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Middle Prayer - 645  
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O Hecumen Thom (Eggar: H.W.E. 728)

/ Will Arntz  
(Celebrate it!)

Today, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, is a church festival day that I think passes quite unremarked, unnoticed and (even if it is) uncomprehended. It's the festival day of the Dedication of the St John Lateran Basilica in Rome, a day that actually ranks quite high in the church calendar. Why? Well, St John's Basilica on the Lateran Hill is the cathedral church of the Bishop of Rome, the Pope's own church. So, celebrating its festival day is an expression of the unity of the whole church with the successor of St Peter. And this year, with the recent illness of our Pope and a new Pope as well, it's an occasion perhaps for each of us to pray for the building-up of Christ's church, for our communion among ourselves, for Pope John Paul. The dedication of a church, a building of various materials, a sacred space, has maybe more of a symbolic and spiritual meaning than anything else, certainly more than our literal-mindedness is used to | and why we aren't enthused about celebrating a church dedication. So today let's listen to some thoughts about such a celebration; <sup>This is</sup> extracted from a sermon of St. Caesarius of Arles: Q.Q. Porv. 9 Nov.

who was bishop in the first half of the 6<sup>th</sup> Century

St Caesarius of Arles, for music now, and remaining in France, and with a cathedral, this is from "Venezia", an evocation of the famous cathedral there, written in 1952

MUSIC (Inglewood)

CHAR. O. 14

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PRAYERS (Brev. p. 84\*)

[And now, from St. Hippolytus' Serrane  
Caesarius of Arles'  
to conclude]

Q.Q. Brev. (Grotto-Dobell)  
9 Nov

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Ps 83 (Brev. 486\*)