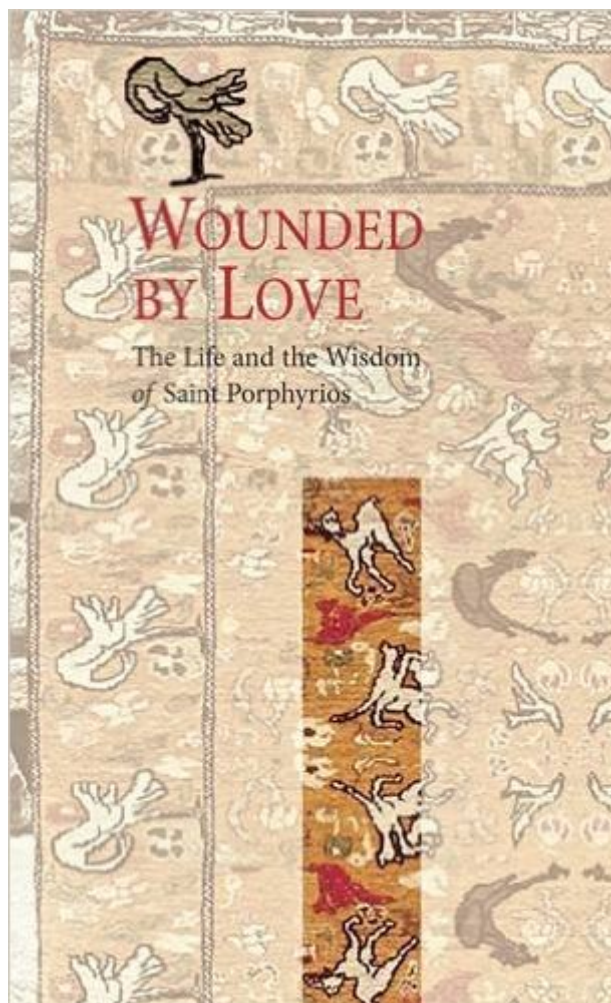


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Wounded By Love: The Life And Wisdom Of Saint Porphyrios



Synopsis

The Life and Wisdom of ELDER PORPHYRIOS. Alder Porhyrios, a Greek monk and priest who died in 1991, stands in the long tradition of charismatic spiritual guides in the Eastern Church which continues from the apostolic age down to figures such as Saint Seraphim of Sarov and Staretz Silouan in modern times. In this book he tells the story of his life and, in simple, deeply reflected and profoundly wise words, he expounds the Christian faith of today. This book was compiled after his death from an archive of notes and recordings of his reminiscences, conversations and words of guidance, and was first published in Greek in 2003.

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When you meet this man on the pages of what reads like a memoir put together by friends after his death in 1991, you'll want to hand in all your college degrees and hang instead with sheep herders, grade school dropouts and poets. If shopping for spiritual advisers, after reading this book you may prefer the company of simple and quiet folk who embrace short prayers which arise from a basic divine madness--a divine eros he called it. Love for God. Yes, as to church, you'll lean more toward the company of men and women of the Jesus Prayer or who have no formal spiritual training but have taken in the lessons of life's hard knocks collected by such things as rubbing up against difficult people, poor health and austere surroundings. I spent dozens of hours with this book, number 2 pencil in hand. The brother who suggested I read it must have liked it as well: he read it seven times. Yes, in my copy, no margin of white space has been safe, as now, notes abound. Wounded By Love first appeared in Greek in 2003, two years after this monk and priest died at the seasoned age of 85. The book was arranged by his students in two parts: his life and his sayings.

His early father working out of country to support the family, Elder Porphyrios ran away from home to become a monk, trading work at a relative's corner store at age 12 for a life of prayer. He was raised on the holy mountain by two brother monks who, by providence, met him on the boat docks of Mt Athos. Telling a small lie, they broke the rules and were able to successfully sneak the young lad into that monastery in Kavsokalyvia. Dwelling in that small skete his two mentors were strict with this young boy, teaching him obedience and prayer.

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