



Kali Sarakosti! The season of Lent is upon us, and what a blessing it is to have the opportunity to be called back to God. It's a time when our church, our M25 Ministry, and so many of us take the time to look back, reflect, and go back to the beginning. As leaders, we have taken this opportunity to examine

our work and find our unique way to return it to God. In the coming weeks, we will receive the greatest gift of all...Christ's sacrifice on the cross for us. Have we done enough to show thanks to God? Has our gift been given with a pure and humble heart? The answer is YES! We worked hard to secure eggs, chickens, hams, cheese, pork tenderloin, butter, ground beef, and turkey for both Somerton Interfaith Food Pantry and Seeds of Hope. Our pantry directors provided us with their needs, and we went to work to fulfill these requests. We did it! It's not always easy orchestrating dates that allow ALL shoppers to benefit from receiving Easter Meats. It's not easy going to the market and carrying several hundred pounds of meat that must be moved from the cart to the car to the pantry's freezers. It may have been cumbersome, but it gave us joy to do this. These acts of giving completely fulfill us. We feel God's presence as we unload our treasures. Special thanks to Angie Makris McCulloch for her help with one of our deliveries. We are grateful for all the helping hands.



Even though Easter will be in the past for many come March 31st, 2024, Matthew 25 isn't done. We haven't done enough. We will continue to collect donations for our beloved pantries through May 5th. Let's show our loving and merciful Father our generosity and desire to keep His word and care for our community. We want to accomplish more than just a Lenten Meat Drive. We hope to provide an abundant offering to our friends whose tables are not full.

If you haven't had the opportunity to donate, please go to Vanco and submit a donation to Matthew 25, entering Lenten Meat Drive in the memo. If Vanco isn't easy for you, please make a check out to Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church and write Matthew 25 in the memo. Mail to Lisa Trivelis, 31 Trailwood Drive, Holland, PA 18966.

Food for Thought: "Lent is a time of gladness. With radiant purity and pure charity. Strengthen us, Lord, to be zealous in faith and good works in the face of difficulties.".....Beth Moore.