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BULLETIN OF MAY 26, 2013

4TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA/MAY 26
9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour; Question & Answer Period

MONDAY/MAY 27
Memorial Day Pilgrimage to the Monastery
Of St. Tikhon in South Canaan, PA.

TUESDAY/MAY 28
7:00p.m. Vespers
7:45p.m. Lesser Blessing of Waters

WEDNESDAY/MAY 29
**Mid-Pentecost Feast & St. Luke the
Hierarch & Physician of Crimea**
9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
7:00-8:30p.m. Adult Study Class

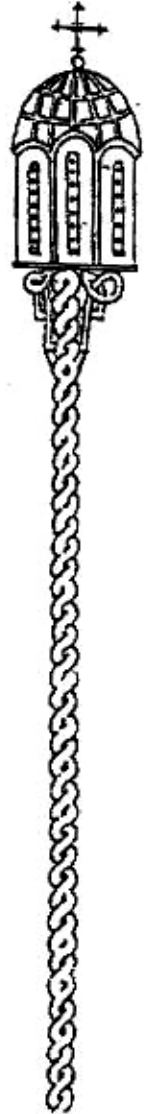
SATURDAY/JUNE 1
5:30p.m. Vespers

5TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA/JUNE 2
9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour

A Right Understanding of Holiness

Let us never think that holiness means infallibility; the perfect man is non-existent. Holiness is in the area of struggle, not perfection. No one is perfect. Perfection does not exist. What exists is the struggling man, the one who keep striving. We must understand this. I say this because at times we may think that holiness, which is our calling by the way, is so far out of our grasp that it is unattainable. This is not so. It is a delusion and work of the devil, to tell us that holiness is unrealistic and we cannot reach it. The devil wants to destroy us. No my friends do not listen to this. Holiness is in the struggle!

-Archimandrite Athanasios (Mitilinaos)



Offerings Week of May 26

Olive Oil – in memory of Michael, Justina, and Rosalia; for the health of Christine; for the health of Matthew; for the health of Basil and Barbara Kulick on 53rd wedding anniversary.

Wine - in memory of Joan and Sandy; for the health of Dumitru; Elena and Calin-Andrei.

Flowers – for the health of Rachael (birthday).

Parish Synodicon – Memory Eternal!

May 27, 1977	Julian Sudillo
May 27, 1988	Tatiana Shvridrik
May 28, 1970	Mary Szwhala
May 29, 1942	Elizabeth Bulat
May 29, 1953	Emil Wilhousky
May 30, 1939	Dominick Stokolovsky
May 30, 1949	Anna Kuchner
May 30, 1963	William Marchison
May 31, 1963	Michael Dziga
June 01, 1961	Alex Horbel

Coffee Hour Hosting

May 26	Inga, Eka, Marina & Nona
June 2	Motoviloff, Torrisi, Kachek & Stone
June 9	Combs, Mantzafos, Parsells & Sokol

Ushers Schedule

May 26	E. Sarchisian, N. Popa & L. Khuzaurashvili
June 2	T. Smith, P. Bakaletz & A. Moldoveanu
June 9	T. Gorbatuk & J. Stone

Altar Servers Schedule

Alpha:	Nicholas T. George J., Nicholas M., Matthew P. Andre & Mattei M.
Beta:	Zachary S. George J. Nicholas M. Matthew P., Antoni & Alexandru C.
Alpha:	1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Sundays.
Beta:	3 rd and 4 th Sundays.
Alpha & Beta:	June 16 & June 23

Namesday Greetings!

St. Theodosia/May 29: Tessie Nevitt

Open Church Doors Ministry – The Months of May and June

Between the hours of 12:00p.m. and 2:00p.m., we keep (weather permitting) the doors of the church open, so those passing by, people who wish to

pray, and those led in by the Lord, may benefit and receive the blessing of our Lord.

On these Sundays, we seek 2 people each week simply to be at the church any greet anyone entering. It is also a great opportunity for those greeting to spend time in prayer, reflection and spiritual reading. A sign-up sheet is on the vestibule stand.

Archpastoral Visit of Bishop Michael to our Parish – June 15 and 16

On this, “Father’s Day” weekend, our Spiritual Father, Bishop Michael will be with us. Please plan your calendar accordingly. We will also recognize “graduates” on this Sunday and a light festal meal will follow in the Parish Center.

Graduates of the Year 2013

Please let Father James know the names of those who are graduating this year from high school, college, special schools; graduate school, etc. Thanks

Parish Council Conference – June 15th

On this Saturday a one day Conference for the benefit of Parish Council Members will be held at Holy Assumption Church in Clifton.

OCMC Lenten Mission Boxes

There were some 16 boxes used that totaled \$665. May the Lord bless your offerings for Orthodox Mission Work!

The Lesser Blessing of Waters

Is held this week on the Mid-Feast of Pentecost. Bring your bottles next Sunday for newly-blessed waters.

Good Order Reminders

- To be on time for Sunday Divine Liturgy. Habitual lateness is inexcusable, sinful and disruptive.
- “Sing Praises to the Lord,” don’t attend church but participate in the services. Sing along with the choir.
- Conversations/hellos/playing during the Divine Liturgy are all contrary to the purpose of our sacred gathering.

Feast Day – May 29

ST. LUKE OF SIMFEROPOL (1877–1961)
Archbishop – Surgeon – Confessor

St. Luke was a world-famous pioneering surgeon, confessor, archbishop and miracle-worker.

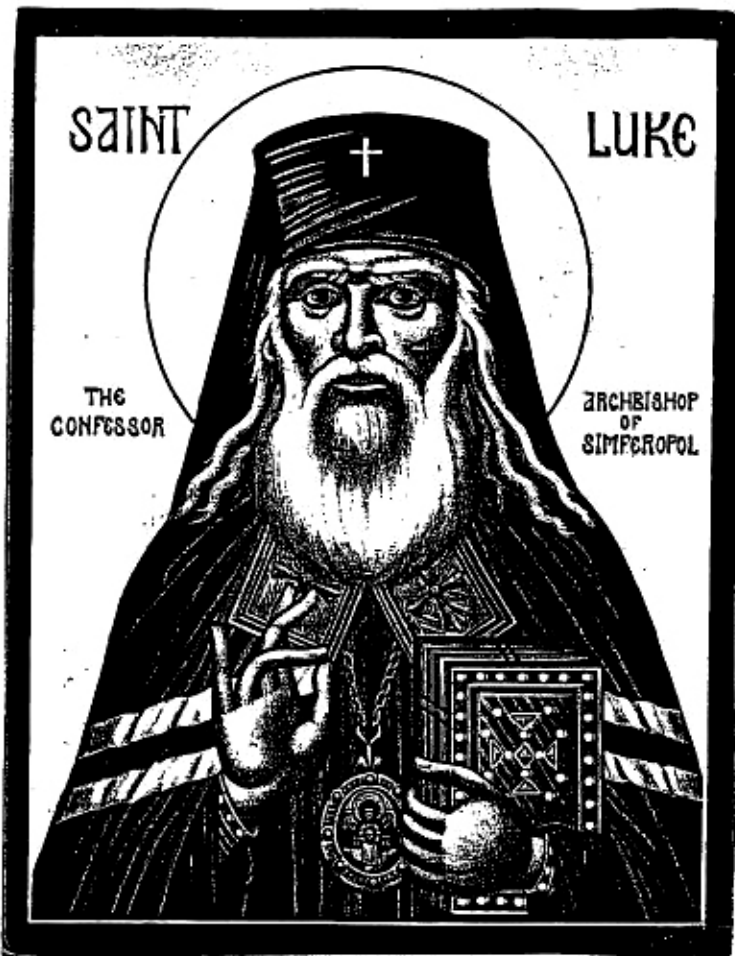
He suffered under the Soviets and was arrested three times and sent into exile. Eleven years of his life was spent in this way.

St. Luke was an outspoken bishop who spoke against the atheists. He served the church as a priest for 2 years and a bishop as 38 years.

Despite his tortures and exiles, St. Luke honorably served the welfare of all Russian citizens.

For 42 years he served as a surgeon and was renowned for his exceptional skills.

His life is an example of love and self-sacrifice.



- 1877 Born as Valentine Yoïno-Yassenetsky in Kerch in the Crimea
- 1898 Student at St. Vladimir's University in Kiev
- 1903 Medical Doctor
- 1904 Married Anna Lanskaya, St. Luke had 3 sons and 1 daughter
- 1904 Doctor in Far East in Russo-Japanese War
- 1916 Doctorate Degree in Medicine
- 1917 Moved to Tashkent
- 1921 His wife Anna reposed
- 1921 Ordained a priest
- 1921 Short Arrest
- 1923 Consecrated Bishop
- 1924 Arrested and exiled to Siberia
- 1926 Settles in Tashkent
- 1930 Arrested and exiled to White Sea area
- 1933 Freed
- 1935 Works in Taskent Institute of Emergency Aid
- 1937 Arrested and exile to Krasnoyarsk
- 1941 Appointed consultant for all Krasnoyarsk regional hospitals and Chief Surgeon of Evacuation Hospital
- 1942 Exiled ended, made Archbishop and care for Krasnoyarsk Diocese
- 1944 Receives Stalin Award for pioneering surgical work
- 1944 Transferred to Tambov Diocese and Military Hospital in Tambov
- 1946 Transferred to Crimea Diocese
- 1946 Ends surgery due to eye sight problems
- 1955 Becomes totally blind
- 1961 On June 11th, reposes in the Lord at age of 84
- 1996 Glorified as a saint of the church

One month on the abduction of our two Archbishops

by OCP on May 22, 2013

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One month lapsed and we are still living the nightmare of the abduction whereabouts our two Archbishops Mar Gregorios Yohanna Ibrahim Metropolitan of the Syriac Orthodox Archdiocese of Aleppo, and Boulos Yazaji Metropolitan of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Aleppo

were kidnapped on the 22nd of April 2013. An unknown group has abducted them without claiming its responsibility until now, neither announcing the reasons for the abduction nor knowing their place

We the Syriac and the Greek Orthodox Archdioceses of Aleppo and in coordination with our two Patriarchates in Damascus, express day after day our sadness and increasing pain about the abduction and the absence of these two eminent Prelates, and to what they represent in terms of their holiness, their local and international rank, their active role on all levels including the spiritual, the thoughts, the academic, the education and the social; but above all the humanitarian work which they were carrying within the current crisis which is engulfing our country Syria

Today, and after one month of abduction, and despite all the prayers and the supplications in the local churches and worldwide; as well as the calls, the statements and the efforts from the Christian and Muslim organizations in the world and the international community, we renew our request for the abductees to revise their action, fear God, and release the two Archbishops without hurting their health or physical situation; and release all other abducted priests and innocent civilians. One month in abduction is more than enough for the two Archbishops. As it is painful for them in their abduction, it is also painful for all the faithful of their two communities, the people of Syria and the world. The continuous abduction of the two Archbishops is damaging the structure of Syria in its diverse components and its long history of coexistence and citizenship. Such a catastrophe will be remembered and recorded in history, likewise the devastating and the grieve of Syria. Such acts will not terrify us because we are the sons of the "Resurrection". We trust that the mercy of the one God whom we all believe in, will guide the abductees and induce them to release the Archbishops without any pre-conditions, because there is no price equals the freedom of the two Archbishops, and no condition equals their safe return to their communities and churches

We renew our supplication and continue our prayers with solemnity to our God for the release of the Archbishops, the priests and all those who are in abduction.