URGENT APPEAL ON BEHALF OF CRAIG BROWN

Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters, Glory to Jesus Christ!

Our parishioner Craig Brown has end-stage renal disease.

He seemed to be a perfectly healthy person a year ago when suddenly in December of 2021 he almost lost his life. An autoimmune disease severely damaged his kidneys. His options are now limited to lifelong dialysis or a kidney transplant. Unfortunately, dialysis is a stopgap measure to keep him alive.

Craig's life has changed completely over the last year. He suffers from terrible pain, exhaustion, and discouragement. He had to quit his job and many other activities that made him happy and healthy. He can't participate in the life of his Church, family, or community. At this point, only a transplant can offer him the ability to live a longer, healthier, more human life. Craig is at the end of a long line of 100,000+ people on the waiting list for a deceased kidney donor. He may not stay healthy enough to even be eligible for a transplant after so many years on dialysis. A much better option is to receive a kidney from a living donor!

Craig needs a new kidney, and I hope you will pray to our All-Merciful God, through the prayers of His Most-Holy Mother, and consider helping him! If you can't, please be his advocate by sharing this story with your family, friends, and fellow parishioners. If donating a kidney is something you would like to consider, please call me any time to talk or to get more information.

Yours in Christ, Archpriest Basil Rhodes Rector, St Nicholas Orthodox Church Saratoga, CA 95070 (408) 867-0628

