It seems like just yesterday the campers were beginning to arrive at Camp for a week (or two, or three) of the CN camping experience. It seems like just yesterday the line for registration was taking up the sidewalk between the pool and the lodge. Looking back and reminiscing on the camp fires, the molebens to the Theotokos, the Sticky Buns, Dizzy Bats, and the Rusyn Festival, is something to enhance missing the camp experience. Thankfully, the camp experience doesn’t stop when the summer program is over. Over the course of the off-season, Camp will be increasing its presence on social media and finding new ways to bring camp to you. One of those ways is through a weekly issue of The Nazarene. While we can’t report on sporting events or program related activities, we do have big things happening at camp. For example, the cabin expansion project has begun. The high ropes course is being completed. The trees are slowly starting to turn beautiful colors. We’re exciting to begin featuring some “Where are they now” articles, along with doing “Camper spotlights: and “Staff spotlights.” Who knows, we might even get an occasional message from His Grace Bishop Gregory.

So stay tuned for the weekly issue of The Nazarene filled to the rim with Camp related news, spiritual reading, some comedy, and much much more!
We've all seen the posts on Facebook; an image of Christ with the caption, “Share if you love me.” If you've ever looked at the comments section or how many shares the post has, it's nice to see how many people love the Lord, and how an image of Christ is circulating social media. However, it begs the question as to whether or not these same people are living as Christians. At camp, we spend a week (sometimes two or three weeks) submersed in living the ideal Christian life. We start each day with morning prayers, we pray before and after every meal, we pray before sports, we discuss the scripture and learn about the lives of the saints, we help those who need help, we don't judge each other, and we include everyone of all ages in the activities we participate in. The life lived at camp is the model for how we should strive to live when away from camp.

The life at Camp isn't just an outward, public demonstration of how much we love Christ. The life at Camp is really a process of growth and development toward a closer relationship with Christ, through the experiences Christ allows us to participate in. This past summer campers experienced the miraculous Kardiotissa myrrh-streaming icon from Saint Georges Orthodox Church in Taylor, PA. This powerful moment in the camping week transformed the hearts and souls of campers in profound ways; ways that prompt our youth to say their morning and evening prayers, ways that prompt our youth to go to church more often and to be an active Christian.

So take the challenge to go beyond just sharing a post. Take the challenge to be loving and kind to every person you encounter. Take the challenge to forgive those who have done wrong to you, and to help those who need help. Take the challenge to pray publicly and to share your faith with someone new. Dare to be different; dare to be a light in the world. So go ahead, share that post if you love Christ. But more importantly, share Christ!