

THE MIRACLES OF ST. BENEDICT

(17) Life Goes On

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Under the guidance of Benedict, a nobleman named Theoprobus had embraced monastic life. Being a long-time friend of Benedict, he was in the habit of visiting often. On one particular visit, he found Benedict crying bitterly and asked the saint what was causing him such grief. Benedict replied that God had shown him that his monastery ([Monte Cassino](#)) and all its possessions would fall into the hands of the barbarians. He added that it was only after his fervent pleading in prayer that God told him that the monks' lives would be spared in the coming invasion. The Abbey was indeed destroyed by the [Lombards](#). They came in the night and plundered the entire monastery, but did no harm to a single monk. In this way Benedict's prophecy came true, but mercifully the lives of the religious men were spared.