

History

The Sisters of St. Basil the Great, a religious order of the Eastern Catholic Church, was founded in the 4th century by St. Basil and his sister, St. Macrina. They established monasteries for men and women, respectively, in their native Asia Minor. The strong point of their monastic ideal was the common life and prayer.

The Uniontown Province of Our Lady of Perpetual Help had its beginning in 1921 in Cleveland, Ohio. It was there that Rev. Mother Macrina came from Philadelphia to begin a new foundation of the Order to serve the Ruthenian faithful. Initially, the small community took care of orphaned children. In 1927, the community moved to a farm in Factoryville, Pennsylvania, and then to their current home in Uniontown, Pennsylvania. The mansion on the property was dedicated as their new monastery on September 3, 1934, and named Mount St. Macrina in honor of St. Macrina.



The first Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help took place at this time. The following year Pope Pius XI presented the gift of an icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help through Bishop Basil Takach requesting the Sisters to spread devotion to the Mother of God under this title. The Prayer League is one way that this devotion is achieved.

Prayer from Akathist

to

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Glorious queen and source
of God's grace,

we the faithful come
before your famous icon,

from which you continuously
dispense your graces.

Keep under your perpetual
protection your spiritual children

who have dedicated their lives
to you and sing in your honor:

Rejoice, O Full of Grace, our Hope!



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Prayer League



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of the
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**Our Lady of
Perpetual Help Province
Mount St. Macrina**

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Prayer League

The aim of the League is to:

- Foster devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- Support in prayer the apostolic works of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great
- Encourage vocations to the community

Members are asked to:

Enroll at Mount St. Macrina

- Make the annual Pilgrimage to Mount St. Macrina, if possible, or join in spirit and prayer with pilgrims during that time
- Celebrate the feasts of the Mother of God in some special way
- Spread devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Unite in prayer using the **Mary, Full of Grace, Our Hope** prayer book

- Pray for the renewal of our Byzantine Catholic Church

Spiritual Benefits

Members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Prayer League participate in the spiritual benefits offered by the Sisters.

Among those benefits are:

- A Divine Liturgy offered monthly for the members of the League
- A Divine Liturgy offered for the intentions of the living members of the League during the annual Pilgrimage
- A Divine Liturgy offered for the deceased members of the League during the post-festive time of the feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God
- A share in the prayers and good works of the Sisters.
- A copy of the prayer book, **Mary, Full of Grace, Our Hope**



Membership Enrollment

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Prayer League, complete the following and return to the address below:

Name

Address

Phone

E-mail

Membership Enrollment

Donation: \$35.00

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