

HEALING OF CONGENITAL MESOBLASTIC NEPHROMA

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Last year, on June 23, 2025, my first cousin's (Vasiliki's) daughter (Markella) gave birth to baby Andreas through an emergency c-section. While she was at a doctor's appointment for a sonogram, they rushed her to give birth due to a large mass that was discovered on one of the baby's kidneys. After the delivery of the baby, they had to remove the whole kidney on June 27, 2025. The surgery lasted almost 5 hours. The baby had an aggressive cancer called Congenital Mesoblastic Nephroma (CMN) that was stage 3. On July 1st, he was transferred to the children's hospital in Philadelphia where he had to undergo a second surgery due to a tear on his intestine that occurred during his first surgery. Upon discharge, they were told that the baby would need chemo in a short time.

On July 6, 2025, I came to the Monastery to pray and ask Saint Nektarios for help so the baby can make it, as he was not baptized yet. Father Stephanos helped get oil for the baby, and then I provided an address for my cousin so the Holy Unction could be sent there. My cousin put the Holy Unction on the baby where she was instructed. Since that time, the baby has not needed any chemo or dialysis like they were originally told, and it was just baptized on July 26, 2026.

Thank you dearly to all the fathers here at St. Nektarios for praying for our family and to St. Nektarios. I believe in miracles, and this surely was a great one. I didn't know how else to help but prayer. As a mother myself, it was hard for me to see another mother going through such pain, but with faith in God and St. Nektarios, our family was able to overcome this hardship.

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