

Latin Appreciation Workshop

Breviary Study
Session VII of IX

Psalmus 126 (127)

Nisi Dóminus ædificáverit domum,*
in vanum labórant, qui ædificant eam.

Nisi Dóminus custodíerit civitátem,*

frustra vígilat, qui custódit eam.

Vanum est vobis ante lucem súrgere et

sero quiéscere,†

qui manducátis panem labóris,*

quia dabit diléctis suis somnum.

Ecce heréditas Dómini filii,*

merces fructus ventris.

Sicut sagíttæ in manu poténtis,*

ita filii iuventútis.

Beátus vir, qui implévit pháretram

suam ex ipsis:*

non confundétur, cum loquétur inimícis

suis in porta.

Psalm 126 (127)

If the Lord does not build the house,*
in vain do its builders labour;

if the Lord does not watch over the
city,*

in vain does the watchman keep vigil.

In vain is your earlier rising,*

your going later to rest,

you who toil for the bread you eat,*

when he pours gifts on his beloved
while they slumber.

Truly sons are a gift from the Lord,*
a blessing, the fruit of the womb.

Indeed the sons of youth*

are like arrows in the hand of a warrior.

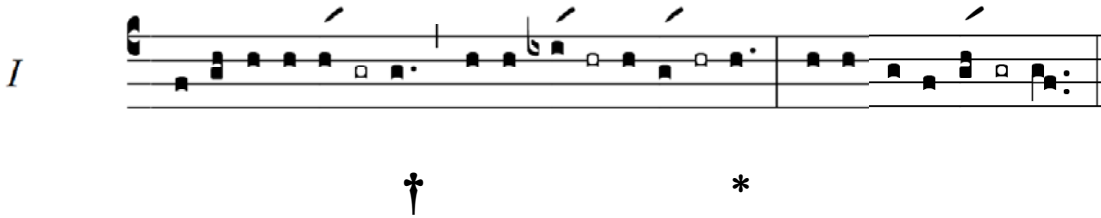
O the happiness of the man*

who has filled his quiver with these
arrows!

He will have no cause for shame*

when he disputes with his foes in the

gateways.

**Psalmus 126 (127) [Tone If]**

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Vanum est vobis ante lucem súrgere et sero **quíescere**,†
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