

Annual Pilgrimage in honor of
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Mount Saint Macrina
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The Sisters of St. Basil the Great Warmly invite you to the 84th Annual Pilgrimage In honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help September 1 & 2, 2018



Mary, Hope of All Generations

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Pilgrimage 2018

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

Dear Friends,

One of my earliest memories of my mother when I was but a toddler is holding her hand tightly as we walked across a drawbridge fearing that it might open while we were in the middle. Through school years, it was always a comfort to walk through the door after school to find her waiting. During my teens, she always stood her ground while I protested (often with tears) that “everybody’s going.” Years later as an adult, she would always admonish me for not wearing my scarf on a cold winter day. Even during her last illness, her main concern was that I was okay....

I’m sure most of you can identify with these memories. Our mothers are always there for us, loving and reassuring us regardless of our age or circumstances. Even if they have passed on to eternal life, we can still call upon them to watch over us.

How appropriate, then, that during this 84th Annual Pilgrimage, we honor our most holy Mother under the title of “Hope of All Generations”. Young or old we can always come to Mary and know that she is there to help us and intercede for us before her beloved Son Jesus. There is never a time when she is not ready to listen.

We invite you to come to visit your heavenly Mother this year at Mount St. Macrina as we join together as one family to honor her under the title of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. For 84 years, Pilgrimage has brought together generations of young and old to pray, sing and share in the many blessings of this holy time. Come, bring your joys, sorrows, concerns, and fears to her, and find peace and comfort in her loving care.

With our love, prayers, and gratitude,

Sister Ruth Plante, OSBM

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The Tradition of Pilgrimage



When Pope Pius XI of blessed memory sent the gift of an Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help to the Sisters of St. Basil, he requested that the Sisters spread devotion to the Mother of God under this title. In response, the Sisters initiated a Pilgrimage in her honor. Since 1934, thousands of Pilgrims have made the sacred journey of Pilgrimage to Mount St. Macrina. Here they place their needs, their hopes and desires in prayer at the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

This year, the Sisters of St. Basil the Great celebrate the 84th Annual Pilgrimage in honor of our Lady of Perpetual Help. Therefore, it is quite appropriate that the original icon that was presented to the Sisters by Pope Pius XI, will be the centerpiece of this year’s sacred journey of the Pilgrimage.

The Pilgrimage provides for the diverse spiritual needs of many pilgrims who frequent this major unifying event in the life of the Byzantine Catholic Church. As the oldest and largest Byzantine Catholic Pilgrimage in the United States, its participants include clergy and faithful from across the country.

The Sisters of St. Basil invite everyone to join them in honoring the Mother of God under the title of *Mary, Hope of All Generations*. With them, she waits to welcome all to her Shrine on Mount St. Macrina.

Friday, August 31

7:00 p.m. - Office of Small Compline at Shrine Altar

Saturday, September 1

7:00 a.m. - 12 noon **MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION** (Confessions)

House of Prayer Patio

OPENING OF PILGRIMAGE

8:00 a.m. **MATINS** at Shrine Altar

9:45 a.m. Procession with icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help from House of Prayer to Shrine Altar

10:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY

Welcome: Sister Ruth Plante, OSBM

Divine Liturgy to be followed by procession to Lourdes Grotto for the Solemn Blessing of Water; procession to return to the House of Prayer at the conclusion of the Blessing.

1:00 – 5:00 p.m. **MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION** (Confessions)

House of Prayer Patio

1:00 p.m. **PARAKLIS** at Shrine Altar

2:00 p.m.

CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE at Children's Tent

ORIENTATION for TEENS at Prayer Garden

ENRICHMENT SESSION at Trinity Center

MYSTERY OF ANOINTING at Shrine Altar

FESTAL ICON SHRINE WALK

3:00 p.m. **TEEN PILGRIMAGE** at Prayer Garden

4:00 p.m. **VESPERS** with **DIVINE LITURGY** at Shrine Altar

Saturday, September 1 (Continued)

6:00 p.m. **ENRICHMENT SESSION** at Mausoleum

7:15 p.m. Procession from House of Prayer to

Mount Macrina Cemetery

11:30 p.m. Compline at Dormition Shrine

Please note: Curfew is 1 a.m. for those youth participating in Chaperoned Youth Activities. For all other youth, the curfew is 12M.

Although casual attire is acceptable, participants are asked to be mindful of the religious nature of the services and activities that take place and to dress accordingly to traditional Christian values and standards of modesty. Thank you!

Sunday, September 2

7:00 a.m. **MATINS** at Shrine Altar

7:00 a.m. **DIVINE LITURGY**

House of Prayer Chapel

7:30 a.m. - 12 noon **MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION**

(Confessions)

House of Prayer Patio

8:30 a.m. **DIVINE LITURGY** - Slavonic

Shrine Altar

10:30 a.m. **DIVINE LITURGY**

Shrine Altar

12:30 - 5:00 p.m. **MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION** (Confessions)

House of Prayer Patio

Sunday, September 2 (Continued)

1:00 p.m. **CHILDREN'S PROCESSION** with Special Blessing for Youth & Young Adults - from House of Prayer to Mother of God Shrine

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. **MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION**

(Confession for the infirm, sick and physically challenged)

Manor Gazebo

2:00 p.m.

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ENRICHMENT SESSION at Trinity Center

TEEN PILGRIMAGE at Prayer Garden

MYSTERY OF ANOINTING at Shrine Altar

3:45 p.m. Procession from House of Prayer to

Mother of God Shrine

4:00 p.m. **DIVINE LITURGY**

Mother of God Shrine

Words of Gratitude: Sister Ruth Plante, O.S.B.M.

7:15 p.m. Procession from House of Prayer to

Mother of God Shrine

7:30 p.m. **CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION**

(Beginning and ending at the Mother of God Shrine)

CLOSING OF THE PILGRIMAGE

Following the Candlelight Procession::

TEEN SOCIAL Prayer Garden Area

YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL Trinity Center

11:30 p.m. Compline at Dormition Shrine

Monday, September 3

9:30 a.m. **DIVINE LITURGY** at Shrine Altar

Dear Sisters:

Please pray for me and place the following intention(s) before the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help:

Your Name (OPTIONAL):

We have no greater help,

No greater hope than you,

O most pure Virgin;

Help us, then, for

We hope in you, We glory in you,

We are your servants.

Do not abandon us.