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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.

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It is well with him who deals generously and lends, who conducts his affairs with justice. For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever. Psalm 112:5-6

Throughout the summer months, remember those families who are less fortunate in the Cleveland area. The need is great at this time of the year (see article below) and we thank you for your generosity. Our food distribution program serves an average of **over 50,000 meals** per year.

Hunger Doesn't Take a Summer Vacation

Article Excerpts (moveforhunger.org, Author Dan Beam, 05/22/2017)

Summer is a particularly difficult time of year for our nation's food banks. Donations always decline following the holiday season and reach a nadir during the summer months. The timing couldn't be worse, either. Food banks also face their greatest need during the summertime. The reason? Families with children who had been receiving free or reduced-cost breakfast and/or lunch at school need to find a way to replace those meals during summer break. So they turn to their local food bank or pantry for assistance.

The National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program provide nutritional assistance to millions of low-income children every year. These programs have been proven to reduce food insecurity, offer a number of health benefits, and improve academic performance. **Only 1 in 6 children** who receive free or reduced-cost meals at school, however, continue to do so during the summer months.

What can we do? In the short term, we need to do our part to keep the shelves at our local food banks and pantries stocked. Families who are facing hunger need help right now.

Thank you for your support. Wishing you a blessed summer!



6/10: Memorial Prayers were held for +Mother Theonymphie at St. John Skete in Hiram. Thank you, Frs. Nektarios and Philaret, for your gracious hospitality, and thank you, Presvytera Daisy, for making the kollyva in memory of Mother.



Mary distributes eggs and fresh Orlando bread to clients.



Chris and Deacon Sam assist clients in and out of the building with their carts of food.



Left: Volunteer Kristy meets St. Mary of Egypt's youngest visitor — three weeks old!

Right: Thanks to Cleveland Public Power for restoring our electricity during our June distribution — near 90 degrees!

