

October 19, 2008

Dear friends,

Greetings in Christ's Name! I am writing to request your prayers and help for one of our teen parishioners who has suffered severe brain damage due to an accident on October 11.

His name is Andrew Aramouni. He is 16 years old and the son of Roger and Lisa Aramouni of St. Matthew Church. Andrew has two sisters and a brother. He is a student at North Royalton High School. Those who have been at the Canton St. George diocese basketball tournaments may remember him from his playing on the St. Matthew team the last two years.

The accident resulted in a very bad blow to the head. Emergency brain surgery was done on October 11 and Andrew is still in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Metro Hospital in Cleveland. He has not yet regained consciousness but we are hopeful as there have been some encouraging signs. It is still too early to know what the prognosis is.

We, of course, greatly wish for you to pray intensely for his recovery. And we also wish to ask those who are able if they can help financially. The difficult economic situation as of late had already put Roger and Lisa in dire financial straits. And now, obviously, their situation is much worse.

They do not have health insurance. We think there will be some welfare help but we do not yet know how much that will be (and, of course, we don't yet know how large the medical bills will be to start with). They have had to be off work to take care of Andrew which has made their finances even worse. As of now, they are not going to be able to even keep up with such basic needs as utility payments.

If you are able to help with a donation of any size, we would greatly appreciate it. Checks should be made out to St. Matthew Orthodox Church with the name "Andrew Aramouni" in the memo area. The address is: 10383 Albion Road, North Royalton, Ohio 44133. Please put "Attention: Marianne Feuerstein" on the envelope.

You can call for more information at the following numbers---

Marianne Feuerstein 440-659-0157

Josephine Katzbach 440-668-9831

St. Matthew Church 440-582-5673

Thank you very much for any help you can give! And please, please remember Andrew in your prayers!

In Christ,

Father Andrew Harmon