## Martyr Nicephorus of Antioch (February 9)

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The Holy Martyr Nicephorus lived in the city of Syrian Antioch. In this city lived also

the presbyter Sapricius, with whom Nicephorus was very friendly, so that they were considered as brothers. They quarreled because of some disagreement, and their former love changed into enmity and hate.

After a certain time Nicephorus came to his senses, repented of his sin and more than once asked Sapricius, through mutual friends, to forgive him. Sapricius, however, did not wish to forgive him. Nicephorus then went to his former friend and fervently asked forgiveness, but Sapricius was adamant. ( $\pi\epsilon\rho\iota\sigma\sigma\delta\tau\epsilon\rho\alpha...$ )