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Saint Luke the Surgeon

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Saint Luke the Surgeon, also known as Saint Luke of Simferopol, was a remarkable figure in the 20th century, celebrated for his dual contributions to both medicine and the Orthodox Church. Born Valentin Felixovich Voino-Yasenetsky in 1877, he pursued an extensive medical education and became a pioneering surgeon.

His life took a profound turn when he became a monk and later a bishop, adopting the name Luke. His deep faith and dedication to helping others earned him a revered status, blending his scientific prowess with spiritual guidance.

Saint Luke's life was a testament to resilience and devotion amidst adversity. During the Soviet era, his religious convictions led to multiple arrests, exiles, and persecutions. Despite these challenges, he continued to practice medicine, often in the most austere conditions, while also tending to his pastoral duties. His commitment to his patients and parishioners never wavered, and his work earned him the Stalin Prize in 1946, a rare honour for a clergyman in a communist state.

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