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Five Saints – Confessors: Victims of Catholic ‘Love’

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During the 18th Century, Transylvania was under the occupation of Austro-Hungarian Empire. The Catholics, wishing to recoup their losses after the schism with the Protestants began an offensive against Orthodoxy. They used both violence and diplomacy to subdue the orthodox, which they considered as ‘backward’.

Under the pretext of Unia they tried to proselyte them to Catholicism. Their ways are still used to this day. Nevertheless even those days, there were people who were resisting such efforts of massive conversion and became martyrs and confessors. Such people were monks, like Saints Vissarion and Sophroni, who could not tolerate the discrimination suffered by those orthodox people who were not following Unia and were treated as second class citizens.

Thus they dedicated their lives assisting their neighbor and restoring the orthodox faith in Transylvania. (περισσότερα…)