

Title: The issue of processional rites in Palmyra

Author(s): Amélie Le Bihan

Journal: *Studia Palmyreńskie* 12
*Fifty Years of Polish Excavations in Palmyra 1959–2009, International Conference,
Warsaw, 6–8 December 2010*

Year: 2013

Pages: 235–250

ISSN 0081-6787

Publisher: Polish Centre of Mediterranean Archaeology, University of Warsaw (PCMA UW),
Wydawnictwa Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego (WUW)

www.pcma.uw.edu.pl – www.wuw.pl

Abstract: The article presents the diverse evidence for religious processions in the sanctuaries of the ancient city of Palmyra. It approaches some aspects of processional practices through the presentation and analysis of the material evidence in the architecture of the temples, but also the epigraphic and iconographic sources, especially the reliefs, the tesserae and the coins. It also remarks on modes of transport of divine images, the objects that were carried and the itinerary of processions as well as their interaction with urban city planning.

Keywords: Palmyra, religious practices, processional rites, betyls, cult standards