

*The Sisters of St. Basil
the Great
Warmly invite you
to attend the
87th Annual Pilgrimage
in honor of
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Sunday, September 5, 2021*



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87th Annual Pilgrimage GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

Dear Friends,

Pilgrimage: A transformational journey, traditionally by foot, involving sacrifice, occasional blisters, and incessant prayer every step of the way.

It is a rare thing for everyone in the world to encounter the same experience as others throughout the world. Covid 19 has touched even the remotest of villages and has worked its way into the very fabric of our interactions with others across the globe. Individuals, cultures and nations have devoted countless financial and spiritual resources to combat the virus as well as the pain and suffering left in its wake.

It is definitely a time for Pilgrimage, whether embarked upon physically or virtually. Mt. St. Macrina awaits to welcome those who feel comfortable making the physical journey, as well as those who choose to journey virtually.

In light of current reality, Pilgrimage will be a different experience this year. Some Pilgrims may feel a bit of sadness at the absence of the "usual amenities". Others will be heartened simply by being together praying with others, whether on the Mount or via livestream.

Though the experience of this year's Pilgrimage may be different, let us remind ourselves why we embark each year on Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, Our Gentle Protectress. We come to Pilgrimage, as so many have done in the past, asking the Theotokos to intercede for us and all those we love.

There is no time like the present to seek her intercession with our fervent prayers.

Trusting in the protection of the Theotokos,

Sister Susan Sisko, OSBM
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Provincial

The Tradition of Pilgrimage



This year, the Sisters of St. Basil the Great celebrate the 87th Annual Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Since 1934, her Shrine at Mount St. Macrina has been a favored destination for the thousands of pilgrims who come to venerate her icon. Praying before this sacred image, they place all their needs, their hopes, their sorrows and their joys into her hands.

Pilgrimage has been an integral part of the lives of those who have attended year after year. This year, we will be offering the most cherished parts of Pilgrimage on Sunday, September 5. (Please refer to the schedule in this brochure.)

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

Annual Pilgrimage in honor of
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Mount Saint Macrina
500 W. Main Street
Uniontown, PA 15401

***Mother of Perpetual Help,
Our Gentle Protectress***

About the 87th Annual Pilgrimage

The Sisters of St. Basil the Great are pleased to announce that on Sunday, September 5, 2021, the 87th Annual Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be held at Mount St. Macrina. With the theme, “Mother of Perpetual Help, Our Gentle Protectress”, the Pilgrimage will be an in-person event and will also be streamed live. Liturgical services will be broadcast at www.sistersofstbasil.org.

Out of an abundance of caution, and in consultation with local county CDC/health department officials, this year’s Pilgrimage will have the following guidelines and limitations:

- All liturgical services will take place at the Shrine Altar. Due to the inability to accommodate large numbers indoors, the potential for postponement or cancellation of a liturgical service exists with the presence of severe weather conditions.
- Boxed lunches/snacks will be available for purchase during this year’s Pilgrimage. Pilgrims wishing to enjoy a warm meal are encouraged to support the local restaurants on Route 40 directly across from the Mount.
- Please see the list of local motels and hotels on our website if you wish

overnight accommodations. There will be no overnight accommodations on the grounds of Mt. St. Macrina this year, which includes campers. A limited number of self-contained RVs are permitted by appointment only (contact Sr. Carol at 724-438-7149).

- Pilgrims will be asked to wear masks when entering indoor shrines, as well as buildings such as the Religious Gift Shop, House of Prayer, restroom facilities, etc.
- Visitors to the Monastery (Motherhouse) will be limited this year to Sisters’ family. There will be no shuttle service on the property.

The Sisters are very happy to welcome our beloved Pilgrims back to the grounds of Mt. St. Macrina this year. We encourage you to make the best, most prudent decision for yourself and your family members regarding traveling to Pilgrimage this year. For Pilgrims unable to attend in person please participate via the livestream: www.sistersofstbasil.org

Please note: Although casual attire is acceptable, pilgrims are asked to dress modestly and appropriately, mindful of respectful attire while attending the Pilgrimage.

87th Annual Pilgrimage Schedule

Sunday, September 5

- 9:30 a.m. Confessions
- 9:30 a.m. Matins (TBD)
- 11:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for Vocations
- 1:30 p.m. Children’s Procession
- 2:30 p.m. Bereavement Session
- 4:00 p.m. Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
- 7:00 p.m. Parastas

Monday September 6

- 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy (TBD)

Services to be Streamed Live

The following services will take place Sunday, September 5 at the Shrine Altar, weather permitting, and live streamed on our website: www.sistersofstbasil.org.

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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.***

Mother of Perpetual Help, Our Gentle Protectress