

**A Guide
to the
Buildings - Shrines - Altars
on
Mount Saint Macrina**



*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.*

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP



THE DAILY PILGRIMAGE SCHEDULE

**EIGHTY-SECOND ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE
to the
SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
September 3 and 4, 2016**

Theotokos: An Inexhaustible Fountain of Mercy

Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Province
Mount Saint Macrina
Uniontown, Pennsylvania 15401

THE EIGHTY-SECOND ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

in honor of

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

is conducted under the Patronage of

THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC METROPOLITAN CHURCH OF PITTSBURGH

Archbishop William C. SkurlaMetropolitan Archbishop
Archeparchy of Pittsburgh
Bishop John Pazak, CSSR Bishop of Phoenix
Bishop Kurt Burnette Bishop of Passaic
Bishop John M. KudrickBishop Emeritus of Parma
Bishop Gerald N. DinoBishop Emeritus of Phoenix

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2016

7:00 pm	Compline	Shrine Altar
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2016

7:30 am to 12:00 noon	Mystery of Reconciliation (Confessions)	House of Prayer Patio
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OPENING OF THE PILGRIMAGE

8:00 am	MATINS	Shrine Altar
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9:45 am	Procession with Icon from House of Prayer to Shrine Altar	
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10:00 am	DIVINE LITURGY Celebrant – Archbishop William C. Skurla	
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Time	Service	Location
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2016 (continued)

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 pm to 5:00 pm	Mystery of Reconciliation (Confessions)	House of Prayer Patio
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1:00 pm	PARAKLIS TO THE MOTHER OF GOD	Shrine Altar
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2:00 pm	MYSTERY OF ANOINTING for the Infirm, Sick and physically challenged Pilgrims Priests of the Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh	Shrine Altar
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2016 (continued)

2:00 pm	CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE (See Pages 12-13)	Children's Tent
2:00 pm	ENRICHMENT SESSION <i>"Living Mercy in Our Daily Life"</i> Deacon Bill Fredrick	Trinity Center Main Hall
2:00 pm	Registration and Orientation for TEENS	Prayer Garden
2:00 pm	FESTIVAL ICON SHRINE WALK Very Rev. Archpriest John G. Petro	Gazebo near House of Prayer

Time	Service	Location
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2016 (continued)

3:00 pm	TEEN PILGRIMAGE See pages 14-15 Chanting of Jesus Prayer	Prayer Garden
4:00 pm	VESPERS with DIVINE LITURGY Basilian Associates – Renewal of Commitment	Shrine Altar
6:00 pm	ENRICHMENT SESSION <i>“Bereavement”</i> Ed Horvat	Holy Resurrection Mausoleum
7:15 pm	Procession from House of Prayer to Mt. Macrina Cemetery	

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2016 (continued)

7:30 pm	PARASTAS Celebrant – Bishop Gerald N. Dino	Mt. Macrina Cemetery
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	CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION AKATHIST TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP	Mt. Macrina Cemetery to Shrine Altar
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	*Following the Akathist TEEN SOCIAL	Prayer Garden
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	YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL	Trinity Center
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**CURFEW for those Youth participating in *Chaperoned Youth Activities* is 1:00 am.
For ALL other Youth, the CURFEW is Midnight**

Time	Service	Location
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2016		
7:00 am	Divine Liturgy	House of Prayer
7:00 am	MATINS	Shrine Altar
7:30 am to 12:00 noon	Mystery of Reconciliation (Confessions)	House of Prayer Patio Confession Area
8:30 am	DIVINE LITURGY (Slavonic) Celebrant – Bishop John M. Kudrick	Shrine Altar
10:30 am	DIVINE LITURGY FOR VOCATIONS	Shrine Altar

Time	Service	Location
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2016 (continued)		
12:30 to 5:00 pm	Mystery of Reconciliation (Confessions)	House of Prayer Patio Confession Area
1:00 pm	CHILDREN'S PROCESSION Sister Elaine Kisinko, OSBM, Coordinator Special Blessing for the Youth and Young Adults	House of Prayer to Mother of God Shrine
1:30 to 2:30 pm	Mystery of Reconciliation (Confessions) for Infirm, Sick, and Physically Challenged Pilgrims	Mt. Macrina Manor Gazebo Area

Time	Service	Location
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2016 (continued)		
2:00 pm	CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE (See pages 12-13)	Children's Tent
2:00 pm	ENRICHMENT SESSIONS <i>“Living Mercy in our Daily Life”</i> Deacon Bill Fredrick	Main Hall Trinity Center
	<i>“Bereavement”</i> Ed Horvat	Holy Resurrection Mausoleum
2:00 pm	Mystery of Anointing for the Infirm, Sick and Physically Challenged Pilgrims Priests of the Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh	Shrine Altar

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2016 (continued)

TEEN PILGRIMAGE (See pages 14-15)

Prayer Garden

3:00 pm Chanting of Jesus Prayer

3:45 pm Procession

House of Prayer to the
Mother Of God Shrine

4:00 pm Hierarchical DIVINE LITURGY

Celebrant – Bishop John Puzak, CSSR

(Broadcast on WEDO Radio 810 at a later time)

Mother of God Shrine

WORDS OF GRATITUDE Sister Ruth Plante, OSBM, Provincial

7:15 pm Procession

House of Prayer to the
Mother of God Shrine

Time	Service	Location
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2016 (continued)		
7:30 pm	CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION Celebrant – Bishop Kurt Burnette	Beginning and ending at Mother of God Shrine
	CLOSING OF THE PILGRIMAGE *Following the Candlelight Procession	
	TEEN SOCIAL	Prayer Garden
	YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL	Trinity Center
MARY, OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP, INTERCEDE FOR US		
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2016		
<i>9:30 am</i>	<i>Divine Liturgy</i>	<i>Shrine Altar</i>

CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE

Theme: Theotokos: An Inexhaustible Fountain of Mercy

at the CHILDREN'S TENT located to the right of the House of Prayer

Sessions will be facilitated by the Catechists of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 3, 2016

2:00 pm-3:30 pm.....Presentation/Activity

CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE (continued)

Sunday, SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

- 1:00 pm Children's Procession
Sister Elaine Kisinko, OSBM
Sister Barbara Jean Mihalchick, OSBM
- 2:00 pm-3:30 pm..... Presentation/Activity

TEEN PILGRIMAGE

PRAYER GARDEN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2016

2:00 pm Registration/Orientation

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm Presentation/Discussion

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Mystery of Reconciliation
Confessions on the Patio of the House of Prayer

7:30 pm **Parastas, Candlelight Procession
and Akathist to Our Mother of Perpetual Help**

Teen Social to follow at Prayer Garden

TEEN PILGRIMAGE
Prayer Garden

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Presentation/Discussion

3:30 pm Preparation for Divine Liturgy and Procession
(House of Prayer to Mother of God Shrine)

7:30 pm Candlelight Procession

Following the Candlelight Procession

Pizza Social at Prayer Garden

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PLEASE NOTE: MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

The Patio Area of the House of Prayer will be used exclusively for Confessions and meditation.

Out of reverence for the Mystery of Reconciliation and respect for the privacy of those who are coming to receive forgiveness, we ask that those waiting in lines stand a proper distance away from the confessional. We also ask that the Pilgrims refrain from using this area for conversation or for walking back and forth. Your cooperation is appreciated!

PLEASE NOTE: HOLY COMMUNION

During all Divine Liturgies at the Mother of God Shrine and the Shrine Altar, Holy Communion will be distributed at Communion Stations. Out of reverence for the Eucharist, we ask Pilgrims to keep a respectful silence and to maintain order in line.

OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO THE SICK, INFIRM AND PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED

Arrangements have been made for the Physically Challenged to receive the Mystery of Reconciliation at the Gazebo area in front of Macrina Manor (directly above the Mother of God Altar). On Sunday, September 4, confessions for the Physically Challenged will begin at 1:30 pm.

Special provisions are offered to the Sick, Infirm, and Physically Challenged at the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September 4 at 4:00 pm. A special tent will be provided for them. They are requested to be in their places by 3:30 pm on Sunday. Arrangements have been made for clergy to bring Holy Communion to them in their places.

Please Note: The Anointing Service for the Sick will be held on Saturday, September 3 and Sunday, September 4 at the Shrine Altar at 2:00 pm.

IMPORTANT SAFE ENVIRONMENT NOTICE:

In order to provide and maintain a safe environment for children and youth attending the 82nd Annual Pilgrimage, a vital set of guidelines has been established regarding minors under the age of 18 who come to the Pilgrimage **unaccompanied** by a parent(s). Prior to Pilgrimage, parents must have completed and submitted two forms on behalf of each minor participating in supervised Pilgrimage activities: These forms found on our website are: 1) Parental Consent and Waiver of Liability Form and 2) Medical Matters Form. Completed forms may be dropped off at the Welcome Desk in front of the House of Prayer.

Forms, further guidelines and information may also be obtained at the Information Desk in the House of Prayer.

TRANSPORTATION and PARKING

Vans to accommodate the elderly, sick, and infirm will be available for transportation to the various areas on the Mount. Stops are posted and the vans will make their rounds approximately every half hour. Transportation is also available from the handicapped parking site to the main areas of Pilgrimage.

FOR SAFETY REASONS AND TO HELP PROMOTE A PRAYERFUL ATMOSPHERE THROUGHOUT THE PILGRIMAGE, ALL ARE REQUESTED TO OBSERVE THE ONE-WAY TRAFFIC FLOW.

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

INVITATION:

Pilgrims are invited to pray at the Monastery Chapel on Saturday, September 3, and on Sunday, September 4, from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm as part of your Pilgrimage experience.

MONASTERY VISITORS:

All visitors to the Monastery are asked to use the designated front entrance of the Monastery.

MAUSOLEUM / CEMETERY:

The Mausoleum/Cemetery Office, located in Holy Resurrection Mausoleum, will have available information about the Mausoleum and Cemetery. Times are indicated when someone will be there to answer your questions about procedures, payment plans, and other details regarding this special ministry of the Sisters of St. Basil.

GUIDELINES FOR PROCESSIONS

A **Pilgrimage** is a journey, a journey to a holy place, a shrine or a place where people have had deep experiences of God's presence. Within the experience of Pilgrimage, there are other smaller journeys... journeys that we call **Processions**. Processions are not simply something "on the way" to a liturgical service; they are already an integral part of the service. It is important to maintain behavior that reflects the sacred purpose of the Procession. This includes:

- Walk at a slow but continuous pace.
- Process directly...do not stop to speak with people along the way.
- Join in singing or just meditate in silence. Do not talk.
- Please, do not chew gum, or bring any food or beverage.
- Dress appropriately (no halter tops, short shorts or similar attire)
- *Electronic devices (cell phones, iPods, etc.) should be turned off and never used during processions and liturgical services*

GUIDELINES FOR PROCESSIONS (continued)

When the Procession reaches the shrine, follow the instructions of the director or ushers to your designated seating area. Remember, in a Procession you are already participating in a liturgical experience, and your decorum should express the dignity that our Byzantine Tradition evokes.



At the conclusion of the service, observe the same decorum until the Procession reaches its conclusion.

TO THOSE ATTENDING THE PILGRIMAGE

WE PRESUME that by your presence on these grounds of Mount Saint Macrina at this time of the Annual Pilgrimage, you come here to participate in the spiritual program prepared to honor the Mother of God in a special manner during these days.

WE FURTHER PRESUME that by your presence here, you want to be a source of edification and good example to other pilgrims, that you will dress accordingly, and that your acts will be such that you will bear out our presumptions.

WE FURTHER PRESUME that since your intention on entering these grounds is to make the Pilgrimage, you will be willing to correct your conduct or your dress if the Directors should find you wanting, and that failure to do so when properly requested will result in your being asked to leave this place of prayer and meditation. The judgment of the Directors in these matters is final.

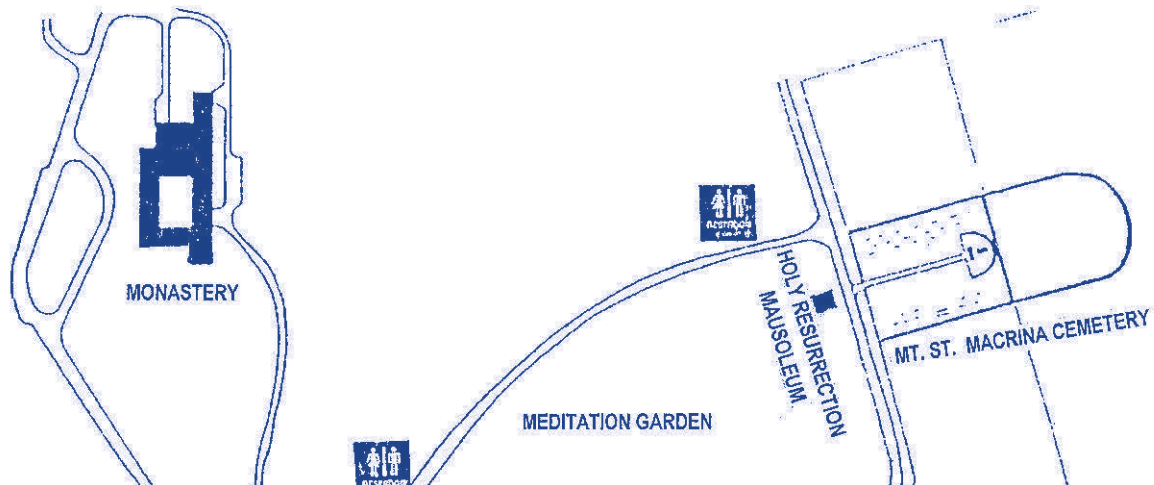
The setting up of any special booths or tents, soliciting, or any distribution of materials, is not permitted without the express consent of the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great.

IT IS A VIOLATION OF THE FEDERAL LAW TO WILLFULLY AND
DELIBERATELY INTERFERE WITH A RELIGIOUS SERVICE.

For the purpose of clarity, we consider this Annual Pilgrimage you are attending to be a continuous religious service from its opening to its closing.

The Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great
The Pilgrimage Directors

GROUNDS MAP



Mount Saint Macrina
Home of the
SISTERS OF THE ORDER OF SAINT BASIL THE GREAT
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Province
Sister Ruth Plante, OSBM, Provincial
Reverend Michael Huszti, Chaplain

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