

# THE MIRACLES OF ST. BENEDICT

(36) Stairway to Heaven

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In the year that would be his last, Benedict foretold the day of his death to several of his disciples. These he bound to secrecy. He told others who were stationed away from the monastery that they would receive a special sign regarding his death. Six days before he died, he gave orders that his tomb should be opened. Immediately he was seized with a severe fever. This illness quickly took his strength. On the sixth day, his disciples took him to the chapel where he received The Body and Blood of Christ. Supported by his brethren, Benedict raised his hands to heaven and breathed his last. That day, two monks, one at the monastery and one some distance away, received the very same revelation. They saw a magnificent road covered with rich carpeting and glittering with thousands of lights. This road stretched eastward straight from the monastery up to heaven. There in the midst of the brightness stood a man who asked the monks, “Do you know who passed this way?” “No” they answered. He told them, “This is the road taken by blessed Benedict, the Lord’s beloved, when he went to heaven.”

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