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.

Thanksgiving & Nativity 2026

"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**

As we approach Thanksgiving and Christmas, help us support those in need in the Cleveland area. The number of clients who visit St. Mary of Egypt for assistance continues to rise. We have had many first-time clients come to the Mission this year.

The Mission is preparing two special distributions with the traditional turkeys, hams, chickens, roasts, yams, stuffing, cranberry sauce, and other sides.

With your gift in any amount, our clients will have festive celebrations this Thanksgiving and Christmas. Your contributions will sustain the Mission's ministry and comfort those less fortunate.

May God bless you for your prayers and support this holiday season.



Upcoming Holiday Distributions:

Thanksgiving — Saturday, November 21
Christmas — Saturday, December 19

Memory Eternal — Mary Pagonakis



The Mission's beloved volunteer, board member, and unfailing friend, **Mary Pagonakis**, passed away on Thursday, August 6, the Feast of the Transfiguration - a blessed day for her journey to heaven! We rejoice that she is with her Lord, and grieve her loss. She always reminded us that +Mother Theonymphie was with us and watching over us. Mary, may God grant your continued presence with our Mission!

Many thanks to Fr. Yanni, Fr. Anastasios, and Fr. Ivan for serving Divine Liturgy in the St. Mary of Egypt Chapel over the summer months!





Below is an excerpt highlighting **St. Mary of Egypt's outreach** over the past three years. Last year, we served 73,361 pounds of food (61,134 meals) to 6,332 individuals.
Find more statistics in the full
Annual Mission Report on our website: www.saintmaryofegypt.org

Calendar Year Statistics	2023	2024	2025
Individuals Served	**5,332**	**6,243**	**6,332**
Families Served	**1,581**	**1,835**	**1,905**

Do you know of someone in need? The **Food Bank's Help Center** stands ready to assist callers in any language: (216) 738 - 2067. Their team can evaluate their needs and connect them to nearby resources.