

THE MIRACLES OF ST. BENEDICT

(29) Full to Overflowing

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Call to mind from the last installment the glass vessel of oil that had survived being thrown out the monastery window. A disobedient monk had held back the oil that Benedict had said should be given to the needy. After correcting the monk for his pride and lack of faith in the presence of the community, Benedict knelt to pray with his monks. In the storeroom where he prayed, there was an empty oil cask with a wooden lid. In the course of his prayer, the cask filled with oil until the lid began to float and the oil overflowed. When Benedict rose from prayer, the oil stopped flowing. He again turned to the disobedient monk and urged him to grow in faith and humility. The community was awed by the miracle and their holy abbot's display of trust in God.