

THE MIRACLES OF ST. BENEDICT

(32) O Lord Restore His Life

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One day when Benedict was out working in the fields with his monks, a farmer came to the gate of the monastery carrying in his arms the lifeless body of his son. The brokenhearted father upon learning that Benedict was out working in the fields, left the body of his son at the gate and went out to find Benedict. The moment he caught sight of Benedict, he began to cry out, “Give me back my son! Give me back my son!” Benedict stood still and replied, “I have not taken your son, have I?” The boy’s father replied, “He is dead. Come and bring him back to life.” Deeply grieved at the farmer’s words, the man of God said to his monks, “Stand back brothers. Such a miracle is beyond our power. The holy apostles are the only ones who can raise the dead.” But the father’s overwhelming sorrow compelled him to continue to plead with Benedict and to vow not to leave until his son was restored to life. Benedict went to the body of the dead boy, knelt and raised his hands to heaven in prayer, “O Lord, do not consider my sins, but the faith of this man who is asking to see his son alive again. Restore life to him.” His prayer was hardly over when the child’s body began to throb again with life. Benedict took the little boy by the hand and returned him alive and well to his father.

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