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

The Sisters of St. Basil the Great
Warmly invite you to the
92nd Annual Pilgrimage
In honor of
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
September 5 & 6, 2026

Theotokos: Beacon of Hope

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Glory to Jesus Christ!

'The journey of a thousand miles begins with the first steps.' How often have we heard that phrase, or one similar? Or we' will often hear, just take 'one step at a time.'

Whether the journey begins with the first enthusiastic steps we take as a baby or with the first steps we take after rehabbing from surgery, each step plays a crucial role in our development and formation.

The footsteps we take on our spiritual journey are at the very heart of who we are as pilgrims here on earth. We can all point to key moments in our lives that shaped and formed us, setting us on a path in one direction or another. These footsteps have formed and continue to form, directing us.

Our 92nd Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is upon us! With enthusiasm and joy, the Sisters of St. Basil welcome all our pilgrims to Mt. St. Macrina to once again take those sacred pilgrimage steps that nourish and support us throughout the year.

Mount Saint Macrina awaits your presence and is eager to support the treasured steps you take on this annual pilgrimage. All of us who live and work at the Mount are joyfully awaiting your prayers, presence, and friendship.

The Sisters of St. Basil the Great hope and pray that your travels to and from Mount Saint Macrina are safe and blessed. We pray that every step you take nourishes you spiritually, refreshes your spirit, and uplifts your heart as you make plans to attend this 92nd Annual Pilgrimage. We'll be waiting.

May Our Mother of Perpetual Help walk with you every step of the journey.

In the love of the Lord

Sister Susan Sisko, OSBM

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Provincial

The Tradition of Pilgrimage

This year, the Sisters of St. Basil the Great celebrate the 92nd 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: Beacon of Hope. With them, she waits to welcome all to her Shrine on Mount St. Macrina.

Friday, September 4

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

Saturday, September 5

8:30 a.m. - 12 noon **MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION** (Confessions)
Location to be determined.

OPENING OF PILGRIMAGE

9:30 a.m. **THIRD HOUR** at Shrine Altar

10:00 a.m. Procession with icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help to the Shrine Altar and **DIVINE LITURGY**
Welcome: Sister Susan Sisko, OSBM

1:00 – 5:00 p.m. **MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION** (Confessions)
Location to be determined.

1:00 p.m. **PARAKLESIS** to Theotokos
Shrine Altar

2:00 p.m.
ENRICHMENT SESSION - Trinity Center
CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE at Children's Tent
ORIENTATION for **TEENS** at Prayer Garden
MYSTERY OF ANOINTING at Shrine Altar
YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE (Lourdes Tent)

3:00 p.m. **TEEN PILGRIMAGE** at Prayer Garden
4:00 p.m. **VESPERS** with **DIVINE LITURGY** at Shrine Altar

7:30 p.m. Procession to Cemetery for Parastas
Teen Social After Parastas
Young Adults - Trinity Center followed by Compline in Dormition Grotto

Sunday, September 6

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

8:00 a.m. - 12 noon **MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION**
(Confessions)
Location to be determined.

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)
Location to be determined.
1:30-2:30 p.m.

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

Sunday, September 6(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 PILGRIMAGE at Lourdes Tent

2:00 p.m. **MYSTERYOF ANOINTING** at Shrine Altar

3:45 p.m. Procession to Shrine Altar

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

7:30 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 followed by Compline in Dormition Grotto

Monday, September 7

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

In order to provide and maintain a safe environment for children and youth attending the 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.

Dear Sisters:

Please pray for me and place the following intention(s) before the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help:

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Your Name (OPTIONAL):

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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.