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GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

Dear Friends,

As we share memories of our recent Pilgrimage in honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, two words seem to be repeated over and over – joyous and peaceful. It seems that everyone experienced a sense of calm which touched both body and spirit. The grand “reunion” of our Byzantine Catholic family and friends was a source of joy and encouragement while old friends and new friends shared their faith. It seems that everyone appreciated the reprieve from being bombarded with tales of violence, immorality, and politics.

The weather was certainly the most visible “miracle” with flooding and hurricane winds to our south and threatening storms to the north while we enjoyed warm sunshine and bright blue skies for the entire weekend.

The meaningful liturgical services and the uplifting homilies touched the hearts of many. The cheerful presence and tireless service of our Basilian Associates and generous volunteers, certainly has been pleasing to Jesus and his Most Holy Mother.

We also know that many pilgrims experienced miracles of the heart. Some of the words they shared with us were transformation, forgiveness, freedom, peace, energy, love, comfort.... The full details of each story are only known by Jesus and each pilgrim.

Be assured that we will be remembering you fondly in our daily prayers throughout this year. May each day hold a special blessing for you, and may Jesus lead you back to our holy Mount for Pilgrimage 2017.

With our love, prayers, and deep gratitude,

Sister Ruth Plante, OSBM
and the Sisters of St. Basil