

*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.*

## *Holiday 2020*

*“Only he who leaves everything to the will of God can feel truly joyous, light, and peaceful.” ~ Elder Thaddeus Vitovnica*

### **Upcoming Distribution Dates for the Holidays:**

Thanksgiving — Saturday, November 21

Christmas — Saturday, December 19

**Thank you** to those who have helped support us through the COVID-19 crisis, as we have not been able to hold our usual fundraising events and activities. As the winter months approach, we are increasing our emphasis on **drive-through pickup** of food when possible, while we still offer the opportunity for neighborhood individuals to walk up for distribution. Our volunteers have shown the love of Christ in their efforts this year, both long-term members of St. Mary of Egypt whose health permits them to come, and some fine, new helpers who have recognized the extra need of this year.

As we approach the holiday season, St. Mary of Egypt is making plans to provide area families with special foods for Thanksgiving & Christmas, centering on turkeys, chickens, and other roasts with traditional sides. We deeply appreciate your continued support, knowing that there are many individuals now facing significant financial challenges, some for the first time.

**Your gift is needed** to help the Mission provide comfort and care for those struggling in these difficult times.



*Wishing you a blessed holiday season and joy in the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!*

*See the reverse side for pictures of our volunteers at work!*

**“They who are kind to the poor lend to the Lord” (Proverbs 19:17). If you help a poor person in the name of the Lord, you are making a gift and at the same time granting a loan. You are making a gift because you have no expectation of being reimbursed by that poor person. You are granting a loan because the Lord will settle the account. It is not much that the Lord receives by means of the poor, but He will pay a great deal on their behalf. - St. Basil the Great**



Our volunteers help unpack food deliveries, organize the stock, and make food bags (above), as well as offer assistance at our monthly distribution. *May God bless you all!*



Above right: A family volunteers from St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Church

Left: Volunteers load the carts to be taken outside on distribution day