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ADVENT—SAINT PHILIP'S FAST—PILIPKIVA

ON THE MEND: Please keep the following parishioners and others in your prayers for recovery from their illnesses and injuries: Archbishop Daniel, Metropolitan Antony, Metropolitan Yuriy, Archbishop Jovan, Bishop Robert, Metropolitan Savas, Archbishop David, Father George & Pani Lillian Hnatko, Father Jakiw Norton, Father Paul Stoll, Father Igor Soroka, Father Joseph Kopchak, Father Elias Warnke, Father George Yatsko, Father Paul Bigelow, Father Emilian Balan, Father John & Pani Mary Anne Nakonachny, Father Steve Repa, Protopresbyter William Diakiw, Archpriest Dionysi Vitali, Protodeacon Joseph Hotrovich, Father Adam Yonitch, Pani-Dobrodijka Sonia Diakiw, Father Paisius McGrath, Father Michael Smolynech, Father Lawrence & Matushka Sophia Daniels, Father Joe Cervo, Father John Harrold [Saint Sylvester], Father George Livanos, Igumen Patrick, Pani Mary Ann Chubenko, Father Jim Orr, Father Rick Seilier, Panimatka Laryssa Charest, Fr. Vasyl Sendeha, Joshua Agosto and his family, Eva Malesnick, Nick Behun, Grace Holupka, Joseph Sliwinsky, Gary & Linda Mechtly, Evelyn Misko, Jeanne Boehing, Alex Drobot, Rachelle, Jane Golofski, Doug Diller, Harry Krewsun, Mary Alice Babcock, Dorie Kunkle, Andrea, & Melissa [Betty O'Masta's relatives], Mary Evelyn King, Sam Wadrose, Isabella Olivia Lindgren, Ethel Thomas, Donna, Erin, Michael Miller, Grace & Owen Ostrasky, Patti Sinecki, David Genshi, Sue Segeleon, Mike Gallagher, Liz Stumpf, Theodore Nixon, Michelle Corba Kapeluck, Linda Hippert & family, Margaret Vladimir, Luke Emmerling, Robert McKivitz, Liz Obradovich, Halyna Zelinska [Archbishop Daniel's mother], Charlotte, Andrew Mark Olynyk, Deborah Finley, Claire Senita, Eleanor Kelly, Bryan, Nancy Barylak, Patrick Keenan, Khrystyna Chorniy, Anthony Cormier, Nathan Forbeck, Sarah Doyle, Samuel Peters, Esther Holupka, David Vallor, Henry Faraly, Julie Eiler, Dorothy Lednovich, Bob C., Allie—young girl with leukemia, Heather Kramer, Jane Wartinbee, Matthew—young man with cancer, Nicholas Orlando, Mary Ann Kuznik, Michael Pryhodzenko, Sonia Luciw, Theresa Ditto, Mary Ann Musial, Mary Pelino, Yvonne Christy, Myron & Barbara Spak, Julia Duda, Lisa Pandle, Kris & Julie Hanczar, John Kennedy, Loretta, Nancy, Carol, & Michael Sheliga, Gaelle Kelly, Irma McDivitt, Robin Young, Mckayla, Rachel, Carl & Margaret Reed, Lydia Wilson, Robert

Pointon, Walter Cecelia, John Persico, Jeff Miller, Mary Kernick, Glenn Miller, Jean Marie, Donna & Walter McCrackin, Bonnie & Eugene Blair [Pani Gina's parents], David Hoenshell, Barbara Macino, Shelley Hill, Mikaela Kapeluck, Linda Cawley, Gerald Cogley, Corey Guich, Robert Vangrin, Pauline Witkowsky, Sera White, Deborah Smith, Nancy & Eric Dunik, Julian Strozh [young lady with cerebral palsy], Dr. Kirsten Ream, Patricia Corey, Michelle, Katie Swarm, Michelle, Patrick, Linda Morris, Chris, David Hiles, Jennifer, Cher Mount, Frank & Janet Horrell, Jim Wandling, Gail, Sirena Sharp, Ron Paulovich, Sandi Anderson, Lina, Shirley, Denny Mader, Ella Campbell, Tom Hyatt, Bill Janiro, Jean Symanko-Andy's sister, William Lemonakis, Alma Wyke, Lindsay Romanczak & family, Susan Lucas, Neil Carter & family, James Paluh, Mickie Weikel, Evelyn Krempasky, Tammy Strunk, Loida Esbry, Darlene Chicka Deskins, Drew, Alice & Keith Philipa, Kateryna Kocelko, Nancy Heinbaugh, Mira Filipović, Lynn, Jacqueline, Sharon, Zan Cheng, Kristy, Elaine Ellenberger, Brandon, Anna Tranchine, Demetra, Blase Urban, Catherine Hogel & children, Jennifer & Dylan, Ron Schwartz, Lydia Wilson, Flora Tomlin, Howell Swarm, Jane Bielewicz Allred, Manny "Lazarus" Lopez, Glenn & Lucas Burlack, Katie Elizabeth, Mileva, & Michael, Deirdré Straughan, Terri Paluh, Lori & Steve Lucier, Kyranna Cherpas, Pastor Bruce Nordeen, Heather Ried, Carla Perry, Linda Elliot, Dennis McDaniel, Luke Tinsley, Brent, Tricia, Katherine Gorman, Pamela Jaquette, Sherri Walewski, Marika Zeliszczuk, Donna Davis, Jackie Crimbchin, Marta Charron, Mary [Corba], Stella McKeag, Margie Sekelsky, Gary Howell, Fran Fulton, Gina Catanese, Bill Vizza, Jamie Swarm, Kevin Allen (from Ancient Faith Radio), Kathy Flaherty, Tori Reade-Henry's niece, Derick-Glen Burlack's neighbor, Michael, Nichole & Christopher, Ben Douglas, Dianne Donahue, Zachary, Natasha, Noah Willard, Jodi Hanczar, Gregory Cervo, Lisa Bruce, Martha Nezolyk, Kathy Cvetkovich, Judy, Will, Emma, Ginny, Ye-Jin, Maria, John & JoAnn, Jim & Kitty, Phil Bouse, Ralph & Beverly Stoker, Noah Willard, Nikola, Natalie, Nikola, & Nevenka Jovonovich, Julia Collier, Amy Kemerer, Thomas Smith, Tracy Slaughaupt, Louis & Teresa Bercelli, Tom Nolan, Silvia Martin, Sarah Dorning, Dena & George, Georgia, Lawanda [Evelyn's niece], Maureen Sams, John Kendall, Judi Danser, Darcy, Denis Strittmatter, Nancy, Ian Brick, Cecilia Barnhart, Logan Magorien, Pam & Gordon Grant, Debbie & Jerry Novosel, Noah Willard, Sandra Dillard, Danielle McCann, Barry [Father Jim Orr's cousin], Tim Joyce, Mike Pawlyshyn-Jeannie Stutchell's brother, Joe Samchuck—vocations, Albert Heckman, Brianna Stumpf, Stanley Porembka, David & Terry Coyne Hartnett, Mike C., Jennifer Scheirer [Nick Behun's daughter], Catherine Beecham [Father Bob's cousin], JoAnne & Dave Andrews, Rev. Peg Bowman, Pat Jennings, Tim Sams, Mike Ruzzi, Cindy M., Stephen Popichak—Fr. Bob's brother, Mary Kay Ludovicy, Pastor Sara Irwin, George

Dilendorf, Andy Torick, Carol Behun, Erv Frye, William Lusherand, Bill Boretsky, Colin Kirton—Stage 4 pancreatic cancer, Clifford, Joe Veto, Paul Riley, Tonee & Sydnee Turner, Annette Paluh, Cathy Lotinsky, Monk Andrew, Jeff & Buschra Kerr, Steven—Harry Batch’s cousin, Rose Mary Pavlovich—Mary Anne Kuznik’s Cousin, Stella McKeag, Margaret Sekelsky, Robert Sekelsky, Robert Rodriguez, Dollie Irvin, Joe Mrvos, Alexandra & Bowen, Katherine Kulik, Micky Delans [COVID-19], Pastor Terry Polen, Eleanor Kitt, Stacie & Gary, Dolores Wachnowsky, Maria Warholak, Stacie & Gary, Anna Sekelik, Christy, Mariruth, Rich Previc, Ben Williams, Denis Strittmatter, Deacon Joe Uzar—vocations, Tim—surgery, Archimandrite Raphael—COVID-19, and Susan Pulcini—Father Ted Pulcini’s mom.
ARNOLD: Homer Paul Kline and Walter Sakol. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

**“Only those people who are led by God’s Spirit are His Children”
Romans 8:14**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ... There is NOTHING to keep us from praying...for each other, for our family and friends, and most of all for the first responders—EMTs, nurses, doctors, firefighters, police officers, and members of our military who keep us safe. Be well, and be SAFE!!! God Bless!

Please remember ALL American service men and women in your prayers. May God watch over them and ALL American service men and women—and bring them all home safely!

REMEMBER—PRAYERS ARE ALWAYS FREE!

Communion Fasting: nothing to eat or drink after midnight, EXCEPT in cases where your doctor tells you to eat or drink something for medical reasons: medication, diabetes, etc. If you have a question, please ask Father Bob.

AT ANY TIME—if there is an emergency, if you have questions, or if you just need to talk, please CALL FATHER BOB at [412] 279-5640.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS!!! 10:30 AM
25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST MATTHEW;
SAINT FULVIANUS-PRINCE OF ETHIOPIA-IN BAPTISM MATTHEW**

Tone 8

Ephesians 4:1-6; 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Luke 10:25-37; Matthew 9:9-13

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 06 OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS!!! 10:30 AM
26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; AFTERFEAST OF THE ENTRY OF THE MOST
HOLY THEOTOKOS; SAINT AMPHILOCHIUS-BISHOP OF ICONIUM; SAINT
GREGORY-BISHOP OF AGRIGENTUM; SAINT SISINIUS THE CONFESSOR-BISHOP
OF CYZICUS; MARTYR THEODORE OF ANTIOCH

Tone 1

Ephesians 5:8-19

Luke 12:15-21

Litany in Blessed Memory of Thomas Bryan, Pearl Hanczar, John Hanczar, Helen Pytlak, Mary Blitskan, Marjorie Yarmeak, Mary Sharon, Rose Pyrch, Frank Barankovich, Mary Krevanich, Katherine Holowaty, & Robert Vetosky—Fr. Bob

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS!!! 10:30 AM
27TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY AND ALL-PRAISED APOSTLE ANDREW
THE FIRST CALLED; SAINT FRUMENTIUS-ARCHBISHOP OF ABYSSINIA
Father Bob's 23rd Anniversary—Ordination to the Holy Priesthood

Tone 2

Ephesians 6:10-17; 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Luke 13:10-17; John 1:35-51

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 29 NOVEMBER 2020

25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST
MATTHEW; SAINT FULVIANUS-PRINCE OF ETHIOPIA-IN BAPTISM
MATTHEW

TROPARION—TONE 8

Thou didst descent from on high, O Merciful One!

Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings!

Our Lord, our Life and Resurrection, Glory to Thee!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever,
and unto ages of ages. Amen.

KONTAKION—TONE 8

By rising from the tomb,

Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam.

Eve exults in Thy Resurrection,

And the world celebrates Thy Rising from the dead,

O greatly Merciful One!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 8

READER: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

PEOPLE: **Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!**

READER: In Judah, God is known; His name is great in Israel!

PEOPLE: **Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!**

READER: Pray and make your vows.

PEOPLE: **Before the Lord our God!**

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 8

Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with psalms.

From Katharine Hepburn's Autobiography:

[via Father Gregory Roy Jensen]

"Once when I was a teenager, my father and I were standing in line to buy tickets for the circus.

Finally, there was only one other family between us and the ticket counter. This family made a big impression on me.

There were eight children, all probably under the age of 12. The way they were dressed, you could tell they didn't have a lot of money, but their clothes were neat and clean.

The children were well-behaved, all of them standing in line, two-by-two behind their parents, holding hands. They were excitedly jabbering about the clowns, animals, and all the acts they would be seeing that night. By their excitement you could sense they had never been to the circus before. It would be a highlight of their lives.

The father and mother were at the head of the pack standing proud as could be. The mother was holding her husband's hand, looking up at him as if to say, "You're my knight in shining armor." He was smiling and enjoying seeing his family happy.

The ticket lady asked the man how many tickets he wanted? He proudly responded, "I'd like to buy eight children's tickets and two adult tickets, so I can take my family to the circus." The ticket lady stated the price.

The man's wife let go of his hand, her head dropped, the man's lip began to quiver. Then he leaned a little closer and asked, "How much did you say?" The ticket lady again stated the price.

The man didn't have enough money. How was he supposed to turn and tell his eight kids that he didn't have enough money to take them to the circus?

Seeing what was going on, my dad reached into his pocket, pulled out a \$20 bill, and then dropped it on the ground. (We were not wealthy in any sense of the word!) My father bent down, picked up the \$20 bill, tapped the man on the shoulder and said, "Excuse me, sir, this fell out of your pocket."

The man understood what was going on. He wasn't begging for a handout but certainly appreciated the help in a desperate, heartbreaking, and embarrassing situation.

He looked straight into my dad's eyes, took my dad's hand in both of his, squeezed tightly onto the \$20 bill, and with his lip quivering and a tear streaming down his cheek, he replied; "Thank you, thank you, sir. This really means a lot to me and my family."

My father and I went back to our car and drove home. The \$20 that my dad gave away is what we were going to buy our own tickets with.

Although we didn't get to see the circus that night, we both felt a joy inside us that was far greater than seeing the circus could ever provide.

That day I learnt the value to Give.

The Giver is bigger than the Receiver. If you want to be large, larger than life, learn to Give. Love has nothing to do with what you are expecting to get—only with what you are expecting to give—which is everything.

The importance of giving, blessing others can never be over emphasized because there's always joy in giving. **Learn to make someone happy by acts of giving.** ~~~Katharine Hepburn



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2019
Christmas Traditions Bishop JOHN [Abdallah]



By Bishop JOHN, Diocese of Worcester and New England

When people ask me what my family Christmas traditions are, and how we are supposed to feel during this season, I take pause. Are we supposed to have some special family traditions? If I don't, am I somehow deficient or wanting? What are we supposed to feel, and what if I don't feel that way? Our family kept the fast; my wife read the children the Gospel nativity accounts; she made a calendar with daily messages for the forty days before the feast; we went with the parish teens to carol for the shut-ins and nursing homes; she made or bought each child a special Christmas tree ornament; and we always went to Church for the festal liturgy (pretty important for the priest). Those asking, however, must be looking for a more special family tradition. The most memorable tradition for me was setting up the video-camera to catch the excitement of the children as they opened their gifts. Waiting for the camera was painful for the children who had been anticipating their gifts for months.

Christmastime is supposed to be a time of joy, yet, because it reminds us of days gone by, it can also be accompanied by some unfinished grieving for loved ones. We all remember past Christmases, when loved ones now asleep in the Lord were still with us. We remember what they did to add to the holidays. Remembering such times leaves us with mixed emotions. We can hardly expect to feel joyous all the time, yet we can take consolation in what this season brings to us. It brings the Resurrected Lord in the infant Jesus. We celebrate Christ's Nativity, knowing that Christ is risen from the dead. By His death is death destroyed, and we are restored to life. Symeon, the righteous old priest, saw the salvation of mankind in the infant Jesus. We can too, even if the representation of Jesus is a plastic figure in a crowded department store.

Feelings have to do with attitude. We can choose to have an attitude of joy and thankfulness, even while we are grieving our losses or are irritated by the secularization of the Feast. Choose to be cheerful, because the Lord likes a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:11). Choose to be thankful, because God has cared so much and loved so much that He chose to send His only begotten Son. With this truth in mind, we can cut through all the noise of the season to discover what there is to be thankful for.

Many parishes celebrate a Compline Service with the Christmas canon two, three or more times a week. This is a way to gather together and pray. Some parishes offer special lecture series or Bible studies for the days before Christmas. Some families make a special point of reading Scripture or a spiritual book together for this time of preparation.

Following the fasting rules for the season help us remember what God has done for us. It reminds us that there is more to the season than cookies and hot chocolate. Fasting sets this season apart from other times of the year. Together with alms-giving, we can be constantly aware of who we are and who God calls us to be. There is more to the season than parties and gifts. We are reminded each year that the One who was born of the Virgin is the Word of God, who took on flesh, suffered, died, rose from the dead and joins Himself to us. He has joined and participated in every aspect of our lives. Because He has done this, we can be saved. Because the Word became flesh, we who hear the Word can flesh it out, so to speak, and reveal it to the world. We can share in witnessing to the truth, praising the Father with Christ, and caring for the Church and for the world. Because we are joined to Christ, or rather because Christ has joined Himself to us, *we can put the reason back into the season.* We can fulfill our Christian mission as we celebrate Christmas.

Admittedly, there is a lot of noise that accompanies the Christmas season. It is annoying that the marketers begin decorating at the end of October and the commercials urge us to overspend and purchase things that have nothing to do with the Feast. It is offensive that the great ascetic, Saint Nicholas, would be dressed up to be fat and silly, and that the radio plays silly songs about snowmen and sleigh bells. If we are deliberate, however, with a little effort we can get beyond all this silliness to put Christ back into Christmas. We can replace the radio with recordings of the Feast, schedule the parties within our control to after the feast, use our alms-giving and fasting to do good for others, and encounter in everything the Christ who is born to us. We aren't going to change the world's celebration, but we can witness to Christ from within it. Acts of charity bring us closer to the many who are in need.

The liturgical parallels between Christmas and Pascha are noteworthy. The Royal Hours and Pre-feast of Christmas use the same structure and melodies, calling us to see that the cave for the nativity is likened to the cave in which the crucified Lord is buried. The swaddling cloth of the infant and the burial cloth are also connected. These images are evident in the icons as well.

We all feel many powerful feelings during this season. Let us keep sober, be deliberate and use the gifts God has given us, as well as those of

the Church, to rededicate ourselves to Christ. In so doing we will witness to each other and the world.

His Grace, Bishop John, was the parish priest at Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church in New Kensington, PA, and a good friend of our parish! Please remember him in your prayers as he shepherds his flock in New England!

Have you experienced the hand of God in your life?

I did! Quite a few times. And it's magnificent!

It's a true awakening of profound faith!

When you can clearly see that the storm was averted that the sea of life was calmed by the Divine Intervention!

When you have no doubt to realize that God was definitely by you or by the side of your loved ones!

You thank Him with tears!

You shake from "the unbelievable" that has become believable!

Because there is no doubt God did it!

God was there to protect, to save to avert!

I know it shouldn't be the only source of faith for us, but it does give an unbelievable boost for our faith and the faith of the others!

Yes, it's defiantly a miracle!

Not luck, not a "fortunate accident"

It's a true miracle!

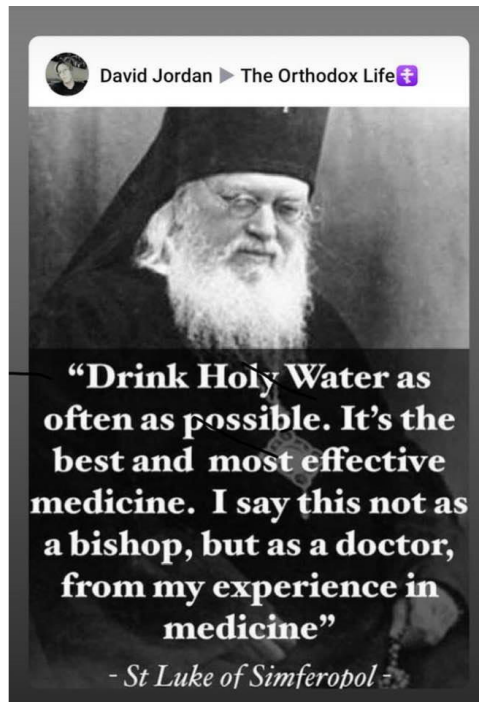
I hope you will experience a miracle soon in your life!

It's unbelievable that becomes believable!

Thank the Good Lord and Glorify His name forever!

Remaining in the love of Our Lord and God Jesus Christ,

Fr. Vasyl Sendeha



Prot. No. 213/2020 November 26, 2020

Ἐξομολογεῖσθε τῷ Κυρίῳ, ὅτι ἀγαθός, ὅτι εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα τὸ ἔλεος αὐτοῦ.

Ἀλληλούϊα. (Ψαλμός 135:1)

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

Alleluia. (Psalm 135:1)

To the Most Reverend Hierarchs, the Reverend Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, the Presidents and Members of the Parish Councils of the Greek Orthodox Communities, the Distinguished Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Day, Afternoon, and Church Schools, the Philoptochos Sisterhoods, the Youth, the Hellenic Organizations, and the entire Greek Orthodox Family in America,

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Let us give thanks unto the Lord! Let us celebrate this National Day of Thanksgiving, a time when we remember that the opposite of scarcity is not abundance, but gratitude. President John F. Kennedy's words ring as true today as they did in his Proclamation of 1963: **"Over three centuries ago, our forefathers in Virginia and in Massachusetts, far from home in a lonely wilderness, set aside a time of thanksgiving. On the appointed day, they gave reverent thanks for their safety, for the health of their children, for the fertility of their fields, for the love which bound them together, and for the faith which united them with their God."** This National Holiday has become associated with a time of feasting and family gatherings, but in this year of pandemic, the feasting of many is threatened by food insecurity, and the gathering of families is in question, as we try to keep those we love healthy and safe.

Therefore, I beseech all of you, as you are able, give thanks in your communities by your generosity to those less fortunate than you. Share your blessings, for they are from God Who shines His sun upon all people, just as the rain falls upon the just and the unjust alike (cf. Matthew 5:45). Look into your abundance and see more than the result of your hard work and natural advantages. See the treasury of God's blessings that he has gifted to you for you to bestow on others, remembering the word of the Lord: "generously you have received, generously give" (Matthew 10:8).

And if you are unable to gather with your loved ones and families, hold the space in your hearts wide and open for them and all people. There is need in our world for love to be manifest, and your openness to others is a good first step. At every Divine Liturgy, we express our gratitude to God, and we can show that thankfulness by our love for and generosity to others. Εὐχαριστήσωμεν τῷ Κυρίῳ!

With paternal love in our Lord Jesus Christ,

† ELPIDOPHOROS Archbishop of America

Today's Word...*Saint Francis Of Assisi...*

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love, where there is injury, pardon, where there is doubt, faith, where there is despair, hope, where there is darkness, light, and where there is sadness, joy.

Oh Divine Master,

Grant that I may not seek to be consoled, as to console, to be understood as to understand,

To be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life...

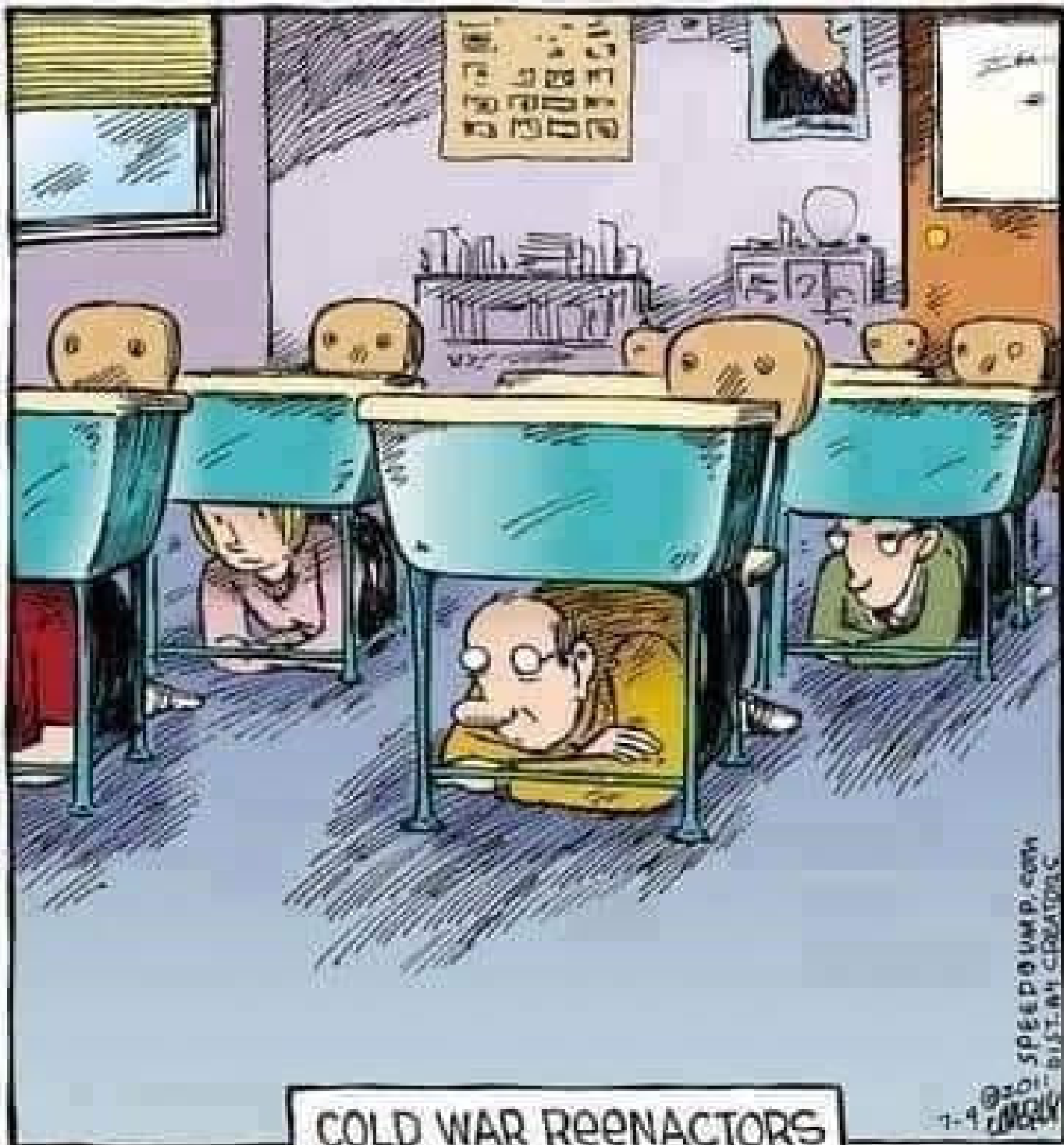
Please remember the sick and suffering. Especially for Justo Lopez Jr. Whose wife Shari, his brother in law Darrell, Father in law Norman, all tested positive for Covid-19.

Lord have mercy, Lord have Mercy, Lord have mercy...

The deeds you do may be the only sermon some persons will hear today. Preach the Gospel at all times, and when necessary use words. (St. Francis)

Have a safe and lovely day!

Lazarus [Samantha Lopez's husband Manny] 🙏🙏🙏



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