

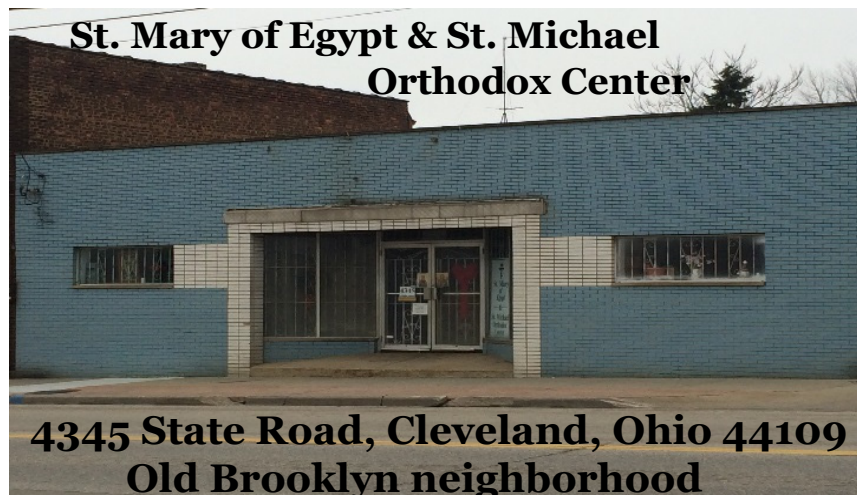
St. Mary of Egypt Orthodox Mission & Chapel



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 03/2019





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 mission statement 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.”**

2014 was a year of transition and accomplishment. 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 mission.

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 distributed from the mission home, then later from donated warehouse space through the summer of 2013. **The St. Mary of Egypt and St. Michael Orthodox Distribution Center** opened in January 2014. The first distribution at our new building, co-dedicated to the Archangel Michael, took place on January 18.

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 St.) in a large foyer area with a separate entrance on Fairfield Avenue.

Divine Liturgy is held monthly in the St. Mary of Egypt Chapel.

The St. Mary of Egypt Outreach Program

“Although the economy is improving, millions of Americans continue to struggle. The USDA estimates that 41 million people, including nearly 13 million children, in the United States are food insecure as of 2016. That means 1 in 8 individuals (13%) and 1 in 6 children (18%) live in households without consistent access to adequate food.”

(Feeding America “Map the Meal Gap” Executive Summary 2018)

St. Mary of Egypt has been a member of the **Greater Cleveland Food Bank (GCFB)** since 1997. Food is regularly purchased from the GCFB for our food ministry, supplemented by significant contributions from other local donors. Every month, a variety of canned goods and other shelf-stable food items are distributed, along with fresh produce, frozen meats, and bread/pastries. Clothing, household items, and baby needs are provided as available. Emergency distribution can be arranged for local families in crisis. Over the past twenty years, thanks to loyal donors and volunteers, we have distributed over **915,000 lbs.** of food.

The Greater Cleveland Food Bank Report:

From October 2017 through September 2018, **over 57,000 lbs. of food** were purchased from the GCFB, including over 15,000 lbs. of fresh produce distributed. Other donors contributed many additional pounds.

As shown in the chart below, 2017 was an exceptional year of service. Our food pantry program has returned to historically-consistent levels of people served in our community (see graph at top of page 4).

Calendar Year Statistics	<u>Jan – Dec 2017</u>	<u>Jan – Dec 2018</u>
Individuals Served	4,051	3,445
Families Served	1,319	1,124

Last year, 27.8% of our clients were children, and 19.2% were seniors.

The Food Bank plays a significant role in supervising our outreach program. They set standards for 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 information 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.

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Thanks to Local Donors and Businesses for Their Loyal Support:

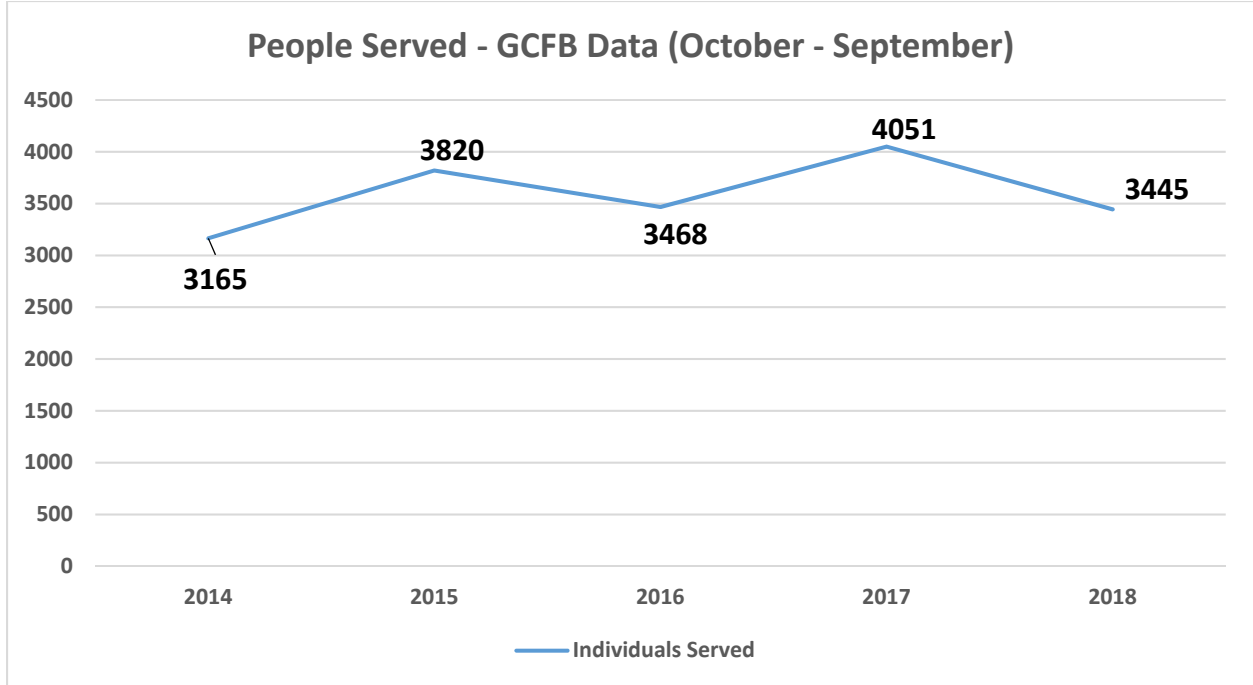
- **Food:**

- [Orlando Bakery](#) is our major provider of bread each month.
- [All Faiths Pantry](#) has delivered hundreds of pounds of fresh produce as available. Best wishes to their new endeavor for produce distribution, **Baba's Yard** in Parma and Brooklyn.
- [Honey Baked Ham](#) has faithfully contributed ham bones and pieces for many years.

- **Communications:**

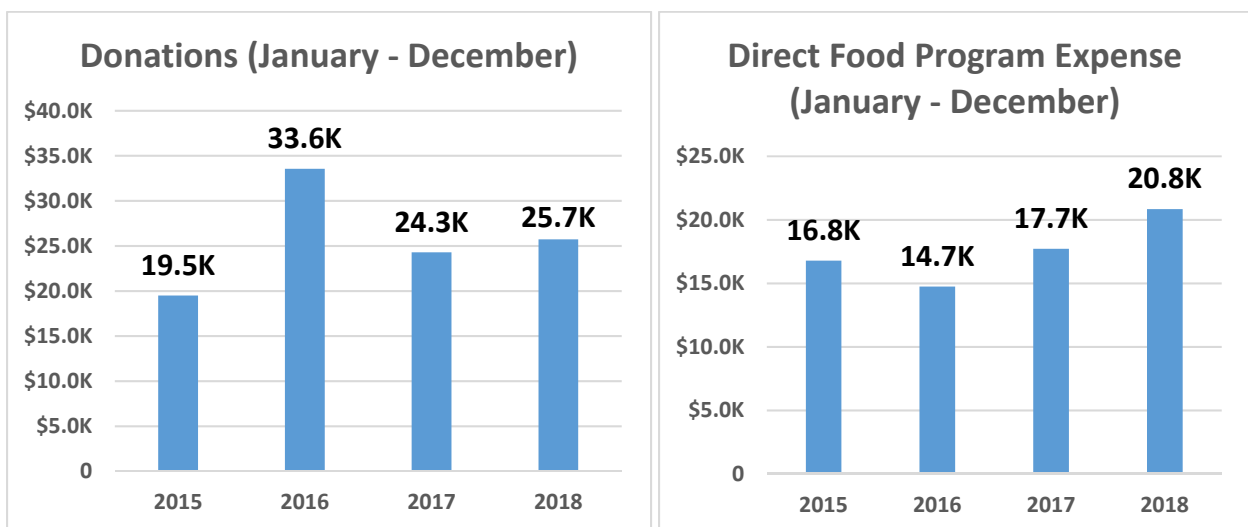
- [Saturn Press](#) prints and mails our quarterly newsletter.
- [Website Solutions USA](#) hosts our website.

2018 Client Report:



As the Mission enters its 27th year of service, we reflect on the tremendous work offered to those in need throughout Cleveland. According to Feeding America, 27% of food-insecure people do not qualify for federal assistance, making them heavily reliant on local charitable food programs like St. Mary of Egypt.

2018 Financial Report:



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

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