



**The Sisters of St. Basil
the Great**
warmly invite you to the
79th Annual Pilgrimage
in honor of
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
August 31 & September 1, 2013



Theotokos, Steadfast Foundation of Faith

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Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This year we are celebrating the 79th Pilgrimage honoring Our Lady of Perpetual Help under the theme: "Theotokos: Steadfast Foundation of Faith". Mary's faith was much closer to our own than the sentimental legends that have been handed down through the ages. As the mother of Jesus, she experienced the same difficulties in life as we do, but with a much greater degree of intensity. Mary lived in the historical period of Roman occupation, and therefore withstood oppression and injustice. The holy family lived in poverty, and undoubtedly experienced a good deal of isolation and prejudice.

All of Mary's earthly life passed under the veil of an unbending faith. She continued to trust and to walk into an unfamiliar future as she was being called by God to live through an outwardly common but inwardly mysterious existence. The journey of the Mother of God was filled with unanswered questions, profound sorrow, and sacred joy. Pope Paul VI wrote that Mary is worthy of imitation because she was the first and the most perfect disciple. The Theotokos was always receptive to God's unfolding plan with an unswerving faith.

Plan to be with us in honoring Mary this Pilgrimage. All of us need great faith to cope with life situations involving our well-being, relationships, and world problems. All of us need to call upon the Theotokos, the Mother of God, as our firm foundation of Faith.

We Sisters invite you to join us at Mt. Macrina on August 31st through September 1st. Together, we can prayerfully reflect upon our own quest in faith, individually and as members of His holy Church. Together we can ask our gentle Theotokos for the faith to let our lives be fashioned by Him.

We look forward to meeting all of you Pilgrims again, or perhaps, for the first time. For you faithful Pilgrims who are unable to be with us physically, please know that we will keep you in the heart of our prayers as we prepare for and live out our sacred Pilgrimage journey.

In the love of the Lord Jesus,

Sister Seraphim, OSBM
Provincial
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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's theme, *Theotokos, Steadfast Foundation of Faith*, was chosen in keeping with the **Year of Faith**. As we continue our journey through this year, we can find no better guide than the Theotokos. At this pilgrimage and with the Mother of God at our side, we have a wonderful opportunity to nourish a deeper relationship with Jesus, her Divine Son. It is a perfect time for all of us to rediscover and renew our relationship with Christ and his Church.

The Sisters of St. Basil invite you to share in the many blessings of Pilgrimage and offer their prayers for a spiritually fruitful journey of the heart.

Fri., Aug. 30, 2013

7:15 p.m. - Office of Small Compline at Shrine Altar

Sat., Aug. 31, 2013

**7:30 a.m. - 12 noon - Mystery of Reconciliation (Confessions)
House of Prayer Patio**

OPENING OF PILGRIMAGE

9:00 a.m. - MATINS at Shrine Altar

10:15 a.m. - Procession with icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help from House of Prayer to Shrine Altar

10:30 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY

Welcome: Sister Seraphim, 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 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. - Mystery of Reconciliation (Confessions) House of Prayer Patio

1:00 p.m. - MOI EBEN at Shrine Altar

2:00 p.m. - CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE at Children's Tent
ORIENTATION for TEENS at Prayer Garden
ENRICHMENT SESSIONS at Trinity Center

Please note:
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 according to traditional Christian values and standards of modesty.

Thank you!



Sat., Aug. 31, 2013 (Continued)

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

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

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

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

7:30 p.m. - PARASTAS at Mount Macrina Cemetery

CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION
(Mount Macrina Cemetery to Shrine Altar)

AKATHIST to OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Following Akathist:

TEEN SOCIAL at Prayer Garden

YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL at Trinity Center

Please note: Curfew is 1:00 a.m. for those youth participating in Chaperoned Youth Activities. For all other youth, the curfew is 12 Midnight.

Sun., Sept. 1, 2013

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

7:00 a.m. - DIVINE LITURGY in House of Prayer Chapel

7:30 a.m. - 12 noon - MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION
(Confessions at House of Prayer Patio)

8:30 a.m. - DIVINE LITURGY - Slavonic at Shrine Altar

10:30 a.m. - DIVINE LITURGY at Shrine Altar

Sun., Sept. 1, 2013 (Continued)

11:00 a.m. - MYSTERY OF ANOINTING at Trinity Center

12:30 - 5 p.m. - MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION
(Confessions at the House of Prayer Patio)

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 at Manor Gazebo)

2:00 p.m. - CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE at Children's Tent
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 at Mother of God Shrine
Words of Gratitude: Sister Seraphim, 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)

Following the Candlelight Procession::

TEEN SOCIAL Prayer Garden Area

YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL Trinity Cent

*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*