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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.*

## ***Thanksgiving & Nativity 2023***

***"When you sit down to eat, pray. When you eat bread, do so thanking Him for being so generous to you. If you drink wine, be mindful of Him who has given it to you for your pleasure and as a relief in sickness. When you dress, thank Him for His kindness in providing you with clothes. When you look at the sky and the beauty of the stars, throw yourself at God's feet and adore Him who in His wisdom has arranged things in this way. Similarly, when the sun goes down and when it rises, when you are asleep or awake, give thanks to God, who created and arranged all things for your benefit, to have you know, love and praise their Creator."***

***- St. Basil the Great***

Give the gift of nourishment this Thanksgiving and Christmas. The poor in need across Cleveland come to food centers, like St. Mary of Egypt, for the comfort of traditional foods at the holidays: turkeys, roasts, chickens, and side dishes for their tables at this special time of year.

With your financial gift in any amount, and with your prayers for our ministry, the Mission will serve these items during our November and December distributions to our clients in crisis. With increased food costs, we have seen record numbers of clients come to the Mission, while we do our best to sustain an inventory of nutritious food staples. Your support will make an important difference, both in this festive season and the following winter months.

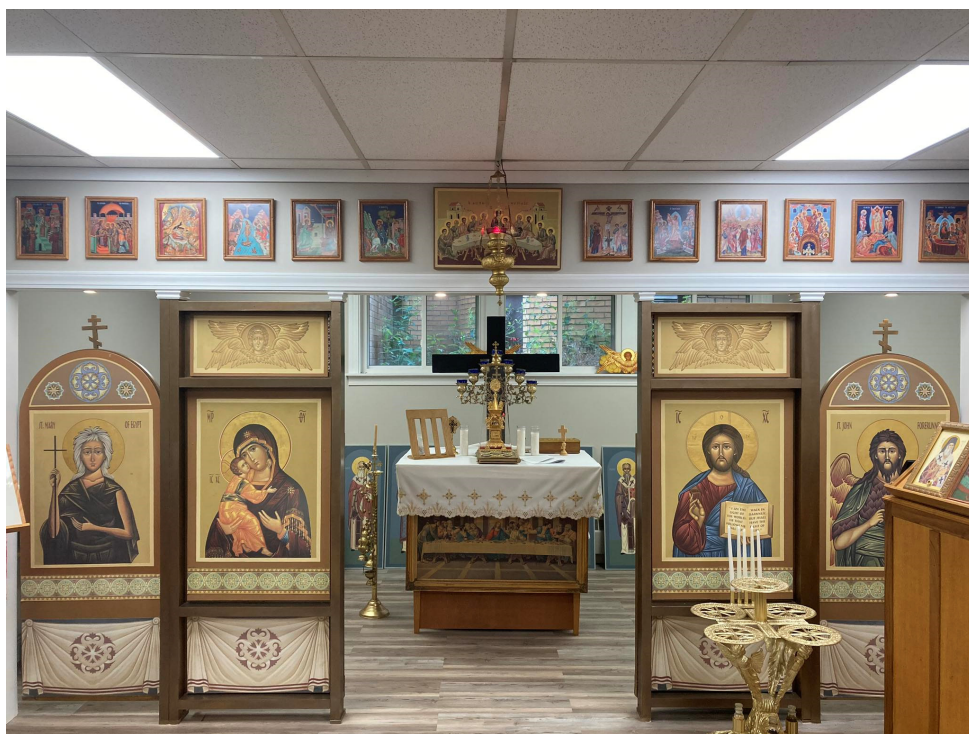
***Thank you! Wishing you a blessed holiday season and joy in the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!***



**Upcoming Holiday Distributions:**  
Thanksgiving — Saturday, November 18  
Christmas — Saturday, December 16

***See the reverse side for pictures and updates from the summer!***

The **new St. Mary of Egypt Chapel** was dedicated on Saturday, September 2 at Annunciation Church in Cleveland. Our spiritual advisor, Fr. Dean Dimon, celebrated the Divine Liturgy and offered a 10-year memorial service for our foundress, +Rev. Mother Theonymphie.



This summer, we published our **Annual Mission Report**. Visit [www.saintmaryofegypt.org](http://www.saintmaryofegypt.org) to read the full report. Below is an excerpt of statistics on the outreach program for the past year.

Between 2021 and 2022, **over 115,000 lbs. of food** were purchased from the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, including over 18,000 lbs. of fresh produce. Many additional pounds were contributed by other donors.

This resulted in **over 96,000 meals served** in the past two years.

See the chart below for our service to the community over the past two years (note a 23% increase).

Calendar Year Statistics	<u>Jan – Dec 2021</u>	<u>Jan – Dec 2022</u>
<b>Individuals Served</b>	<b>2,726</b>	<b>3,347</b>
<b>Families Served</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>1,051</b>