

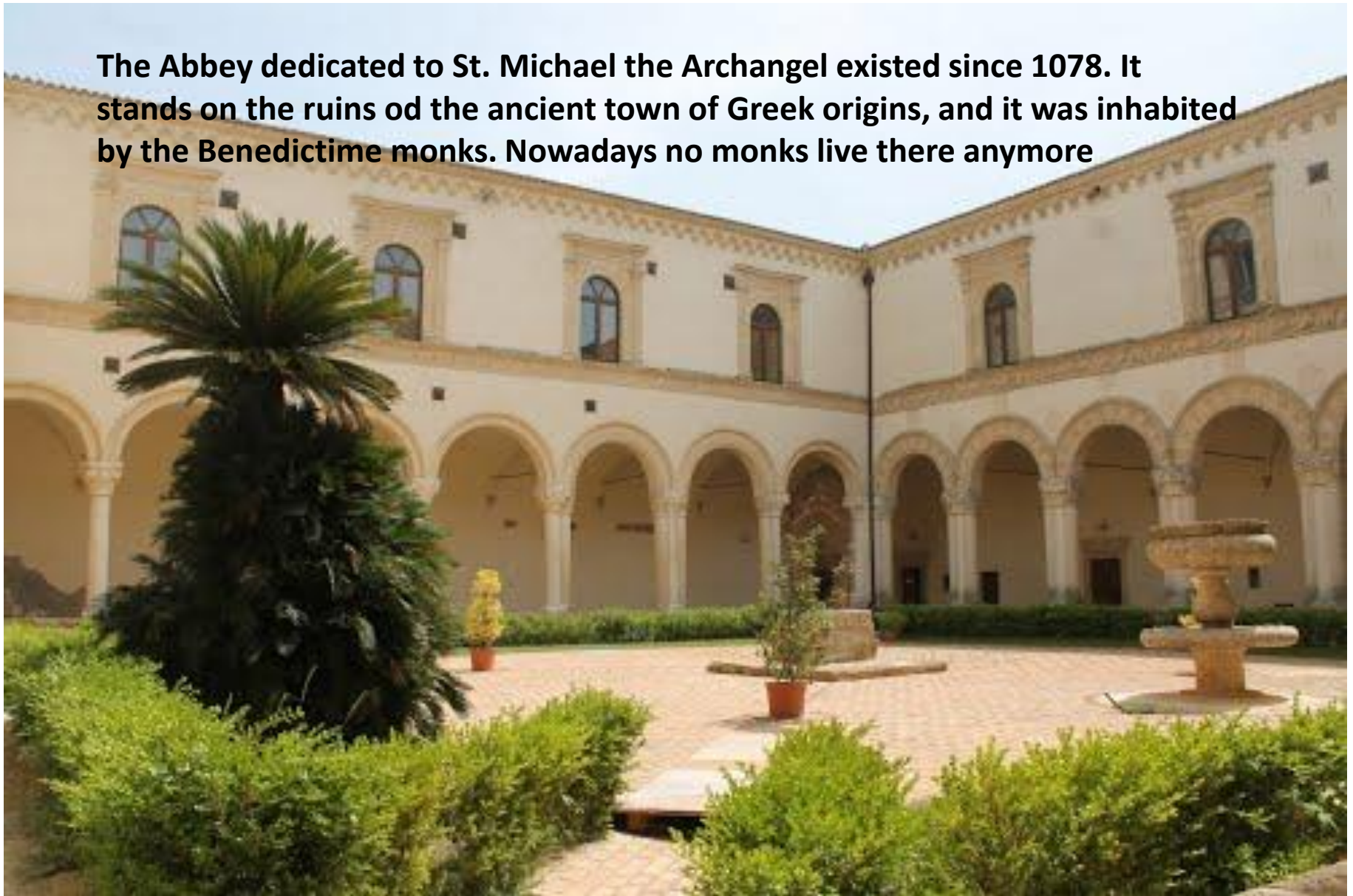
**Montescaglioso is a small town of about 10.000 inhabitants, located in southern Italy in Basilicata. Basilicata is one the smallest regions in Italy**



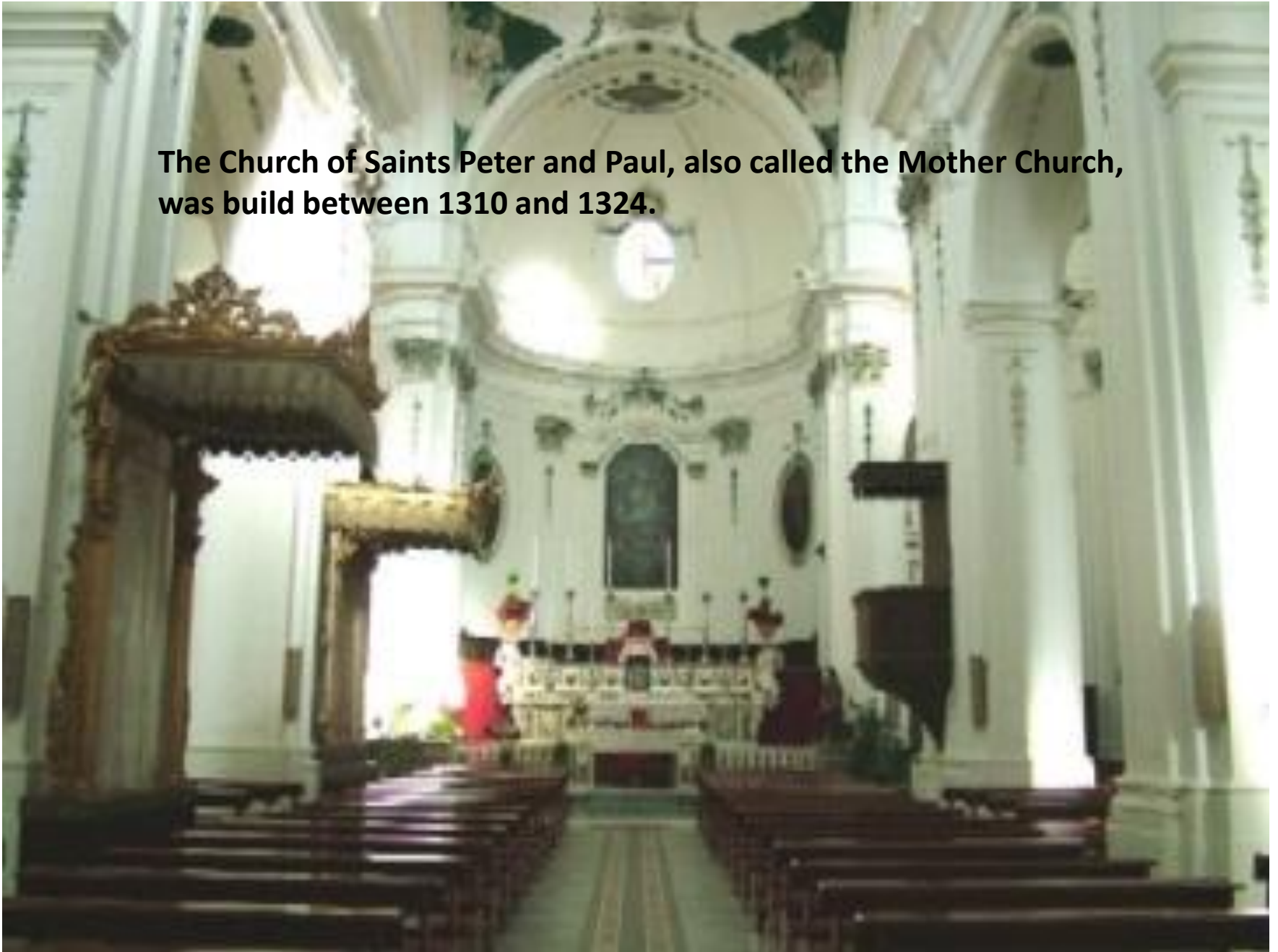
The emblem represents the three hills on which our town is built, and the spikes are the symbols of harvest



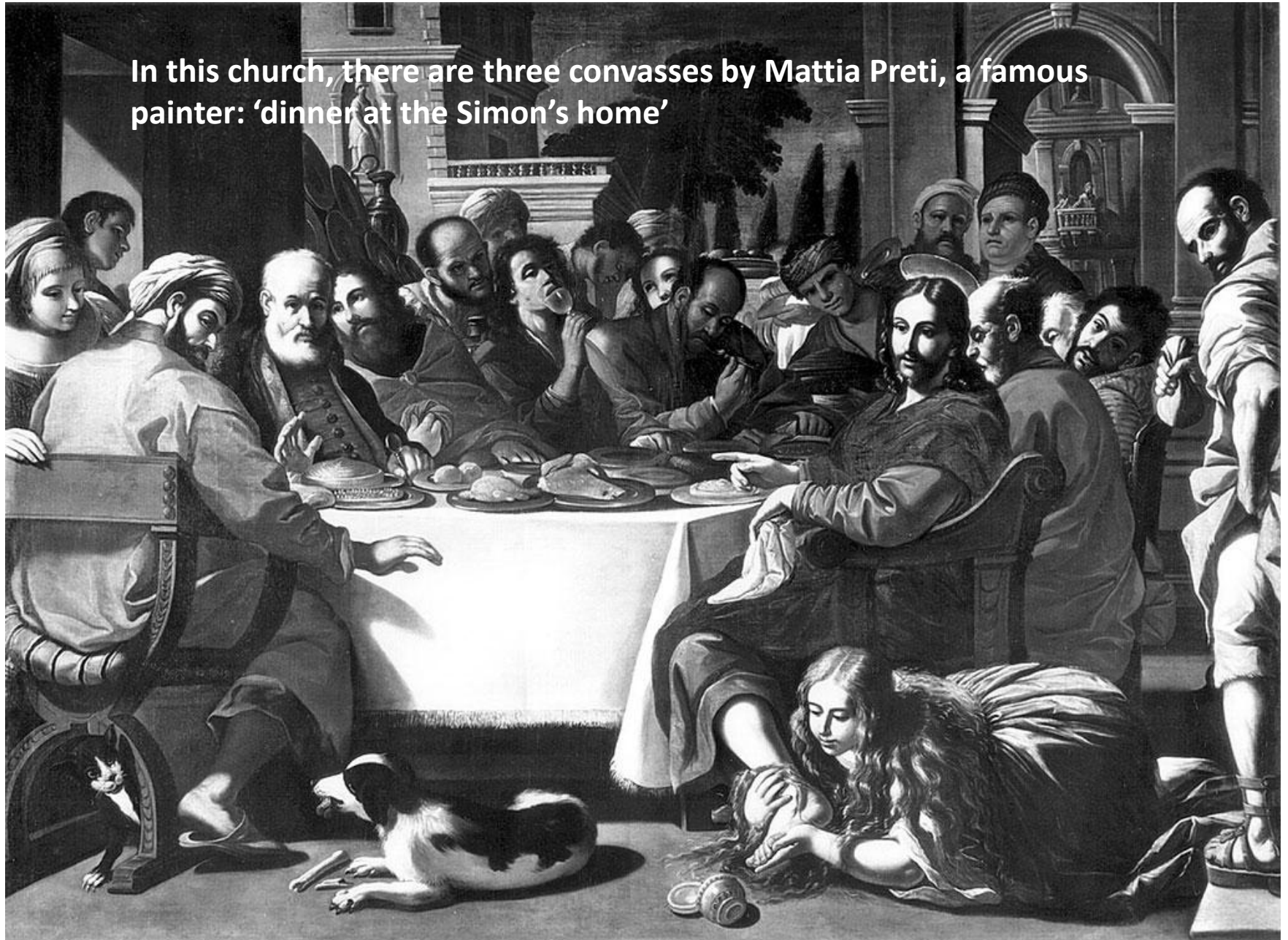
**The Abbey dedicated to St. Michael the Archangel existed since 1078. It stands on the ruins of the ancient town of Greek origins, and it was inhabited by the Benedictine monks. Nowadays no monks live there anymore**



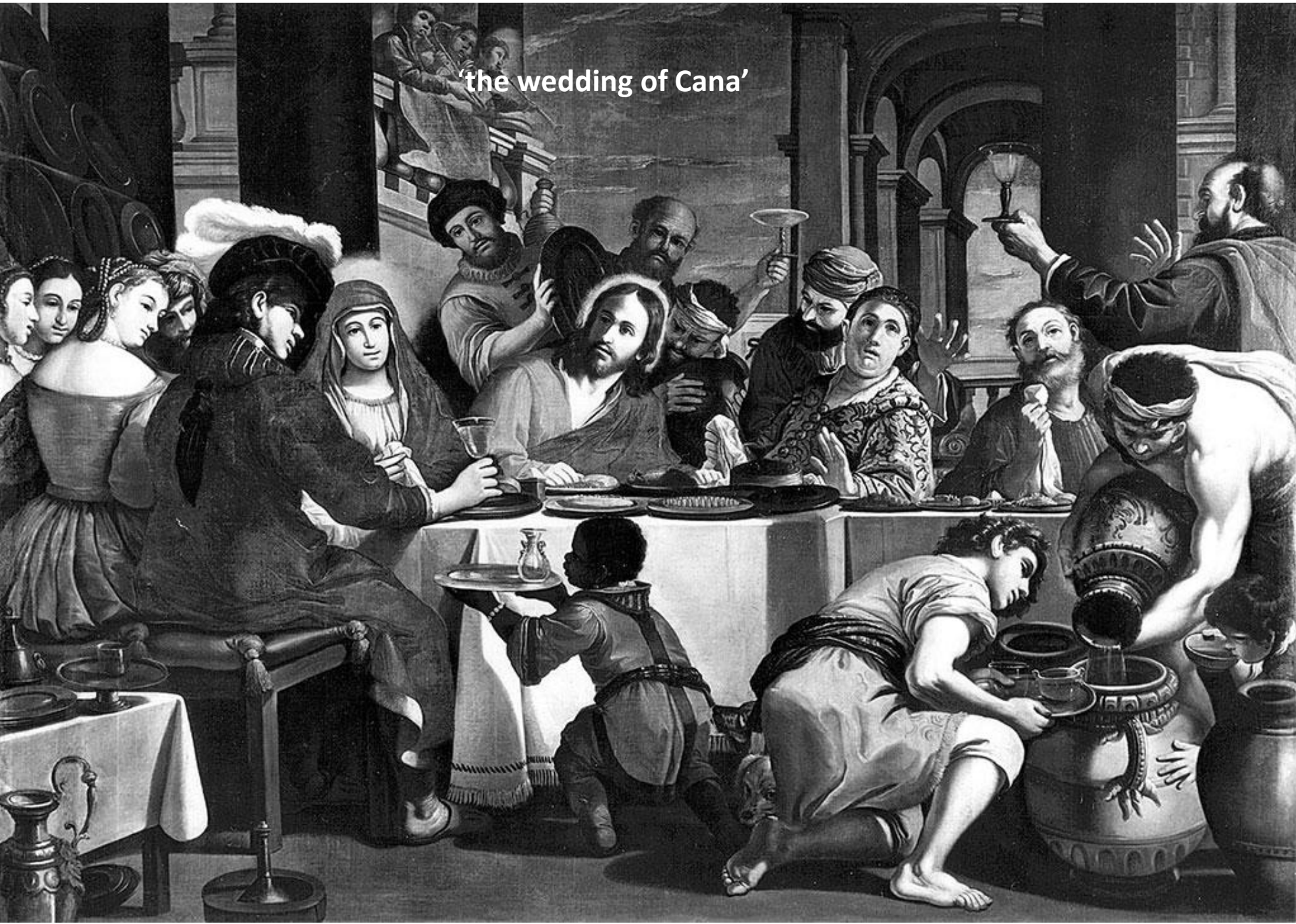
**The Church of Saints Peter and Paul, also called the Mother Church, was build between 1310 and 1324.**



In this church, there are three convasses by Mattia Preti, a famous painter: 'dinner at the Simon's home'



'the wedding of Cana'



'the Nativity'



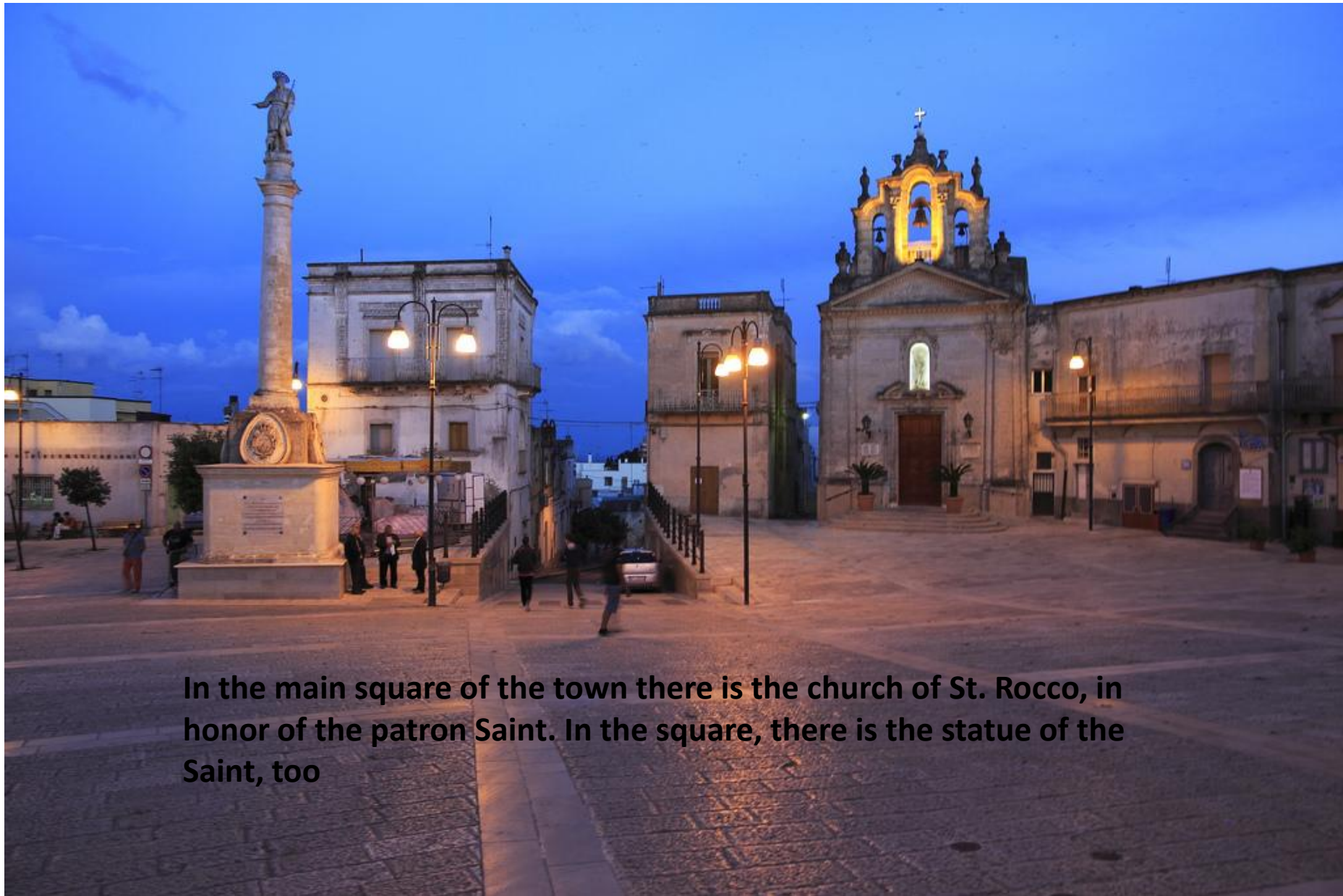


**The clock square is located along the main street, and it's a place of meeting for a lot of boys and girls**



There is the clock tower, an ancient bell tower



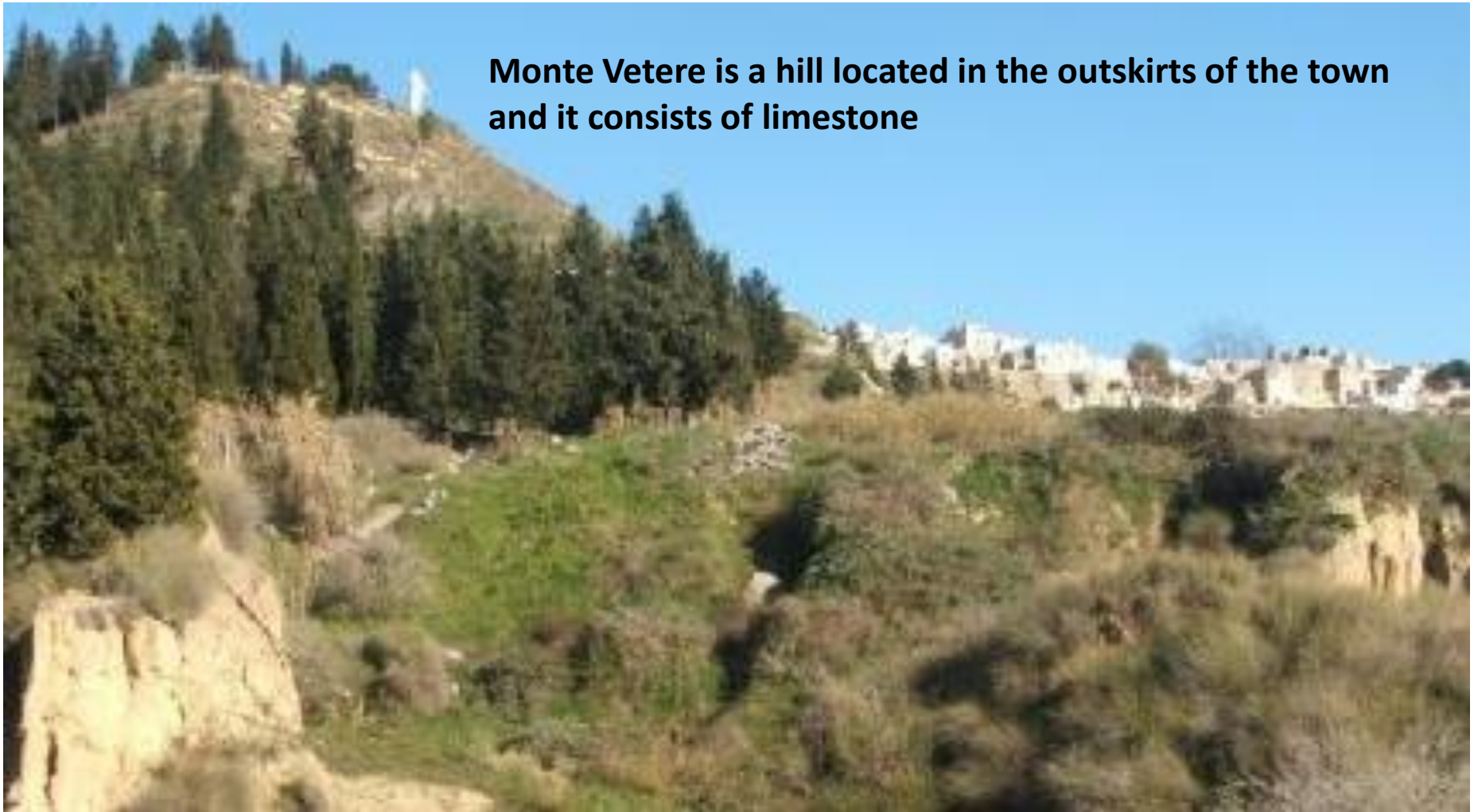


**In the main square of the town there is the church of St. Rocco, in honor of the patron Saint. In the square, there is the statue of the Saint, too**

**The Cinema Andrisani is the only entertainment in our town. It is a theatre too**



**Monte Vetere is a hill located in the outskirts of the town and it consists of limestone**



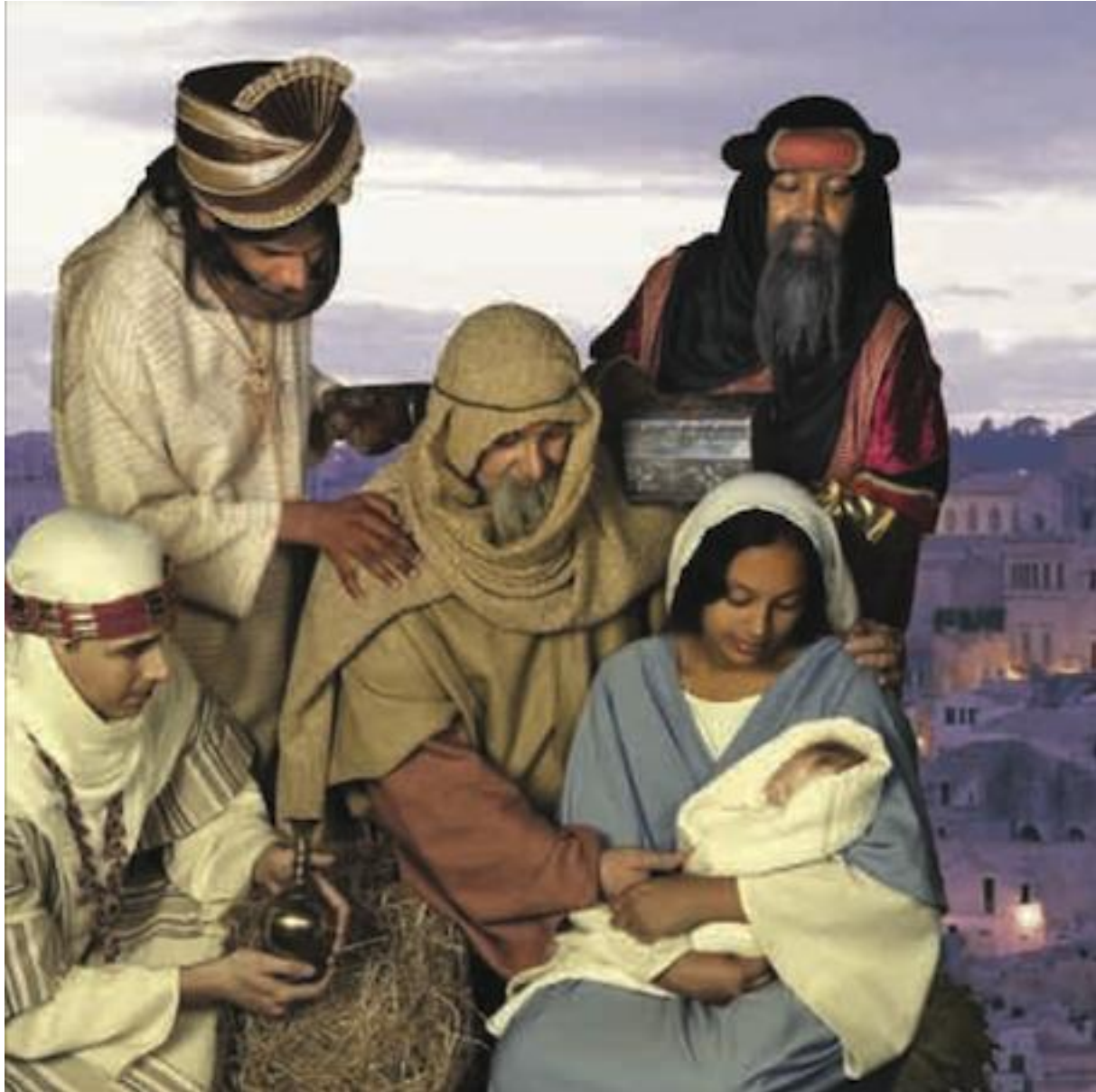
An aerial photograph showing a vast, lush green forested area in the foreground and middle ground. The forest is dense with various shades of green, suggesting a rich Mediterranean flora. In the background, a valley opens up, showing agricultural fields, some buildings, and a distant town or city under a clear sky. The terrain appears to be a mix of forested hills and open fields.

**A large green area, the Difesa covers about 700 hectares between the river Bradano and the creek Fiumicello, and it is rich in Mediterranean flora**

**Montescaglioso is in the district of Matera. We are very proud of its Sassi because they are among the first human settlements in Italy. People were living there as early as the year 7.000 B.C. Basically they are houses dug into the calcarenitic rock. Until the late 1980s this was considered an area of great poverty, but after a process of renovation the Sassi are now indicated by UNESCO as a World heritage Site**



**The Sassi are currently hosting one of the most stunning and evocative living nativity in our country.**



**Metaponto Beach was founded by the Greeks and it's on the Ionian Sea. It is a wonderful, Caribbean sandy beach: our favourite place in the summer.**







**Metaponto Beach called 'the Gods' beach' because it was founded by the Greeks.**

**Thank you for watching!**

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