

St. Macrina the Younger

St. Macrina the Younger was born in Cappadocia circa 327. She came from a Christian family. She was the granddaughter of St. Macrina the Elder, daughter of St. Emmelia, and sister of St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory of Nyssa and St. Peter of Sebastea. Although she was betrothed to a lawyer when she was 12 years old, she never married because the lawyer died before the wedding. Instead, she devoted herself to a religious life, becoming a nun. She headed a community of women in Pontus. She died there in 397.