

Urgent Prayer Requests

Please pray that all goes well with our barn renovation. Pray for safety, for smooth relations with the borough and the building inspector, and for enough resources to complete the job. Pray for wisdom and fruitfulness in the use of the resources God gives us.

Please pray for a concern that I cannot publish. God knows.

Please pray for peace on the streets and safety as we serve.

Newsletter Writing

Several weeks ago I asked the volunteers who were serving on the street that night what I should put in the newsletter. The responses were generally unhelpful: "I don't know."; "There's nothing new." "Why me?"; "Help." Father Christos said, "Make a wish list." So here it is:

- ✘ Money.
- ✘ Sandwiches, the way you like them (only no mayo.), in individual baggies stacked in the loaf bags with the type of the sandwich written in bold marker on the loaf bags.
- ✘ Chilled water bottles.
- ✘ A couple of young volunteers with strong backs and a large vehicle.
- ✘ Fresh spices.
- ✘ Garden produce: Firstfruits or overflow. Choose your level of blessing.
- ✘ Giant supermarket gift cards.
- ✘ SEPTA tokens.
- ✘ Frozen or canned vegetables for quick soup making.
- ✘ Ugly Quilts.
- ✘ Men's clothing, in season.
- ✘ Money.
- ✘ Prayer.

Thank God for Healthcare

With all the different health problems I have had over the past year, we are so grateful that we have a quality hospital with caring, compassionate staff, right here in the area at Grand View Hospital. We are also grateful that we have health insurance. It is also extremely helpful to have dear brothers and sisters in Christ who are doctors and nurses to help explain the ins and outs of medicine and biology to me.

I cannot imagine what it would be like to live in a region with the kind of health and medical resources we have without having access to them. I would not wish that on anyone. Not any one.

***May God bless
you as you bless
the poor in
Jesus' Name.***

***Please feel free to mail
donations to:***

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Thank you.
Peace,
Cranford Joseph Coulter

*"Serve the Lord with gladness; come
before his presence with singing."*



"You should get sick more often!"

That's what Fred told me after I missed going down on June 16, because I was in the hospital. He was not wishing me ill. He just marveled at how people pitched in to cover for me. Lydia and Uncle John made the soup. Todd, John and Joe made sure the iced tea, cups, hot sauce, hard boiled eggs, soup and spoons got to church. Fr. Noah rallied these troops along with Fr. Daniel and Laura into his new troop transport (c. 2003 Suburban) with all that food and gear plus baked goodies, sandwiches and clothing. He even grabbed a CD out of the TKJ-mobile for their "in flight entertainment."

Michael met them down there with power packs and clothing from St. Philip Neri RC Church. Philip showed up on the dot of 8 and Denise arrived within five minutes. Do wonders ever cease? We are never that together! They were also joined by Sam and another man. As a young man I heard an old preacher say that we should never think too highly of ourselves, because no one is indispensable in the Lord's work. It is so good to know that so many are willing and able to take up the work when I am knocked flat on my back.

About the same time the team was arriving to start serving in Philadelphia, the right side of my head

started hurting and the whole right side of my body started to go numb. I was terrified that I was having another stroke. I told the nurse to call the neurologist. She ordered a magnesium intravenous infusion. That ended the episode. Then I went downstairs for a CTA of my neck and brain. Fred told me that he counted 92 people who received meals. John told me that there was only a quarter cup of soup left when he looked up to see no one in line. We guess about how much to make, but God always provides what is right! About the time the team was arriving home again, I had a second episode of pain and numbness and another magnesium infusion. These episodes actually gave evidence that my extreme vision symptoms were not due to stroke damage, but that there was an ongoing, atypical migraine or "migrainized" stroke going on.

I had more test on Friday, then I was released with a prescription for a predisone taper to stop the migraine that had been going on for eight days at that point, and instructions to take magnesium, B2, B6, D3 and baby aspirin.

***TKJ Volunteer & Supporters
Picnic - August 20***

Mark your calendars and plan on coming to our place on Saturday, August 20, for a potluck picnic. There

will be games, food, drink, fellowship and bubbles. Bring something to throw on the grill or a side dish, salad or dessert, or your favorite wine, brew or soft drink. Officially, it will go from noon to 10 pm. Come and go as you please. If you show up before noon, we will put you to work. (We may put you to work, later, too, but it's not a sure thing.) It's always a fun time. It's a chance to see some of the people who are involved with this ministry whom you don't get to see regularly or, perhaps, have never met.

We hope to have all of the power and phone lines underground (to facilitate badminton) and the new floor and storage room in the barn. Come inspect our progress.

Hope to see you there!

Help Expand This Ministry

Five years ago, we moved from a half twin in East Greenville to a small single with an outbuilding in Souderton. We did this with the intention of being more efficient in ministry and to expand the icon business, so that we could do more for the homeless and poor in our region. Since 1987, we have been doing all of the ministry out of our home. We haven't minded, but it has its limitations. We have been working on rebuilding the barn so that it can be suitable to permit others to join us in the work on a regular basis. "Come and See" Icons cannot hire employees if they have to come into the house to use a bathroom. The whole point of "Come and See" Icons was to give me flexibility to be available for this ministry.

We need a clean, dry storage area for food, clothing and household goods, so that we have them available

to distribute to those who need them when they need them. This would have a separate outside entrance so volunteers could pick up and drop off things as they need to, independent of our household schedule. This also opens up the possibility to start a local food pantry for emergency assistance to families and individuals in the Souderton area.

We also would like to move the office for *The King's Jubilee* into the barn and possibly have an ugly quilt making area. This would facilitate possible involvement of volunteers in more areas of this ministry. The upstairs studio/office could double as sleeping space for visiting volunteers or others in need of free guest space.

We received a bequest from the estate of Harry Mason through *St. Philip Antiochian Orthodox Church* that is helping us move forward with this. I think we have enough to get the utilities straightened around, a concrete floor poured and the storage room built. Someone is donating a gas heater that will take care of the whole building. I think we will need another \$10,000 to \$15,000 to complete the whole program.

When we complete this, it will allow *The King's Jubilee* and "Come and See" Icons, Books & Art to gain efficiencies to be able to more effectively help more of the poor and homeless in Philadelphia, Montgomery and Bucks counties. Please pray and consider how much you can give to this special project to expand this gospel ministry in Jesus' Name.

There are still opportunities to donate labor, if you have time instead of money. May God bless you as you bless the homeless and poor in our region by joining in *The King's Jubilee!*

"Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you! Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in the last days. Indeed the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. You have lived on the earth in pleasure and luxury; you have fattened your hearts as in a day of slaughter. You have condemned, you have murdered the just; he does not resist you.

Be Patient and Persevering. Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

"Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door!"

- James 5:1-9 nkjv

Tuesday Help Needed

We need more people to step up to help in order to be able to take on serving on more Tuesdays. Join us on the last Tuesday of the month to see how it's done.

Thanks!

Picnic Note

We may be changing the venue for our picnic. Our yard is basically dust and stones from burying water, sewer, electric, gas, phone and data lines. Please check the website for updated information.

Sympathy in Christ

We want to extend sympathy in Christ to Father Christos Christofidis on the passing of his mother. May her memory be eternal.

Poverty Doesn't Take a Vacation

I say it every year: Summer is our busiest time of year. More people are looking to us for meals on the street, because fewer shelters are serving food and the college based outreach programs are not active over summer vacation. Please include *The King's Jubilee* in your summer plans. Make some sandwiches. Buy and chill some cases of bottles of water. Make a donation to help buy the added cups, spoons, produce, spices and hot sauce we need this time of year.

We can use more volunteers to help maintain order with the larger crowds, as well.

Remember you don't have to leave the country to have a cross cultural experience. You just need to come out of your comfort zone. Come broaden your horizons with us.

175 Bag Lunches

The young people participating in the vacation church school at St. Stephen's Orthodox Cathedral in NE Phila. made 175 bag lunches and Fr. Victor and several others came down to help distribute them on Thursday, July 14. May God bless you!