

Saint Mary of Egypt

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Responding 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, since 1992.

Giving Thanks in 2016

"Blessed is he who considers the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble." Psalm 41:1

Please consider a donation to help us provide for families during the holiday season. We thank all those who have contributed this year in support of the work of the Mission in Cleveland. *May God bless you and your families.* We would like to share with you a few special pictures of our work and volunteers.

While St. Mary of Egypt primarily focuses on the distribution of food, from time to time, we have been able to distribute household goods and articles of clothing as well. Many thanks to the St. Paul community in North Royalton, Ohio who remembered us on their 50th Anniversary with a clothing drive.

Sometimes we prepare samples of food for clients and share easy food recipes they can use at home. Recently, we offered roasted lamb, which some of our clients have never tasted! Thanks to volunteers **Mike** who roasted the lamb and **Maria** who served the samples. *See pictures on the back...*

Volunteer Spotlight:

Bill, our Building Manager, maintains upkeep of our facility, plans layout for stock placement, and helps pick up food from the Food Bank.

John of Superior Construction assists clients at distribution and donates his time making needed building repairs.





Nearly 100 bags of clothing for all ages were donated to St. Mary of Egypt from St. Paul Church this April.

Right: Coats ready for winter distribution



“Glory to God for All Things,”
excerpts from a hymn attributed to Fr. Gregory Petrov, who died in a Soviet Union prison camp in 1940

King of ages, Who, by the power of Your Providence, hold in Your right hand all the ways of man’s life:

We thank You for all Your visible and secret goods; for earthly life and for the heavenly joy of Your future Kingdom.

Glory to You Who through good deeds transform our lives,

Glory to You Who sealed with sweetness every commandment of Yours,

Glory to You Who are invisibly present in the works of mercy,

Glory to You Who send upon us troubles and sorrows in order to teach us to commiserate in the sufferings of others,
Glory to You, O God, from age to age!



Volunteer Maria (Annunciation Church—Cleveland) who served samples of lamb at our August distribution.