

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help Shrine Newsletter

**Glory to Jesus Christ!  
Glory Forever!**

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### 2009 Pilgrimage: August 21 and 22

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As many of you know, this was a particularly cold and snowy winter for the Northwest. Most people can't remember ever seeing this much snow before. As I watched the snow wafting down over the shrine, I could not help but think of all of the many blessings that flow down upon our pilgrims each year as they gather to honor Our Lady of Perpetual Help. What a great blessing for us as we honor Our Lady and her Divine Son.

Recall that it was during a pilgrimage (albeit for unholy reasons) that St. Mary of Egypt received her conversion. She then dedicated the rest of her life to prayer and fasting in the desert - a model to us all.

Our story will probably not be as dramatic as that of St. Mary, but we can nevertheless expect rich mercies and blessings as we gather together for the holy mysteries, prayers and devotions, spiritual reflections, and meeting old friends. In this time of economic and political turmoil throughout the world, we are particularly in need of prayer and reflection to maintain our bearings in the confusing maze of modern life. Our faith sustains us through thick and through thin, and a pilgrimage is an excellent way to

honor the Theotokos and seek her powerful intercession.

This summer we are again blessed to have with us our bishop, Bishop Gerald Dino, who will preside over this weekend. And, making an encore appearance, is our guest speaker, Fr. Christopher Zuger, author of *The Forgotten*, who will speak on the devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and its relation to other Eastern Catholic devotions to Mary.

Last year, a generous benefactor donated the beautiful, new stone altar that now graces the shrine. This year we will, for the first time, provide a covered area in front of the shrine to shield pilgrims from the hot August sun.

We hope that you will be able to join us for an inspirational weekend. If not, please join us in spirit and know that we will remember you in our prayers on this blessed weekend.

Shrine Director

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## 2009 Pilgrimage Schedule

### Friday

<b>Byzantine Youth Challenge</b>	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
<b>Confessions:</b>	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
<i>Marian Cenacle in the Church</i>	5:00 p.m.
<b>Procession to the Shrine:</b>	6:15 p.m.
<b>Vespers &amp; Divine Liturgy:</b>	6:30 p.m.
<i>Rt. Rev. Joseph Stanichar</i>	
<i>Anointing of Sick at end of Divine Liturgy</i>	
Children's campfire; coffee & snacks	

### Saturday

<b>Confessions:</b>	8:00 - 8:45 a.m.
<b>Rosary at the Shrine:</b>	8:30 - 8:50 a.m.
<b>Matins:</b>	9:00 a.m.
<i>Fr. William O'Brien</i>	
<b>Hierarchal Divine Liturgy:</b>	10:30 a.m.
<i>Most Rev. Gerald Dino, D.D.</i>	
Beef Brisket Lunch*:	After Divine Liturgy
<b>Confessions:</b>	1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
<b>Children's Procession &amp; Akathist:</b>	1:30 p.m.
<i>Fr. Anthony Hernandez</i>	
Byzantine Youth Challenge:	Following Akathist
<b>Spiritual Reflection in the Church:</b>	2:15 - 3:15 p.m.
<i>Fr. Christopher Zuger</i>	
<b>Rosary for Life:</b>	3:15 - 4:30 p.m.
<b>Vespers:</b>	4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
<i>Fr. Lee Perry</i>	
Barbecue (donation):	5:30 p.m.

**\*Meal prices: \$8.00 per adult; \$5.00 children age 12 and under; or \$23.00 per family**

### Pilgrimage Clergy:

Most Rev. Gerald Dino, D.D., Bishop of the Eparchy of Van Nuys  
Fr. Samir Abulail (Seattle, WA) (Melkite)  
Fr. Anthony Hernandez (Los Gatos, CA)  
Fr. Frank Knusel (Portland, OR)  
Fr. Abraham Miller (Seattle, WA) (Ukrainian)  
Fr. William O'Brien (Spokane, WA)  
Fr. Lee Perry (Olympia, WA)  
Rt. Rev. Joseph Stanichar (Seattle, WA)  
Fr. Christopher Zuger (Albuquerque, NM)



***Our new stone altar***

**DIRECTIONS:**

From Tacoma and Points North: Take I-5 South to exit 109. Turn **right** at the bottom of the ramp onto Martin Way. Turn **left** at the first light onto College Street. Follow the directions in the box below.

From Portland and Points South: Take I-5 North to exit 108. Follow the signs for College Street/St. Martin's University. Turn **right** onto College Street. Follow College Street for about 5 miles. At Yelm Highway (Burger King), turn left onto Yelm Highway. Go through one light and turn right at the T intersection. Stay on this road until you pass the Evergreen Valley Grocery/Gas Station (on your right). Church is 0.3 mile after the gas station and is on your left.



**Major benefactors of the Shrine have their names engraved in the reredos behind the holy icon of Our Lady.**

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**Byzanteen Youth Challenge --** The Byzanteen Youth Challenge is a game of skill and memory in which teams of up to five players compete to answer questions from 20 pre-selected categories. All teams are welcome, and you don't have to be Byzantine to compete. The questions are from all aspects of the Catholic faith, both Eastern and Western traditions. Registration is \$20 per team or \$4.00 per person. The Challenge is limited to 20 teams. A list of books and materials, registration forms, rules, and other details are available at the Challenge web site [www.byzanteenchallenge.org](http://www.byzanteenchallenge.org)

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**Did you know?** Your special intentions are placed on the altar and are remembered at each Divine Liturgy all year long. Thank you for your generous support that enables us to improve the Shrine and its surroundings each year.

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In honor of our Blessed Mother, and in support of all human life, we intend to keep a candle burning at all times in front of the miraculous icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. If you would like to have a candle lit there for these, as well as your own personal intentions, please complete and mail in this form: (\$7.00 per candle)

Donor: \_\_\_\_\_ For: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_



Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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O Mother of Perpetual Help, receive me as thy servant, and grant that I may ever experience thy constant motherly assistance!

Enclosed is my offering to continue the development of the first Shrine to Our Lady of Perpetual Help in the Pacific Northwest.

\$10  \$25  \$50  \$100  \$500

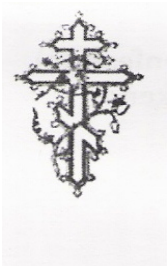
Benefactors offering \$1,000 or more will be remembered on our shrine memorial plaques.

\$1,000  \$2,500  \$5,000  \$\_\_\_\_\_

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Please list your prayer intentions: \_\_\_\_\_  
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