



St. Pachomius



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As a young boy, Pachomius refused to drink the wine from the pagan priest's hand.



As a young man and pagan soldier,
Pachomius was impressed by the
generosity of the Christians of Esna, at
Upper Egypt.





One of the Christians of Esna said to the young soldier Pachomius:

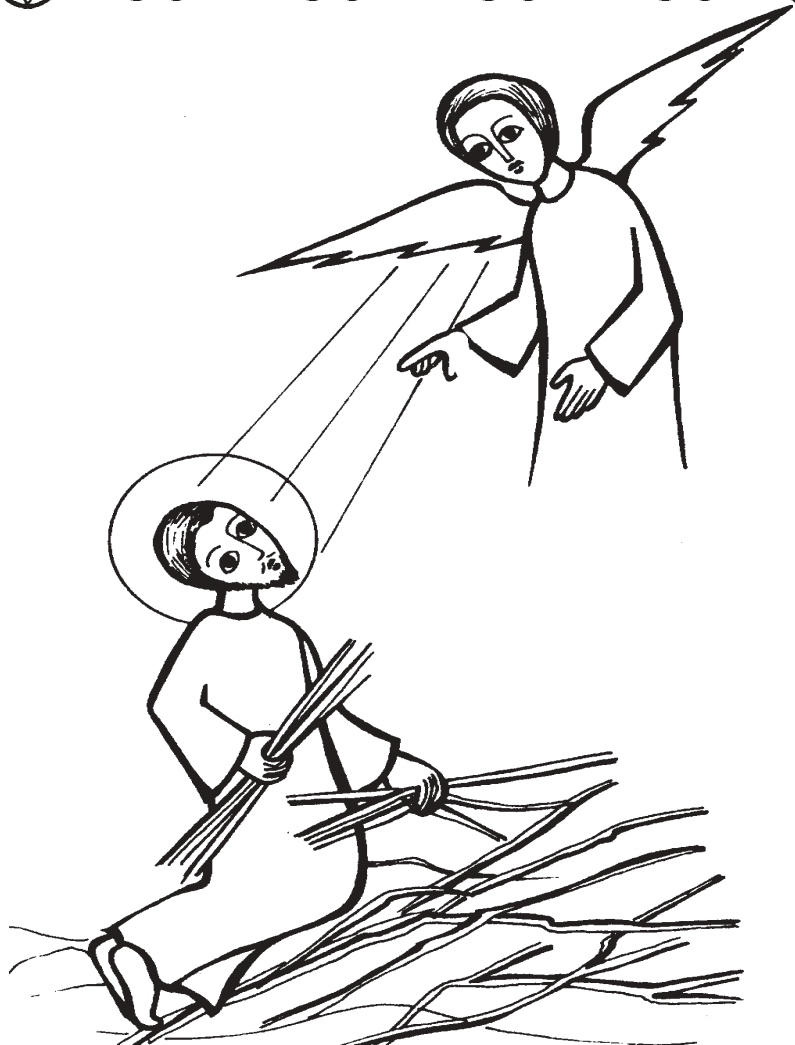
“We love all men, even our enemies!”

The soldier Pachomius converted to Christianity.



Three years following his conversion to Christianity, St. Pachomius became a disciple of the hermit Palaemon.





While St. Pachomius was collecting wood one day, and an angel appeared to him. He asked him to establish the Cenobitic System for monks, and gave him the rules of the new community inscribed upon a brass tablet.



Pope Athanasius visited the monastery of St. Pachomius. St. Pachomius escaped as he knew that the Pope would ordain him a priest.





Pope Athanasius affirmed that he would not ordain St. Pachomius as a priest. Then later St. Pachomius received the Pope on his return from Aswan.