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BARUCH -- Nazareth

Nestled in hills of northern Israel is the biblical city of Nazareth where Christ grew into manhood almost two thousand years ago.

The city, itself, still resembles the Nazareth of the twelfth century when Moslems and Christians fought for its possession during the Crusades.

Rich in legends and lore of Christ's boyhood, Nazareth is the site of a majestic procession -- led by the Catholic Patriarch of Jerusalem, Monsignor Gori.

The procession winds towards the cornerstone laying ceremonies for a church on the site where the angel Gabriel is said to have announced to Mary the birth of Christ. A three million dollar structure, the Church of the Annunciation will ring out the message of Christ's birth in the valley city of Nazareth.