

Summary of St. Mary's Board Actions & Decisions April 2022

- I. News
 - a. Community Outreach: Thank you to all who donated to our Lenten Service Project! We collected more than five boxes of household goods and non-perishable items. They will be donated to: St. Sophia Syrian Orthodox Church's Soup Kitchen for Homeless and Needy; Agora Ministries.
 - b. Youth: We will be resuming Saturday night services of singing, games, and learning about the Gospel for grades K-8.
 - c. Hopefully you have met visiting priest Abouna Sedrak El Souriany, who we are hosting through the end of May. He will serve with Abouna Makarios. If you would like a house visit or confession with Abouna Sedrak during his stay, please contact Abouna Makarios or Medhat Abdelnour.
- II. Announcements
 - a. The Church is working on purchasing a van! If you are able, please make a donation towards this purchase. You can mark on the check that this is to go towards the van, or text Medhat (614.440.3676) if you are donating online and want it to go to the van purchase.
 - b. Women's Prayer Group: St. Mary's will be holding women's prayer meetings. They will take place:
 - i. First and third Wednesday of each month, 7-8pm, St. Mary's Church. Please contact Amal Gerges (614.598.8399) if you are interested in attending, as you will need access to the church building on a weeknight.
 - ii. Every Friday morning, 7:45-8:30am, Antrim Lake park (meet at the dock on the lake, pray by the benches just south of the dock). Contact Mariam El-Shamaa (614.570.5608) if you have questions.
 - c. First Annual Banquet for the diocese of Ohio, Michigan and Indiana will take place on May 15, 2022, with the blessing of HG Bishop Saraphim.
 - i. The Honorable Dr. Sameh Abou-Enein, the Consul General in the Egyptian consulate in Illinois, will be the keynote speaker at the event.
 - ii. Banquet will include dinner and a silent auction.
 - iii. The event will take place at the Palazzo Grande banquet hall in Shelby TWP, MI; cost will be \$75.00 per person.
 - iv. A personal directory and data base for church members will be available.
 - v. There is, finally, an opportunity to advertise services in the brochure for the event. Details about advertisements are available on the Facebook post for this banquet.
- III. As always, the Board welcomes input from the congregation. There is a suggestion box that has been placed in the back of the church and we invite anyone to place suggestions there. They can be anonymous if you wish. Alternately, Fr. Makarios and the members of the board would be happy to talk-- please reach out to: Fr. Makarios West; Medhat Abdelnour; Hope Asefa; Hala Barsoum; Mariam El-Shamaa, Emad Guirguis; Wagdy Iskandar; Michael Sourial; and/or Remon Wahba.