

# SAINTS PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**BULLETIN OF JUNE 9, 2019**

## SUNDAY/JUNE 9

### 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Recognition of 2019 Graduates; Coffee Hr.  
1200 to 2:00p.m. Open Doors of Church  
6:30p.m. Compline with Akathist to  
**Martyrs of China (June 10)**

## MONDAY/JUNE 10

7:00p.m. Vespers & Anointing with oil  
from tomb of St. Luke of Crimea

## TUESDAY/JUNE 11

### St. Luke of Crimea (+1956)

8:00a.m. Divine Liturgy

## WEDNESDAY/JUNE 12

6:30p.m. Compline  
7-8:30p.m. Study Class: *"The Spirit  
Of God & the Spirit of Christ"*

## SATURDAY/JUNE 15

### Memorial Saturday

9:30a.m. Memorial at Cemetery  
(in case of rain – in church)  
7:00p.m. Vigil; Confessions

## SUNDAY/JUNE 16

### PENTECOST – TRINITY SUNDAY

9:10a.m. Hours 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy  
with Vespers & Kneeling Prayers  
Coffee Hour; 12-2p.m. Open Church Doors

## MONDAY/JUNE 17

### Day of the Holy Spirit

8:00a.m. Divine Liturgy



*Instructions of St. Luke*

Every time before Christ healed someone, he asked if he believed. And only if he believes, He performed the miracle.

Every time a miracle occurs, the Holy Spirit acts, and for someone to receive the Holy Spirit an open heart is necessary, and it is made open by faith. Just as the reception of radio waves necessarily requires an antenna, similarly for the reception of divine grace a pure heart full of faith is needed.

Faith is the most valuable treasure on earth and we must guard it more than anything else.

The rose doesn't speak but it gives off a strong fragrance. We also need to be fragrant, to emit a spiritual aroma, the aroma of Christ. Let the scent of our actions be heard from afar – good, pure, just and full of love. Only this way can the Kingdom of God that exists in our hearts be revealed, manifesting itself not with words but with power.

Drink Holy Water as often as possible. It's the best and effective medicine. I say this not as a bishop, but as a doctor, from my experience in medicine.

### **Offerings Week of June 9**

Relics candle: in memory of Ivanna; in memory of Michael, Justina, Rosalie, Anastasia and Ivanna; in honor of the Theotokos; for the health of Nicholas (birthday).

Olive Oil: in memory of Sarchisian and Bocai families; for the health of Mark (birthday).

Wine: for the health of Diaconissa Patricia (birthday).

Flowers: for the health of Helen (birthday).

Litya Breads: for the health of Ekaterina.

### **Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!**

June 10, 1953 Nazar Skwarla  
June 11, 1953 Chariton Mishalenko  
June 12, 1979 Nadezhda Lebedz  
June 12, 2008 Julia Yadlowsky  
June 14, 1978 Anna Williams  
June 14, 2012 Theodore Zydiak  
June 15, 1959 Leon Martinchuk  
June 15, 1973 Maksym Yadlowsky  
June 16, 1953 Olga Pawlik

### **Coffee Hour Schedule**

June 16 Chirnoaga, Moldoveanu,  
Vajda & Sue  
June 23 Peterson, Bakaletz, Mattei  
Erkman & Stone

### **Counters Schedule**

June 16 Irina S. & Lisa K.  
June 23 Larissa M. & Paulina N.

### **Ushers Schedule**

June 16 Dennis F. & Robert E.  
June 23 Edward S. & Kahka K.

### **Reader's Schedule**

June 16 Ciprian C. / June 23 Daniel T.

### **Church Open Doors Ministry 12:00-2:00p.m. on Sundays of June**

June 09/June 16/June 23/June 30  
Weather permitting, we keep the doors of the church open with a sign outside, for visitors to take a look inside. Can you give 2 hours to monitor the doors? A sign-up sheet is on the vestibule stand.

### **Names Day Greetings**

St. Augustine/June 15: Austin Kachek  
St. Jerome/June 15: Jerome Stone  
Many Blessed Years!

### **Check On-Line Calendar on website**

June 19/21 Fast Free Wed. & Fri. Enjoy!  
June 24/Mon. Feast Nativity of the Baptist  
June 24/Mon. Ss. Peter & Paul Lent (5 days)  
June 29/Sat. Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul

### **Study Classes June 12, 19 & 26, Wednesdays 7-8:30p.m.**

June 12: The Spirit of God and the Spirit of Christ  
June 19: The Spirit in the Church & Mysteries  
June 26: The Spirit in Human Persons & World  
An examination on the Role of the Holy Spirit, to coincide with the Festival of Pentecost.

### **2019 Graduates of Our Parish Community**

Rebecca O. Rutgers University (Post-Graduate)  
Timothy Z. Rutgers University  
Rachael O. Montclair State  
Andrei M. University of No. Carolina, Chapel Hill  
Anna K. Bridgewater High  
George G. Bridgewater High  
Alexandra E. Hunterdon Central High  
Sava K. Bridgewater Middle  
Joseph G. Bridgewater Middle  
Congratulations to all our graduates and their parents! May the Lord bless all your future endeavors!

### **Appreciation to All on Visitation of Archbishop Michael to our Parish**

The visit of our Spiritual Father in Christ, Archbishop Michael, was most joyous and blessed! Thanks you to everyone, who helped out in all the various ways! Photos of the weekend (98!) are posted on our parish website and Face Book.

**Pentecost:** Originally an OT harvest festival celebrated 50 days after the Passover. In the NT a new meaning is given to Pentecost with the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles 50 days after the Resurrection of Christ. Baptism and Chrismation is our own personal Pentecost.

# St. Luke of Simferopol & Crimea

**BLESSED SURGEON, ARCHBISHOP, PROFESSOR & UNMERCENARY**

You know how much work is necessary and how much attention competent and experienced doctors give to those who are seriously ill. But the purpose of the doctor is to heal physical illness, whereas our own purpose is incomparably more serious. God placed us to do the great work of healing human souls...

*Archbishop Luke to his clergy*

## + Biography

A young man with exceptional artistic talent, Valentine Felixovitch Voyno-Yasentsky was given a copy of the New Testament for his high school graduation. That gift changed Valentine's life.

He lived in Kerch, in the **Crimea**, a part of the Republic of Russia. His father was a pious Christian and although Valentine earned a degree in fine arts, he felt compelled to enter a profession where he could help others as we are taught by Christ to do. Valentine decided to become a doctor and in 1903 completed his medical training. He was 26 years old.

Witnessing widespread blindness among the beggars who inhabited the cities, Valentine decided to further his training and study **ophthalmology** in **Kiev**.

He met and married a woman named Anya Vassilyevna, who was a nurse. They had four children and both worked diligently in health facilities throughout the region.

Valentine was a skilled surgeon, but he also worked hard to treat **trachoma**, the infection that was causing blindness in those who did not have access to proper hygiene and medical care. Valentine refused to accept payment for the medical care that he provided, making him one of the unmercenary physicians.

Anya died from complications of **tuberculosis**, leaving Valentine to raise their four children and continue his busy medical practice. Soon, a woman named Sofia Sergeevna came to help him with the children.

This was all going on during a very difficult time politically. A revolution drastically changed what was once Russia, Ukraine and other Eastern European countries into the Soviet Union. As a Christian believer, Valentine was under constant suspicion by the recently formed Communist government, which opposed religious belief. But his surgical skills were widely sought and he refused to operate without an icon of the Mother of God in the operating room.

Valentine struggled to maintain his Christian beliefs. In fact, his faith only seemed to grow stronger and in 1921, when he was 44 years old, Valentine was ordained to the priesthood. For the next two years he continued his medical practice, combining it with providing pastoral care in a land that was growing more and more hostile to Christians.

He was arrested on false charges related to the surgical care he had provided some Red Army soldiers in 1923 and sentenced to labor in Siberia. Before he was sent away

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## + Important Dates

- + BORN**  
April 27, 1877 in Kerch (east Crimea)
- + DIED**  
June 11, 1961
- + BURIED**  
Church of The Holy Trinity in Simferopol, with relics at Sagmeta Monastery in Greece & throughout the world
- + COMMEMORATED**  
June 11 (Glorification Date: May 25, 1996)

# St. Luke of Simferopol & Crimea

## + Biography *(continued)*

he was tonsured as an Orthodox monk and given the name Luke, after the Apostle Luke, also a doctor. Eventually the monk Luke was **consecrated** a bishop. In all, he spent 11 years in exile, and eventually Siberia became his permanent home, where he preached about God, served the Church as a bishop and continued to see patients as a medical doctor.



Throughout his life, Archbishop Luke wrote and published many articles and books on ophthalmic conditions and on how to live the Christian life. While he was imprisoned his surgical talents were often called upon and he became even more widely known and respected. He continued to insist that an icon be present in his operating room and carried an icon with him when he traveled to perform surgery.

Toward the end of his life Archbishop Luke himself became blind, and after that devoted all of his time to Christ and the Church. He died on June 11, 1961, having witnessed enormous changes in the life of his people. Although the government frowned on participation in religious services, huge crowds were present for Archbishop Luke's funeral, procession and burial.

## + Troparion (TONE 1)

O herald of the way of salvation,  
confessor and archpastor of the Crimean flock,  
faithful keeper of the traditions of the fathers,  
unshakeable pillar and teacher of Orthodoxy,  
pray unceasingly to Christ our Saviour  
to grant salvation and strong faith to Orthodox Christians,  
O holy hierarch Luke, physician wise in God.

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## + Key Terms

- + **Crimea**  
an Eastern European peninsula in the Black Sea
- + **Kiev**  
the capital of ancient Rus and current Ukraine
- + **Ophthalmology**  
the study of the function and diseases of the eye
- + **Trachoma**  
an infectious disease, affecting the eye, that is spread in unhygienic conditions
- + **Tuberculosis**  
a serious bacterial infection of the lungs
- + **Consecrated**  
ordained to a sacred office

