

*The Sisters of St. Basil
the Great
Warmly invite you to the
88th Annual Pilgrimage
In honor of
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
September 3 & 4, 2022*



Theotokos: Seeker of the Lost

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Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Friends,

Lost: Unable to find one's way; feeling of helplessness or despair; that which has gone missing. We do not need to look very far to see "the lost" in our country and in our world today. The news is filled with war, political upheavals, mass killings, all manner of crime against cultures and peoples, and the imbalance of nature caused by climate change. Something has definitely "gone missing". Closer to home, friends and family struggle with the upheavals in their lives as they deal with physical, psychological, and spiritual pain.

In our Holy Theotokos, we have a powerful intercessor. Through her intercession, the lost can be found, tensions can be resolved, and pain and despair can be alleviated or healed. For this year's Pilgrimage we chose the theme: Theotokos, Seeker of the Lost, to encompass all who are trying to find their way, and who feel helplessness and despair.

Pilgrimage is a time to come together as Church to pray for the needs of our world, our friends, family and loved ones, and for ourselves. Most of us have had the experience of "being lost" at some point in our lives. We need the Mother of God to be our compass, our GPS, our navigator.

The Sisters of St. Basil joyfully invite you to this year's Pilgrimage, praying that the holy Theotokos help you and those you love discover that which is lost, and to light the path of your journey. For all those who are able to travel to Pilgrimage, may it be a time to refresh your spirit, and to seek Our Holy Mother's powerful intercession for you, and all you hold dear.

Sr. Susan Sisko, OSBM

Provincial

**The Tradition of
Pilgrimage**



This year, the Sisters of St. Basil the Great celebrate the 88th 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.

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

For those who come, pilgrimage is an integral part of their lives, providing for their diverse spiritual needs. Besides the Divine Liturgy and other liturgical services, the Mystery of Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick are treasured blessings for all.

The Sisters of St. Basil invite everyone to join them in honoring the Mother of God under the title of Theotokos: Seeker of the Lost. With them, she waits to welcome all to her Shrine on Mount St. Macrina.

Friday, September 2

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

Saturday, September 3

7:00 a.m. - 12 noon **MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION** (Confessions)
House of Prayer Patio

OPENING OF PILGRIMAGE

8:00 a.m. **MATINS** at Shrine Altar

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

10:00 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. **PARAKLIS** 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
3:00 p.m. **TEEN PILGRIMAGE** at Prayer Garden
4:00 p.m. **VESPERS** with **DIVINE LITURGY** at Shrine Altar
7:15 p.m. Procession from House of Prayer to Mount Macrina Cemetery
Parastas/Procession to Shrine Altar/Akathist
Teen Social following Akathist

Sunday, September 4

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 1 a.m. for those youth participating in Chaperoned Youth Activities. For all other youth, the curfew is 12M. 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

12:20 - 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 88th 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 4 (Continued)

2:00 p.m.
ENRICHMENT SESSION – Trinity Center
BEREAVEMENT SESSION – Mausoleum
CHILDREN’S PILGRIMAGE at Children’s Tent
TEEN PILGRIMAGE at Prayer Garden

2:00 p.m. **MYCERTY 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 Shrine Altar)

CLOSING OF THE PILGRIMAGE

Following the Candlelight Procession::
TEEN SOCIAL Prayer Garden Area
YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL Trinity Center
INPUT SESSION – Seminarians (Followed by a social)

Monday, September 5

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.