



St. Cyril of White Lake Food Pantry

**At St. Mary Orthodox Church
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By the grace of God, with the blessing of His Eminence, Archbishop MELCHISEDEK, the St. Cyril of White Lake Pantry opened its doors to the public on September 23, 2010 and has completed seven full years of caring for those in need. Our goal remains to provide needed food and bread to those in need in our community. 100% of all funds received goes directly to the provisioning of the poor through food, some basic sanitary needs, and pet food when it is donated.

The St. Cyril of White Lake Food Pantry is open every Thursday from 5:45pm to 6:45pm. Everyone who seeks help is helped, and patrons are provided with three days+ of food. The calendar year 2017 has seen over 3200 Households (representing 35000+ individuals) have been served. The average weekly service has been 60 to 107 families per week. No one has ever been turned away empty handed. Each household served received food for three+ full days of meals. [Note: The average real cost of food provided at any one time to a household of three is \$42.00. The reason our costs have remained almost the same as last year is the kind cooperation of the Market District Robinson Giant Eagle and Brownsville Rd Shop and Save and Heidelberg Shop and Save which have helped to stretch dollar values.]

How has this been done? It has been accomplished through the active ongoing generosity of the faithful of our Archdiocese (71%) and the Serbian Diocese (16%) and St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral (7%) other Orthodox parishes, community organizations and ministries (3%) and businesses (3%). Among these donors, are the following whose regular donations make the Food Pantry possible:

- **Archdiocese of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania**
- **Pittsburgh Deanery (OCA)**
- **St. Mary Orthodox Church - Pittsburgh**
- **St. Alexander Nevsky Orthodox Cathedral - Allison Park**
- **St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral Sisterhood and Sunday School**
- **St. John Orthodox Church – Canonsburg**
- **S. John Orthodox Church Sunday School**
- **Mediterra Bakehouse (Weekly provides bread and frequent other donations)**

- **Holy Ghost Orthodox Church – Ambridge, PA**
- **Holy Ghost Ladies Altar Society – Ambridge, PA**
- **Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Cathedral – Pittsburgh**
- **St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church – McKeesport**
- **Holy Dormition ROCOR Church - McKeesport**
- **Ladies Altar Society of St. John Orthodox Church – Canonsburg**
- **Intercession of the Holy Virgin Church – Carnegie PA**
- **Intercession of the Holy Virgin Church Sunday School**
- **St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral**
- **Nativity of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church – OCA**
- **St. John the Baptist CRO Church**
- **St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church – Monroeville**
- **Shop N Save**
- **Thomas Gmiter Funeral Home**
- **South Side Rotary**
- **Alexandria International (Nick Roberts)**
- **A host of faithful Orthodox Christians**

In closing, what is most urgently needed are three things, food, financial donations and volunteers. At present we purchase weekly about 84% of the food that is distributed – with the rest coming from Churches. With the growing numbers of people in need, this requires a greater amount of food weekly, so all donations in this area would be most welcome. Volunteers are needed to help with ongoing food distribution efforts. It takes about 15 volunteers weekly to operate the Food Pantry at total efficiency. So all volunteers are welcome.

Respectfully submitted

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