

Resource Sheet 60: Saint Luke the Surgeon



BINGO ACTIVITY:

1. Saint Luke the Surgeon performed surgeries without asking his patients for money, hence he was called **unmercenary**.
2. At his funeral, Saint Luke wanted people to sing **the Trisagion**. Although the communists tried their hardest to make it a quiet funeral, the people joined in, singing “Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us!”
3. Saint Luke wrote a number of papers on eye illnesses which brought him international fame as a **scholar**. He also taught at university and had a prolific academic career.

4. Saint Luke's body was unburied in 1996. Over 40.000 people were there to bear witness when his remains were **disinterred**, when his heart was discovered incorrupt.

5. During the communist period, he was sent into exile for initiating **hunger strikes** when political prisoners and Christian fellows were hunted or mistreated. His decision not to eat was supported by, and strengthened in its turn, the parishes under his blessing.

6. Because of his popularity wherever he went, he was forcibly relocated periodically by the communists, so that we would not be able to strengthen his links with the priests and parishioners in the area. He was also **exiled** three times during the communist regime.