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n. pl. fer·e·to·ries

1. A receptacle to hold the relics of saints; a reliquary.
2. An area of a church in which reliquaries are kept.

[Middle English, from Anglo-Norman *ferre*, from Latin *feretrum*, from Greek *phretron*, from *pherein*, to carry; see [bher-¹ in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

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