

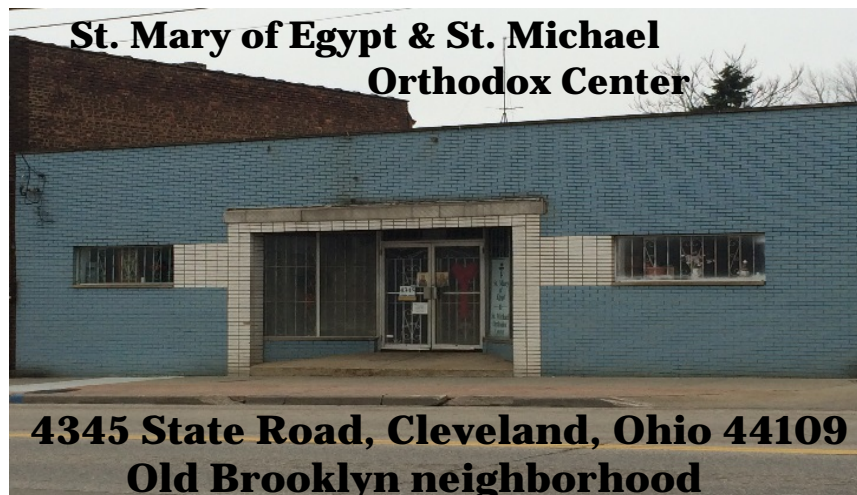
St. Mary of Egypt Orthodox Mission & Chapel



Mission Statement:

*To respond to the call of our Lord Jesus Christ
through prayer and the offering of love and charitable service
to the stranger and those in need*

Mission Report - Revised June 2022





History

**Rev. Mother Theonymphie
Foundress of St. Mary of Egypt**

† September 1, 2013

St. Mary of Egypt was founded in 1992 as a charitable organization to serve the poor with the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Maximos of Pittsburgh and under the direction of Sister Triantaphyllitsa Vasilakis (tonsured to the Small Schema in 2000 as Mother Theonymphie). Since its founding, St. Mary of Egypt has undergone several name changes, while operating under the vision first established in 1993: **“To provide charitable and humane assistance to the needy.”** Our organization was initially conceived as a charity directing aid to women and children in need; however, from the beginning, help was also extended to men, elderly and families. In 2000, the St. Mary of Egypt Orthodox Mission acquired the new title **“Mission & Monastery.”**

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2014 was a year of transition for the Mission. With the passing of our Abbess and director in 2013, the Board was restructured and bylaws rewritten to support our change from a monastery-based mission to a lay Orthodox organization.

On March 3, 2014, “St. Mary of Egypt Orthodox Mission and Chapel” became our official name, as registered with the Ohio Secretary of State.

In the early years, food was given out from the mission home, then later from donated warehouse space through the summer of 2013. Through the generosity of a caring donor, **the St. Mary of Egypt and St. Michael Orthodox Center** opened with distribution on January 18, 2014.

The St. Mary of Egypt Chapel Program

In April 2014, His Eminence Metropolitan Savas of Pittsburgh gave his blessing to and offered annual review of the charitable work of the mission. His Eminence appointed the St. Mary of Egypt Chapel to be a canonical spiritual dependency of the Annunciation Church in Cleveland.



In October 2014, the St. Mary of Egypt Chapel moved from its original location to the Annunciation Church (2187 W. 14th Street). The Chapel is now set up in a dedicated room of the church's school building, where our icon screen has been brought out of storage.

Services in the Chapel have been sponsored by St. Mary of Egypt and by Annunciation Church for its youth group.

The St. Mary of Egypt Outreach Program

St. Mary of Egypt has been a member of the **Greater Cleveland Food Bank** (GCFB) since 1997. A variety of canned goods and other shelf-stable food items, fresh produce, frozen meats, and breads are regularly purchased from the Food Bank, supplemented by other local donors, and distributed every month. Interim emergency distribution is arranged as needed. Over the past twenty-five years, thanks to loyal donors and volunteers, we have distributed over **1,000,000 lbs.** of food.

The number of food-insecure households has greatly increased during the pandemic. The most recent data shows that more than 30% of Ohioans were eligible for assistance through the GCFB before the pandemic, and that figure has only increased. Since the beginning of the pandemic in early 2020:

- We have increased our **emergency availability**
- We have had a marked increase in **young volunteers** when the older members of our St. Mary of Egypt family were unable to participate
- We have developed an effective **drive-thru method** of distribution
- **Donations** have increased dramatically (see page 4, 2021 donations)

The Greater Cleveland Food Bank Report

Between 2020 and 2021, **over 121,000 lbs. of food** were purchased from the GCFB, including over 19,000 lbs. of fresh produce. Many additional pounds were contributed by other donors.

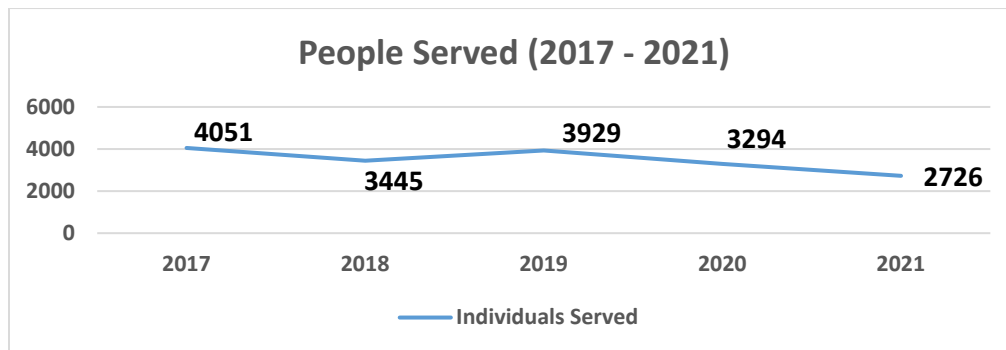
See the chart below for our service to the community over the past two years during the pandemic. See graph below for a five-year history.

Calendar Year Statistics	<u>Jan 2020 – Dec 2021</u>
Individuals Served	6,020
Families Served	1,881

The Food Bank plays a significant role in supervising our outreach program. They monitor the quality of food they provide, passing regular governmental inspections of their central facility. In turn, they set standards for their partner agencies. They hold annual site visits to inspect our facility and offer suggestions to guide our improvement.

**Our phone lines are open 24 hours a day for emergency food requests and to provide referrals to other agencies for assistance.
(440) 473-3885**

Five-Year Client Report



During the pandemic, massive effort has been made to establish more central pantries in the Cleveland area. Although our specific numbers have dropped, we honor the way in which the Greater Cleveland Food Bank has risen to the occasion.

In the Mission's **30th Anniversary** year of charitable service to those in need, we are grateful to all those who make our work possible.

To the donors, benefactors, volunteers, and board members of St. Mary of Egypt, **Thank You!**

Thanks to Local Donors and Businesses for Their Loyal Support:

- **Food:**

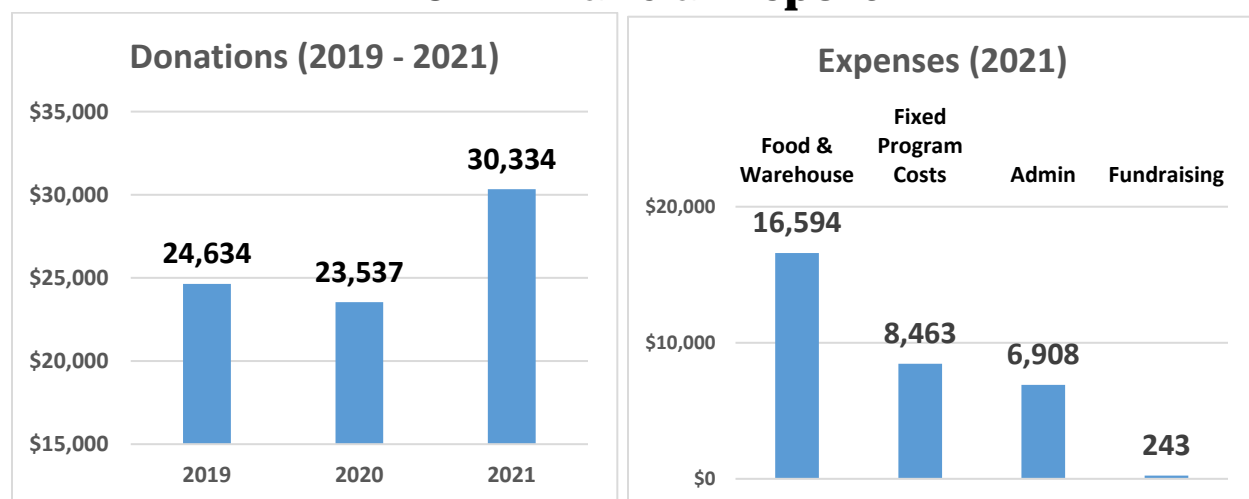
- [Orlando Bakery](#) is our major provider of bread each month.
- [Honey Baked Ham](#) has faithfully contributed ham bones (with plenty of meat) and bagged pieces for many years.
- The [Hunger Network](#) has offered financial support and connected us to local sources of produce.

- **Communications:**

- [Saturn Press](#) produces our quarterly newsletter.
- [Website Solutions USA](#) hosts our website.

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2021 Financial Report



Fixed program costs include vehicle expenses, our 24-hour emergency hotline service, and taxes & fees.

As reported by Charity Navigator, a typical charity “should spend no more than 25% of their total expenses on administrative...and fundraising costs combined” (CharityNavigator.org). St. Mary of Egypt has met this standard, with **80%** of donations going towards our programs and related operations. Direct donations provided for 94% of our expenses in 2021. We rely on your generous financial support to sustain our charitable service to those in need.

St. Mary of Egypt Executive Board

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Spiritual Oversight and Direction

His Eminence Savas, Metropolitan of Pittsburgh
Rev. Fr. Dean Dimon, Priest of Annunciation Church in Cleveland

Thanks to Consultants:

- **John Gary Boukis** of **Superior Construction** for ongoing warehouse repair and upgrade
- **Charles Papadelis** for managing our “Thank You” letters and donation receipts
- **Rea & Associates** for their support with accounting and tax services

St. Mary of Egypt is a member of:



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