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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 2024

***“Whoever brings blessing will be enriched,
and one who waters will himself be watered.” - Proverbs 11:25***

***“Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord,
and He will repay him for his deed.” - Proverbs 19:17***

***“Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed,
for he shares his bread with the poor.” - Proverbs 22:9***

This Thanksgiving and Christmas, remember the poor across Cleveland and those who serve the needy. Food prices continue to rise, and the numbers of Cleveland residents who need our services have increased as well. St. Mary of Egypt is making special provision of traditional holiday foods, such as turkeys, hams, chickens, roasts, stuffing, cranberry sauce, and other sides.

In this festive and holy season, you can give the gift of comfort and celebration to our clients in crisis with your donation in any amount. Your contributions will help sustain our ministry through the winter months.

As you will see on the reverse side, and in our Annual Mission Report, our service to the community has doubled over the last three years. With your prayers and support, we will continue to provide to our brothers and sisters in need.

***Thank you for making a difference.
Wishing you a blessed Thanksgiving and
Merry Christmas!***



Upcoming Holiday Distributions:
Thanksgiving — Saturday, November 16
Christmas — Saturday, December 21

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

On Sunday, September 8, members of St. Mary of Egypt made a pilgrimage to **St. John Monastery** in Hiram, Ohio, where graveside memorial prayers were held for our foundress, +Rev. Mother Theonymphie.



Read about our outreach program in our **Annual Mission Report**, which was published this June and posted on our website: www.saintmaryofegypt.org

St. Mary of Egypt is a member of the **Greater Cleveland Food Bank**, which has seen record numbers this year. Between October 2023–September 2024, the Food Bank and its agencies distributed 54.5 million pounds of food to 424,000 individuals, up 2.6 million pounds and 24,000 people from the prior year.

The chart below shows **St. Mary of Egypt's outreach** over the past three years.

Calendar Year Statistics	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Individuals Served	2,726	3,347	5,332
Families Served	868	1,051	1,581