

## BLESSED EMERIC OF QUART QUART

Born to the noble lords of Quart, Emeric felt God's call at a very young age, following which he abandoned his family and the comforts of his circumstances and retired in Valsainte to live as a hermit. People, however, started talking because he never came down to the village, not even for festive mass, and the parish priest of Nus ended up summoning him, to call him back to his Christian duties. Emeric promptly obeyed. He entered the church, staring rapturously at the altar: he was already in conversation with Our Lord, as he took off his cloak from his shoulders and rested it on the ray of sunlight that came in through a high window, where it miraculously remained suspended.

Emeric later became bishop of Aosta and was proclaimed a Blessed by the Catholic Church. Of the nights and days spent in prayer at Valsainte, there remains a memory in the rock that preserves the knee prints of the blessed hermit.

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