

Death and the Hope of Life. Considerations Regarding the Feast of the Assumption of the Mother of God

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Abstract

The tradition about the Assumption makes one thing clear. In all the accounts studied, it is observed that the fact of death does not generate anguish. Even when fear transpires in texts, it is resolved communally. The narratives here are realistic: they do not deny the possibility, the probability, of strong emotions. On the contrary, the power of death and its unnaturalness are acknowledged, but they do not occasion isolation. In the hour of death, Christians do not become self-referential, they do not idolize their own lives, they do not remain alone. Falling asleep is the hour of the fullest communion between heaven and earth, between the Church and the family; it is a healing moment.