



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Sisters of St. Basil to Celebrate 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrimage *Mary, Cause of Our Joy***

**August 20, 2019, Uniontown, Pa.** -- The 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be held at Mount St. Macrina, August 31 & September 1.

As in previous years, the Sisters will welcome all those Pilgrims who come from all over the country. Limited accommodations on the Mount and camping on the racetrack will be available as in the past. Light fare will be available at the Lunch Stand starting on Friday evening. For those arriving early, Compline will be held at the Shrine Altar on Friday evening. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Monday morning, September 2, for those who stay over.

Other plans for the weekend include many opportunities for participation in the Divine Liturgy of the Byzantine Catholic Church. Also scheduled are Matins, Vespers, sacrament of reconciliation, activities for teens and children, and other services in honor of the Mother of God.

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The Pilgrimage holds the distinction of being the oldest and the largest Byzantine Catholic Pilgrimage in the country.

The schedule follows:

**FRIDAY, August 30, 2019**

7:00 p.m. Compline Shrine Altar

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2019**

7:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon - Mystery of Reconciliation (Confessions) House of Prayer Patio

**OPENING OF THE PILGRIMAGE**

8:00 a.m. MATINS Shrine Altar

9:45 a.m. Procession with Icon from House of Prayer to Shrine Altar

10:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY - Celebrant and Homilist - Bishop Gerald N. Dino

WELCOME- Sister Ruth Plante, OSBM, Provincial

Procession with Icon from Shrine Altar to Lourdes Grotto for the Solemn Blessing of Water

Return to House of Prayer at conclusion of Blessing.

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. to Mystery of Reconciliation (Confessions) House of Prayer Patio

1:00 p.m. MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD Shrine Altar

2:00 p.m. MYSTERY OF ANOINTING for the Infirm, Sick Shrine Altar and Physically Challenged Pilgrims

2:00 pm CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE Children's Tent

**ENRICHMENT SESSIONS**

2:00 p.m. "Now Set Aside All Earthly Cares" Trinity Center – Main Hall

2:00 p.m. Registration and Orientation for TEENS Prayer Garden

2:00 p.m. FESTAL ICON SHRINE WALK Gathering Place

3:00 p.m. TEEN PILGRIMAGE Prayer Garden

Chanting of Jesus Prayer

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

Basilian Associates – Renewal of Commitment

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**SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2019 (Continued)**

Following Ambon Prayer

Celebrant and Homilist – Bishop John M. Kudrick

6:00 pm ENRICHMENT SESSION Holy Resurrection - “Bereavement” Mausoleum

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

7:30 p.m. PARASTAS Mt. Macrina Cemetery

CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION Mt. Macrina Cemetery AKATHIST TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP to Shrine Altar

TEEN SOCIAL Prayer Garden\*

YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL Trinity Center\*

\* Following the Akathist

11:30 p.m. Compline at the Dormition Shrine with Bishop Milan Lach, S.J.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2019**

7:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy House of Prayer

7:00 a.m. MATINS Shrine Altar

7:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon Mystery of Reconciliation (Confessions) House of Prayer Patio

8:30 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY (Slavonic) Shrine Altar

10:30 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY FOR VOCATIONS Shrine Altar

12:30 - 5:00 p.m. Mystery of Reconciliation (Confessions) House of Prayer Patio

1:00 p.m. CHILDREN'S PROCESSION House of Prayer to Mother of God Shrine

Special Blessing for the Youth and Young Adults

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Mystery of Reconciliation (Confessions) for Infirm, Sick, and Physically Challenged Pilgrims

Gazebo Area - Mt. Macrina Manor

2:00 p.m. CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE Children's Tent

ENRICHMENT SESSIONS

2:00 p.m. “Moving with Mary: A Family Approach” Trinity Center- Main Hall

“Bereavement” Holy Resurrection - Mausoleum

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## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 (Continued)**

2:00 p.m. MYSTERY OF ANOINTING for the Infirm, Sick and Physically Challenged Pilgrims

Shrine Altar

Hierarchs of the Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh

TEEN PILGRIMAGE Prayer Garden

3:00 p.m. Chanting of Jesus Prayer

3:45 p.m. Procession House of Prayer to the Mother of God Shrine

4:00 pm Hierarchical DIVINE LITURGY Mother of God Shrine

Homilist - Bishop Gregory J. Mansour

WORDS OF GRATITUDE Sister Ruth Plante, OSBM, Provincial

7:15 pm Procession House of Prayer to the Mother of God Shrine

7:30 pm CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION Beginning and ending at Celebrant and Homilist – Bishop John Pazak C.Ss.R. Mother of God Shrine

CLOSING OF THE PILGRIMAGE

TEEN SOCIAL Prayer Garden

YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL Trinity Center

\*Following the Candlelight Procession

11:30 pm Compline at Dormition Shrine with Bishop Milan Lach, S.J.

## **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019**

9:30 am Divine Liturgy Shrine Altar

Celebrant and Homilist – Bishop Kurt Burnette

### **About the Sisters of St. Basil**

*The Sisters of St. Basil the Great respond in sensitivity and service to the needs of the Catholic Church and of the people. Their ministries encompass prayer, education, communications, cultural and heritage studies, translation and publication of liturgical books, religious education and organizational work, iconography and fine arts, health-related services, retreat work, and, social and pastoral ministry. Sisters also serve in the Chanceries of the various Byzantine Catholic Eparchies (Dioceses), and in the Generalate, their headquarters in Rome. The Sisters are known internationally for their annual Pilgrimage in Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. For further information, contact the Sisters directly at (724) 438-8644 or visit [www.sistersofstbasil.org](http://www.sistersofstbasil.org).*

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