

Update

9-23-05

How to Help:

All the relief agencies including the IOCC say that they cannot take any more clothing; that's what they got the most of and they have no place to store any more. Some of the things they do need are over-the-counter medications, especially diarrhea and cold medications, household cleaning and laundry supplies, and disposable diapers for children and adults. See the IOCC site for up-to-date information on needs. Please send Katrina packages to

IOCC
c/o Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
50 South Ann St.
Mobile, AL 36604
Phone: (251) 438-9888

FATHER JOHN HENDERSON* of St Peter/Madison-Jackson, MS, and Dean of the Mississippi Valley Deanery, provides a list of items which may be collected in our parishes and shipped to the needy who have been evacuated to his area.

Please do not send any items until you have first been in communication with Father John who will provide you with the proper address to which these items should be shipped. Father John may be contacted via email at frjohnc@bellsouth.net or via telephone at *601-856-3894*

More Ways to help:

1. Financial Donations: Warning: Many bogus relief websites have been set up, to be a good steward of God's bounty give only through known groups such as: our Antiochian Archdiocese, Teen SOYO, Fellowship of St. John the Divine, IOCC, Red Cross, etc.
2. Kits to Assemble- 'Clean-Up' kit or 'Health' Kit (also School Kits)- *kit contents lists below see IOCC- www.iocc.org/giftsofheart
3. Jobs- OrthodoxJobs.com is a collaborative effort SCOBA, Hellenic College, Orthodox Christian Fellowship, and St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary with jobs for Orthodox or in Orthodox environments. Or www.Craigslist.com to post job offers or seek employment and housing for hurricane victims and gen.public.
4. Bibles for the Shelters- a member of St. Sophia's Greek Orthodox Church in San Antonio reported that they needed Bibles in the shelters there! Most Katrina evacuees had left everything behind, and for the moment, most had food & water & diapers et,c but they really missed and were asking for spiritual comfort and for Bibles. She said if anyone sent them, she would personally deliver them to those who wanted them most... So, if any of your Parishes
5. would like to do so, Bibles can be sent c/o: Kathy Moran, 1026 Hedgestone Drive, San Antonio, TX 78258.
6. Pray, pray, pray

***IOCC Emergency Clean-up Bucket**

kits to assemble

These supplies enable people to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a flood, hurricane, tornados, or other disaster here in the United States*.

- One 5 gallon bucket with resealable lid
- Five scouring pads
- Seven sponges, assorted sizes
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen cleaning towels (reusable, like *Easy Wipes*)
- One 50-78 oz. box dry laundry detergent
- One 12 oz. bottle of liquid concentrated household cleaner (like *Lysol*)
- One 25 oz. bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like *Dawn*)
- Fifty clothes pins
- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- Five dust masks
- Two pairs latex gloves
- One pair work gloves
- One 22-27 count box heavy-duty trash bags (33-45 gallon)
- One 6-14 oz. bottle of insect repellent (drops or lotion, not aerosol)
- Please purchase all liquids in plastic bottles. Be sure to send all new, unopened materials. Put all items in the plastic bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment, and seal lid with packing tape. Place each bucket in a separate box and include the name and address of the church, group, or individual sending the bucket. Close and secure the box with packing tape. Buckets should be shipped prepaid directly to the warehouse in New Windsor, Maryland:

**IOCC / Church World Service
Brethren Service Center Annex
601 Main St.
P.O. Box 188
New Windsor, Md. 21776-0188**

When shipping, please:

- Indicate the type of Kit clearly on the outside of the box.
- Secure the boxes with packing tape.

Be sure to include the name of the parish, group or individual sending the kits on the box.

*IOCC Health Kit to assemble

To Help Victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Put together a small assistance package and make a big difference. Basic materials such as soap, toothpaste, band-aids, paper, pencils, and diapers seem small, but make a huge difference in an ongoing development program or when disaster strikes. Our Health, and School Kits are among the items most requested by our partners each year. The need is great, and we can never have too many on hand.

Please carefully follow the instructions below:

1. Buy a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure and fill it with the following items:

- One hand towel
- One washcloth
- One comb
- One metal nail file or nail clipper
- One bar of soap (bath size)
- One toothbrush
- One tube of toothpaste (4-7 ounces)
- Six Band-Aids

2. Secure the bag and pack it in a box. Secure the box with packing tape.

3. Clearly mark the outside of the box with the words "Health Kit", apply the correct amount of postage and mail the box to the following address:

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601 Main St.
P.O. Box 188
New Windsor, Md. 21776-0188**

Be sure to include the name of the parish, group or individual sending the kits on the box.

Update

9-8-05

Some parishioners have contacted the Maryland Housing Relief organization and received the following information:

We are currently working with many agencies, churches and businesses. Everyone is so eager to help, and it is frustrating to see human beings in such desperate need, and feel as if you are just standing by. Do not be discouraged, this is a painfully slow process.

Mayor O'Malley offered 1000 beds for evacuees if they come to Baltimore. I spoke with his office today, and currently there are no plans to relocate evacuees to our area. However that may change as needs are assessed. The office of Public Relations knows that we exist, and are available to offer housing.

Many of you have made specific requests. If and when we are contacted for help, host families would make final decisions on who joined their homes. **I would also recommend registering on hurricanehousing.org. This is a national website with the ability to keep your information private.**

Contracts have been awarded for four cruise ships to house evacuees, three in Galveston and one in Mobile. These contracts are for six months. Thousands of FEMA trailers are being deployed. Use of National Parks and Military Bases. Many of the displaced people do not want to leave the area. However we are in contact with several families who are coming to Baltimore permanently. We have notified Red Cross, Catholic Charities, the Governors Office, and the Mayors office.

Since I started this email, I have been notified of another family that is here and looking for housing. The situation is ever changing. Local agencies have begun to send families our way, Over the weekend we placed our first evacuee. We wish them well.

Hurricanes Katrina & Rita- Orthodox Parishes:

For Prayer lists and aftermath help

Antiochian Parishes likely in path of Rita and evacuating

- **St. Joseph** - Fr. Matthew B. MacKay, Houston, Texas 77043
- **St. George** - Fr. John Salem - IOCC had been coordinating Katrina evacuee work from here Houston, Texas 77005
- **Forty Holy Martyrs of Sebaste Mission** - Rev. Fr. John Mefrige, Sugar Land, Texas 77478 (SW Suburb Houston)
- **St. Michael** - Fr. Michel Pavez, Beaumont, Texas 77706 (E of Houston/ N. of Port Arthur)
- **St. Anthony the Great** - Fr. George Dahdouh, Spring, Texas 77388 (Just N. of Houston)
- **St. John the Divine** - Fr. David Thomas, Lake Charles, Louisiana 70605 (E of Port Arthur & Beaumont TX)
- **Fr. Peter Nugent & the faithful of St. Basil Church Metairie**, Louisiana who evacuated to Houston Area from their home parish in New Orleans area during Katrina and will have to evacuate again. FYI: According to Bp. Basil, Fr. Peter was able to get into St. Basil's in Metairie, LA to remove the reserve sacrament, antimens, icons, etc.
- **Holy Trinity** - Corpus Christi, Texas 78411 (Far SW of Houston on coast) possibly unaffected

Other Orthodox Parishes affected by Katrina

- **Holy Trinity Cathedral**, New Orleans, LA (GOA) Rev. Fr. Anthony Stratis and Parish- evacuated to Atlanta, GA area
- **Holy Trinity Chapel**, Biloxi, MS (GOA) only received roof damage- IOCC Relief work set up here.
- **Annunciation Church, Mobile, AL (GOA)** - Rev. Fr. James Cleondis and Parish