030 MAN

(from the crowd)

The emperor has died! We have a new emperor! Julian the apostate is dead!

CHEERS FROM THE CROWD.

031 BASIL

(saddened)

God have mercy on Julian.

032 GREGORY

Aye. God have mercy.

EXCITED CHEERS AND WALLA CONTINUE.

033 MACRINA

(in the crowd)

Basil, Basil come here! Quickly! Easy, Bishop, hold my arm. Basil!

034 BASIL

(coming)

I'm here! Macrina-

(gasp)

Bishop Eustathius, how did you get here?

Side 2 START >>>

035 EUSTATHIUS

14 YEARS LATER

(very old now)

START >>> After Julian took the crown I was dismissed from Athens. I was in Caesarea where everyone has heard of the strange monastery erected in the hillside of Annesi over these past few years. As the bishop of Caesarea, I had to see it for myself.

036 BASIL

I am glad you are here.

037 EUSTATHIUS

You built all of this?

038 BASIL

The Lord has built it.

039 EUSTATHIUS

Using your hands. Marvelous.

(then)

I'm dying, Basil. I would like to spend my last days here.

040 BASIL

We would be honored to have you here with us.

041 EUSTATHIUS

(leans in close, intimate)

Your reputation precedes you, Basil. You have become a great teacher. I have seen the fruits of your labor. You have done well. I have chosen you to succeed me in my episcopal ministry.

042 BASIL

Me? A bishop? I- I don't know what to say.

043 EUSTATHIUS

The Holy Spirit will continue to use your hands and your heart to do << END His work.

MUSIC TRANSITION:

10 INT. CHURCH - DAY

10

DIVINE LITURGY - EVERYONE IS PRESENT.

044 EUSTATHIUS

Cheirotonia, Basil, I lay my hands on your head. Receive the Holy Spirit, whose sins you shall forgive they are forgiven them, and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained.

045 EVERYONE

Axios! Bishop Basil!

MUSIC TRANSITION:

11 INT. BRICK HOUSE - NIGHT

11

BASIL, MACRINA, AND GREGORY ARE GATHERED AROUND.

046 EUSTATHIUS

(sickly)

I have prayed for you all over these past ten years. Especially you, Basil. Since the day you stormed out of my study. You have become a great man. You have held onto the truth with heroic virtue.

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