

# Life of St. Peter Thomas, of the Order of Carmelites:

DEVOTED SERVANT OF MARY—TITULAR PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE—LEGATE  
OF THE CRUSADE OF 1365.

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## CHAPTER XVII.

PROCLAMATION OF THE CRUSADE—FROM CYPRUS TO AVIGNON—THROUGH  
ITALY—THE KING OF CYPRUS, THE BISHOP OF CORON, AND PHILIP  
DE MEZZIERE AROUSE THE ENTHUSIASM OF THE CATHOLICS—

BLESSED URBAN V., SUCCESSOR OF INNOCENT VI.,

PROCLAIMS THE HOLY WAR—1362—1363.



ALTHOUGH delivered from the anxiety arising from the prevalence of the pestilence at Famagouste, the kingdom of Cyprus was far from enjoying the peaceful tranquillity

it had hoped for. The recent conquest of the city of Satolia was a constant source of trouble, for scarcely had Pierre I. left with his troops than the Emir Tacca re-appeared upon the scene at the head of a considerable army. Unable to win over Jacques Nores, who remained faithful to his trust, the Emir began forthwith a series of depredations. He destroyed the aqueduct which supplied the city with water, forbade the Greeks and Mahometans, who cultivated the adjacent farming lands, to sell any produce to the Cyprians, and encamped with his troops in the vicinity that he might keep the garrison always on the alert

by his sudden attacks upon the city.

The Christians at Satolia suffered greatly, but all was borne with heroic courage. They procured their provisions from Cyprus, restored their fortifications, and raised up their demolished towers anew. To perpetuate the memory of their dominion they then engraved upon the walls those crosses of Jerusalem, which may be seen by the traveler at the present day.

If the enemy showed itself most indefatigable, the Christian warriors on their part were ever guarding against possible surprises. Several gallant sorties decimated numbers of the Arabs, who ventured too close to the ramparts. One time especially was a red letter day in the ranks. It was the eve of Easter (1362) and the Emir counted confidently upon surprising Satolia during the preparations which the Christians were sure to make for the "Feast of feasts." On the contrary, the enemy was ignominiously put to flight, and pursued without mercy, while the camp was pillaged