

# El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora de los Angeles



230 years ago, in 1781, the founders of the City of Los Angeles, Franciscan Friars and Spanish Catholic laypeople, inaugurated **El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora de Los Angeles** with a solemn procession of the image of **Our Lady of the Angels**, celebrated a Mass and invoked the protection of the **Queen of the Angels** for the new town. This celebration was reenacted annually until the 1880's when the rise of anti-Catholicism led to the suspension of this annual event. Now, in 2011, for the first time in 120 years, this worthy custom has been revived with the assistance of the **Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver**, the **Knights of Columbus**, the **Knights and Dames of Malta**, the **Knights and Dames of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem**, and many other Catholic and civic organizations, including the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. **Family Theater Productions** participated in the planning and provided advice on media relations for this event. The Second largest metropolitan area in the United States once again enjoys the special protection and guidance of its patron, **Our Lady of the Angels**. This year the celebration began with a procession from **La Placita**, the oldest Church in the city, a procession to the **Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels**, a beautiful **Rosary** recited with one line meditative phrases interspersed with Hail Marys and concluded with a joyful celebration of the Eucharist in the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. God bless Los Angeles and may Mary, Queen of Angels, make this great metropolis a city of Charity and faith.



Aztec Dancers in the background