



MACRINA

## Macrina

d. 379

July 19

Abbess and Teacher

- ✦ Eldest of ten children; named after grandmother Macrina the Elder, who was a confessor
- ✦ Committed to life as a virgin when her fiancé died
- ✦ Taught her brothers virtue and wisdom
- ✦ Administered religious community for women on the river Iris, opposite med's community led by brother Peter
- ✦ Promoted egalitarian life among religious women
- ✦ Gregory of Nyssa ascribed to her the teaching role in *On the Soul and Resurrection* and the *Life of Macrina*

You have made the end of this life the beginning of true life. One day you will take again what you have given, transfiguring with grace and immortality our mortal and un-  
sightly remains. May my soul be received into your hands, spotless and undefiled, as an offering before you.

Macrina's last words, *The Life of Macrina*