

*The Sisters of St. Basil  
the Great  
Warmly invite you to the  
90th Annual Pilgrimage  
In honor of  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help*



*Theotokos: Our Rock, Our Refuge, and  
Our Strength  
Celebrating 90 Years of Grace*

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**Glory to Jesus Christ!**

Dear Friends,

In thanksgiving to God, and with great enthusiasm and joy, we Sisters invite you to our 90th Annual Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

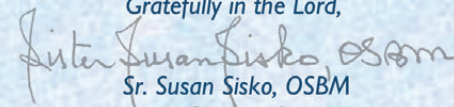
For this 90th Pilgrimage, we chose the theme "Theotokos: Our Rock, Our Refuge and Our Strength: Celebrating 90 Years of Grace." Indeed, Our Gracious Mother has been the Rock, Refuge, and Strength of our Province for 103 years and has been the very foundation upon which our Pilgrimage has been built these 90 years.

Mt. St. Macrina has received so many blessings throughout its history, and our Pilgrimage allows us to share these blessings with all of you, our faithful Pilgrims. Ninety years of prayer, 90 years of blessings, 90 years of relationships, 90 years of grace. It doesn't get much better than this, and we know it.

Preparations are well underway as we attempt to keep the flowers watered amidst record-high temperatures, keeping up with weeding, grass cutting, weed whacking, touch-up painting, and endless minor (sometimes major) repairs and fixes. Yet our deadline is always the same, 'ready or not': Labor Day Weekend!

We hope and pray that you and your loved ones can join us this year. If travel or health concerns do not allow you to be physically present, we hope that you will join us via the Mt. Macrina app (available on the Apple app store or Google Play store) or via Facebook Live.

We are grateful to you for your participation in our history, and we know that you share in our joy as we celebrate our 90th Pilgrimage. May Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Our Rock, Our Refuge, and Our Strength continue to guide and protect you and all those you love.

Gratefully in the Lord,  
  
Sr. Susan Sisko, OSBM  
Provincial

**The Tradition of  
Pilgrimage**



*This year, the Sisters of St. Basil the Great celebrate the 90th 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, hopes, sorrows, and joys into her hands.*

*The Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help holds a central place throughout the pilgrimage. It is carried in procession with love and devotion to each liturgical service and placed before the altar so all may venerate this Beloved Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help.*

*For those who embark on this journey, the pilgrimage is not just an event, but a deeply personal and integral part of their spiritual lives. It caters to their diverse spiritual needs, offering not only the Divine Liturgy and other liturgical services, but also the profound blessings of the Mystery of Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick, which are cherished by all.*

*The Sisters of St. Basil extend a heartfelt invitation to all, inviting them to join in honoring the Mother of God under the title of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Together, they eagerly await to welcome all to her Shrine on Mount St. Macrina, a place of solace and spiritual rejuvenation.*



## Friday, August 30

6:30 p.m. **COMPLINE** and  
**BLESSING OF WATER** at Lourdes

## Saturday, August 31

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

### OPENING OF PILGRIMAGE

9:00 a.m. **GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY**  
New Monastery Building

9:45 a.m. Procession with icon of Our Lady of Perpetual  
Help from House of Prayer to Shrine Altar

10:15 a.m. **DIVINE LITURGY**  
Welcome: Sister Susan Sisko, OSBM

1:00 – 5:00 p.m. **MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION**  
(Confessions) House of Prayer Patio

1:00 p.m. **AKATHIST** at Shrine Altar

2:00 p.m.  
**CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE** at Children's Tent  
**ORIENTATION for TEENS** at Prayer Garden  
**MYSTERY OF ANOINTING** at Shrine Altar  
**YOUNG ADULT GATHERING** at Lourdes Tent

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

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

7:00 p.m. Procession from House of Prayer to Cemetery  
Parastas/Procession to Shrine Altar  
Teen Social

## Sunday, September 1

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

7:30 a.m. **MATINS** at Shrine Altar

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

*Please note: Curfew is 11:00 p.m.*

*Although casual attire is acceptable,  
Pilgrims are asked to be mindful of the  
religious nature of services and activities  
and to dress appropriately. Thank you!*

9:00 a.m. **DIVINE LITURGY** - Slavonic Shrine Altar

11:00 a.m. **DIVINE LITURGY** - Vocations Shrine Altar

12:00 - 5:00 p.m. **MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION**  
(Confessions) House of Prayer Patio

1:00 p.m. **CHILDREN'S PROCESSION** with Special  
Blessing for Youth & Young Adults - from House of Prayer  
to the Shrine Altar

*In order to provide and maintain a safe environment for children and youth attending the 90th 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, posted on our website are: (1) Parental Consent and Waiver 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.*

## Sunday, September 1 (Continued)

2:00 p.m.  
**ENRICHMENT SESSION** – Trinity Center  
**BEREAVEMENT SESSION** – Mausoleum  
**CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE** at Children's Tent  
**TEEN PILGRIMAGE** at Prayer Garden  
**YOUNG ADULT** at Lourdes Tent

2:00 p.m. **MYSTERY OF ANOINTING** at Shrine Altar

3:45 p.m. Procession from House of Prayer to  
Shrine Altar

4:00 p.m. **DIVINE LITURGY** Shrine Altar  
Words of Gratitude: Sister Susan Sisko, O.S.B.M.

7:00 p.m. **CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION**  
(Beginning and ending at the House of Prayer)

### CLOSING OF THE PILGRIMAGE

Following the Candlelight Procession:  
**TEEN SOCIAL** Prayer Garden Area  
**YOUNG ADULT GATHERING** at Lourdes Tent

## Monday, September 2

9:30 a.m. **DIVINE LITURGY** at Shrine Altar

*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.*