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CAMP NAZARETH: A CONTINUED JOURNEY

Think back to your first experience of Camp Nazareth. Was it for summer camp? Was it for a retreat? Was it for Family Day? Was your first time at Camp a recent experience? Or was your first time at Camp the year it was established? Regardless of when you first experienced camp, it happened. And if you're reading this, it means a relationship with Camp has been maintained.

We see it all the time at Camp. Parents who drop their kids off at Camp for the first time will say, "I haven't been here in 20 years. This is just beautiful." Usually watery eyes follow as the parents walk around. However, it's things like that which remind us of the power Camp has, not because of the work of the director and the staff, but because God blesses the work to bear the proper fruit. It's a reminder that God is incredibly active in the environment of Camp in a special way, where He makes Himself known to each and every person in both big ways and subtle ways.

Camp does so many things for people, and sometimes it takes a moment to really appreciate it. Through the grace of God, Camp has given children the ability to experience miracles, most recently the Myrrh Streaming Icon from Taylor, PA. Camp has created life-long friendship that are unbreakable by time and distance. Camp has inspired young men to attend seminary and enter the priesthood. Camp has brought countless people together who eventually get married. And this short list is just the tip of the iceberg, but you see the vast range of things Camp has done for people over the years, all by the grace and love of God.

So next time you have a young one unsure of camp, assure them, it will be the time of their life!

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WEEKLY WISDOM

CONQUER EVIL MEN BY YOUR GENTLE KINDNESS,

AND MAKE ZEALOUS MEN WONDER AT YOUR GOODNESS.

PUT THE LOVER OF LEGALITY TO SHAME BY YOUR COMPASSION.

LOVE ALL MEN, BUT KEEP DISTANT FROM ALL MEN.

- ST. ISAAC OF SYRIA

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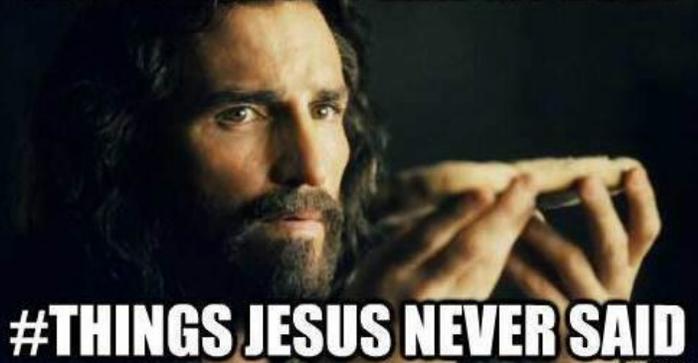
Patrons of Camp Nazareth, The Hoy Innocents

14,000 Holy Infants were killed by King Herod in Bethlehem. When the time came for the Incarnation of the Son of God and His Birth of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, Magi in the East beheld a new star in the heavens, foretelling the Nativity of the King of the Jews. They journeyed immediately to Jerusalem to worship the Child, and the star showed them the way. Having worshipped the divine Infant, they did not return to Jerusalem to Herod, as he had ordered them, but being warned by God in a dream, they went back to their country by another way. Herod finally realized that his scheme to find the Child would not be successful, and he ordered that all the male children two years old and younger at Bethlehem and its surroundings be killed. He thought that the divine Infant, Whom he considered a rival, would be among the dead children.

The murdered infants thus became the first martyrs for Christ. The rage of Herod fell also on Simeon the God-Receiver (February 3), who declared before everyone in the Temple that the Messiah had been born. When the holy Elder died, Herod would not give permission for him to be properly buried. On the orders of King Herod, the holy prophet and priest Zachariah was also killed. He was murdered in Jerusalem between the Temple and the altar (Mt. 23:35) because he would not tell the whereabouts of his son John, the future Baptist of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The wrath of God soon fell upon Herod himself: a horrid condition struck him down and he died, eaten by worms while still alive. Before his death, the impious king murdered the chief priests and scribes of the Jews, and also his brother, and his sister and her husband, and also his own wife Mariam, and three of his sons, and seventy men of wisdom who were members of the Sanhedrin. He initiated this bloodbath so that the day of his death would not be one of rejoicing, but one of mourning.

THIS IS SORT OF LIKE MY BODY



#THINGS JESUS NEVER SAID

MIRACLE OF MIRACLES

Every Sunday we wake up, get in our cars, and go to Church. Sometimes we wake up excited for Church, and other times we feel tired, and going to Church seems like nothing more than fulfilling an obligation. Life can get stressfull, and sometimes going to church isn't our top priority or interest. But somehow we manage to get to church and fulfill our duties to God and the parish community. Whether it be serving as an altar boy, singing in the choir, praying in our pew, or serving on parish council, we all have a task to perform. After all, the Divine Liturgy is the work of the people. So we go to Church and we work. But what is it we're working towards?

I think the ultimate goal for us to work towards is uniting into full communion with God. But how do we do this? Well, going to church is a great first step. But dig deeper! How do we become one with our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ? Look no further than the Holy Eucharist. The single greatest miracle we can possibly experience. Every Sunday we recieve the Precious Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of sins and everlasting life. Honestly, how amazing is that?!

The meme above was made by an Orthodox priest, and he's trying to drive home the point that attending the Divine Liturgy and recieving the Eucharist is truly an amazing thing. This is why we celebrate the Divine Liturgy at Camp, because it's important; because the Divine Liturgy is necessary for ourselves and our lives to remain healthy. Not just physically healthy, but also emotionally and spiritually healthy. So next time you're in Church approaching the chalice, remember that it's not just bread and wine, but that Christ is there, and that you're taking part in the greatest miracle of miracles.