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St Luke, Bishop of Crimea, the Surgeon: The death of the sinners and the death of the righteous!

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Before King David, the prophet, became king of Israel, he was serving under King Saul, who trying to kill him because he knew that David was going to succeed him on the throne. Thus when his life was in danger, David told his friends: 'Only one step separates me from death'.

I remembered these words now because I had to remind them to myself only a week ago. There was only one step separating my life from death. For a while I was near dying, having almost no pulse and my heart almost stopped beating. And yet the Lord had pity on me. I am still weak and can only talk to you while seated. But I want to say something important. I want to speak to you about death, since death is so close to us, as it was close to me last Saturday. Each one of us may die suddenly without expecting it. You already know that peoples' lives end suddenly and unexpectedly.

You always ought to remember and keep in your hearts Christ's words: "Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning" (Luke 12, 35). (περισσότερα...)