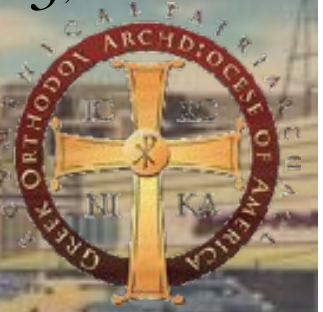


June 2014

Volume 3, Issue VI



The Witness



Metropolis of Denver

The Monthly Newsletter of Holy Apostles Orthodox Christian Church
of Cheyenne, WY

Contents:

On Pentecost.....	1-3
Sts. Constatine & Helen Youth fishing day	3
Many Years!.....	4
June Charities Cmttee Prjct.....	4
Cadillac Chance Flyer.....	5
Assisting in Upcoming Services.....	6
June Book Recommendation.....	6
Committee Updates.....	7
On the Symbols of the Apostles.....	7
AHEPA Golf Tournament & BBQ.....	8
Building update pics.....	9
Important Dates/Charitable Prjcts.....	10
Appeal for CCR tickets.....	11
Life of a Saint/Word from an Elder.....	12
June Calendar.....	13

Some Thoughts on Pentecost

By His Eminence Dmitri of Dallas (OCA)

"And there appeared to them cloven tongues as it were of fire, and it sat upon every one of them: and they began to speak with divers tongues, according as the Holy Spirit gave them utterance." (Acts 2:3-4)

Following His Ascension, when the Savior fulfilled His promise and sent the Holy Spirit, the Comforter appeared to Christ's followers as tongues of fire. As a result of the Spirit's operation the disciples spoke in languages foreign to them and were guided as to what to say.

It is extremely significant that on the day of Pentecost the manifestation of the Holy Spirit should take the form of tongues, and that the first results of the disciples' baptism of the Holy Spirit should be the ability to speak in languages other than their own.

First, it affirms the universal character of Christ's mission, one which was wrought for all nations, resulting in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Furthermore, the Divine Services sing of Pentecost in terms of being a reversal of that which took place at the Tower of Babel (Genesis, chapter 11). "Of old the tongues were confounded because of the audacity in the building of the tower, but now the tongues are made wise because of the glory of Divine knowledge. There God condemned the impious because of their offence, and here Christ hath enlightened the fishermen by the Spirit. At that time the

continued on page 2...

Parish Feastday!!!

Please be sure to mark down on your calendar that we will be celebrating Great Vespers on **Sunday, June 29th at 6:00pm and Orthros and Liturgy at 8:30 & 9:30am on the 30th** for our parish Feastday. Please keep an eye out for future emails and announcements for more information regarding these services and celebrations.

confusion of tongues was wrought for punishment, but now the concord of tongues hath been inaugurated for the salvation of our souls." ("Glory ... now and ever," verse for the Aposticha at Pentecost Vigil) "Once, when He descended and confounded the tongues, the Most High divided the nations; and when He divided the tongues of fire, He called all men into unity; and with one accord we glorify the All-holy Spirit." (Kontakion for the Feast)

At Babel a false unity established out of pride led to a scattering of all men, confusion among the citizens of the earth. Diverse "tongues," in this case, became indicative of divisions, man's inability to understand God, his fellow man and environment. On Pentecost, however, the many "tongues" of the Divine Spirit became a sign and source for unity, a profound unity established through love for Christ that can only be granted by God Himself.

Of great significance as well is the fact that the fruits of the disciples' labors on Pentecost was the addition to the Church of about three thousand souls. (Acts 2:41) Here we begin to understand what our Lord meant when He told His chosen ones that they would henceforth be fishers of men. Hearing about such a large number of individuals brought into the Church by Peter and the eleven, we recall that during Christ's earthly ministry it was only when the disciples obeyed His will that they caught such an enormous catch of fish that their "net brake." (Luke 5:4) "Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast shown forth the fishermen as supremely wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them didst draw the world into Thy net. O Befriender of man, glory be to Thee." (Troparion for the Feast).

What happened on that fiftieth day after our Lord's resurrection was the filling of the disciples with the Holy Spirit, their transformation into the Church. Pentecost is the day of the Church's founding. From this point in time the disciples were empowered to do what our Lord told them: "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." (John 20:21)

The record of what the disciples did from the day of their "empowerment" is clearly a matter of history. We know that even in St. Paul's time the Gospel had gone as far as Spain in the West and we are told as far as India in the East. By the beginning of the fourth century the Emperor Constantine not only stopped the persecution of Christians but gave the Church an official status. Christians to some measure, by this time, occupied every city and town. And there were still those who were willing, if necessary, to give their lives for Christ. From that time as well, the Church never lost its conviction that Jesus had given it the strict mandate to "catch" the entire world, to bring all men into His net. The disciples — and those who came after them — were convinced that their message, committed to them by Christ, was vital, a matter of life or death. This is why they were able to convince so many, because they themselves were convinced.

Speaking of our contemporary situation, it can be said that somewhere along the line, many Church members have lost this sense of urgency with regard to the Faith. Orthodox Christianity has become, for not a few of its adherents, simply the national religion of certain people, part of their culture, their ethos. The very thought of Orthodoxy being of vital importance because the world's salvation depends on it, is utterly alien to numerous individuals.

But, thanks to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, many in the Church have come to understand the profound implications of Christ's words to His disciples on a particular occasion, when they could do nothing for a man who needed healing: "Bring him to me."

The Church in our own time is regaining its deep commitment to this command relative to the entire world: "Bring him to me." We must bring those in need of healing — and who is not in need of the healing that Christ brings? — to our Lord, the only true Physician of souls and bodies.

Let us take time then and analyze to what extent we have been able to comply with Jesus' command. If the truth be told, given the number of Orthodox in this country and the resources now available, we have not lived up to our potential in terms of making new disciples. At least one reason for any apparent failures lies in our own lack of

continued on page 3...



conviction. We must ask ourselves, therefore, are we convinced, each of us individually, that our Orthodox Christian Faith is the most precious thing that we possess, that it is absolutely essential for those with whom we come in contact to know about it? By and large, according to how we live day to day, many of us would have to answer "no" to the above questions. And yet for the Body of Christ to grow the answer must be "yes." We cannot impart to others what we ourselves do not have. Christianity is so maximalistic in terms of what is expected of man — we speak of being crucified with Christ and losing our lives for His sake and the Gospel's — that for anyone to believe the claims of its adherents, the Faith must be seen lived out by those who preach it. Thus, relative to the Feast of Pentecost, our own mission in the United States begins with an appreciation for what has already been given: "the seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit." At

our Chrismation, which is our *personal Pentecost*, the same Spirit was bestowed for our enlightenment and transformation, so as to empower us to be "invincible warriors" and witnesses for the Faith as were Christ's disciples 2000 years ago. (Festal hymns taken from *The Pentecostarion* published by Holy Transfiguration Monastery, Boston, MA.)

Sts. Constantine & Helen's Fishing Day for Youth

If interested, please email Fr. Jason so that they can plan food accordingly.



BECOME
A
FISHER
OF MEN!

WHERE?
GRANITE SPRINGS RESERVOIR
SHERMAN HILLS

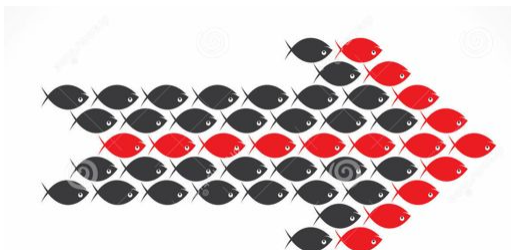
WHEN?
SATURDAY JUNE 7TH
AFTER DIVINE LITURGY

JOIN ST. MACRINA'S ACADEMY AS WE LEARN MORE ABOUT BECOMING FISHERS OF MEN AND HAVE PLAIN OLD FUN AT GRANITE SPRINGS RESERVOIR.

CARS WILL HEAD OUT TO THE RESERVOIR AFTER LITURGY. THERE IS NO NEED FOR A LICENSE ON THAT DAY FOR ANYONE OVER THE AGE OF 14! JUNE 7TH IS A FREE FISHING DAY IN THE STATE OF WYOMING.

BRING A FISHING POLE IF YOU HAVE ONE AND PREPARE FOR WARM WEATHER!

FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED. IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH SETTING UP FOR THE COOKOUT, PLEASE CONTACT KRISTINA CHAPMAN OR BILL APOSTOLOU.



We would like to thank
our All Saints Foundation
for helping make this
event possible

Many Years!!!

Happy Birthday to ...

Estelle Haefele (7th)

Zoe Christopoulos (10th)

Stacey Galeotos (13th)

Alexis Bellack (14th)

Kristina Zaharas (16th)

Curtis Olson (20th)

Happy Anniversary to ...

Elias & Angie Galeotos (16th)

Tyler & Alexis Garret (23rd)

And *Many Years* to all of the fathers of our parish who we will recognize on June 15th!!!

June Charities Committee Project

We are helping feed families again for Interfaith Family Support Services from June 8 thru June 15. Please call Charlie Radich at 631-7005 if you're interested in cooking and serving a meal or spending a night with the families.

There is currently 1 family in the program, William, Ashley, and their son Brandon (5yr). Brandon has nephrotic syndrome and is on a very low sodium diet. His mother Ashley keeps track of the amount of sodium he eats so she needs you to give her labels from foods.



Win* a **NEW** Luxury 2014 Cadillac XTS Sedan

*3-Year Pre-Paid Lease - Including Maintenance & Wyoming Sales Tax!



Cadillac

**TICKETS ON
SALE NOW!**

**Winner may apply
this value to any new
vehicle at Halladay Motors!**



\$100/ticket

**HURRY, only 750
tickets will be sold!**

- New 2014 Cadillac XTS
Luxury Sedan

3-Year Pre-Paid Lease - Including Maintenance
& Wyoming Sales Tax or Winner may apply this
value to any new vehicle at Halladay Motors!

- Only 750 tickets will be sold
- \$100 per ticket

- Drawing June 14, 2014.
Need not be present to win.

- For Tickets & Information
Contact:

Tim Joannides at Halladay Motors:
307-634-1511 or
visit: www.cadillacchance.com

All proceeds to benefit
Holy Apostles Orthodox Christian Church of Cheyenne Building Fund



Sponsored
By



**HOLY
APOSTLES**

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
CHURCH OF CHEYENNE



Like us on:
facebook

[facebook.com/CadillacChanceFundraiser](https://www.facebook.com/CadillacChanceFundraiser)

P.O. Box 2446, Cheyenne, WY 82003-2446 • E-mail: cadillacchance@gmail.com

*Winner must provide valid driver's license and proof of insurability, WAC. Visit www.cadillacchance.com for full terms and conditions.

CADILLAC CHANCE FUNDRAISER Tickets ____ x \$100 = ____ total

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone/Cell: _____

Email: _____

Please make check payable to
Holy Apostles OCCC



**HOLY
APOSTLES**

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
CHURCH OF CHEYENNE

HOLY APOSTLES ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF CHEYENNE
PO Box 2446 - CHEYENNE, WY 82003 - WWW.CADILLACCHANCE.COM

Assisting in Upcoming Services...

Prosforo

June 1 - Kelly Zaharas (2)
June 7 - Jamie Pullos (1)
June 8 - Angie Galeotos (2)
June 9 - Lauren Lehman (1)
June 15 - Fay Zaharas (2)
June 22 - Kathy Joannides (2)
June 24 - Stephan Pappas (1)
June 29 - Jamie Pullos (2)
June 30 - Tina Marquardt (1)

Fellowship

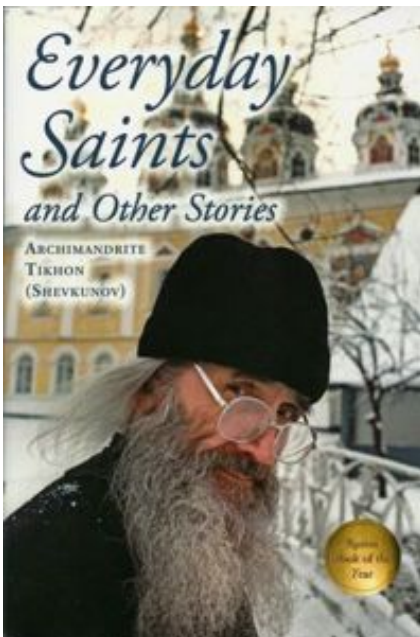
June 1 - Lauren & Julie Lehman
June 8 - Lexie & Tyler Garrett
June 15 - Adrianne & David Johansen
June 22 - Kay & Stephan Pappas
June 29 - Ellyn & Bob Phillips

Greeter

June 1 - Tyler Garrett
June 8 - Tim Joannides
June 15 - Steve Zaharas
June 22 - Cameron Karajanis
June 29 - Chris Karajanis

Thank you for your service and dedication!!!

Fr. Paul's June book recommendation:



When an Orthodox book sells over a million copies in a single year in Russia and is quickly translated into dozens of other languages, only to continue selling millions of copies, you know that you have something special before you. Everyday Saints and Other Stories, authored by Archimandrite Tikhon Shevkunov, is one of the fastest-selling modern spiritual classic written in years. Writing stories about various people and events during his years as a monastic, Archimandrite Tikhon takes the reader into a world in which the presence and power of God cannot be denied.

One thing that makes this work so remarkable is that, apart from perhaps one figure, Archimandrite Nathaniel does not write only about people who will likely be glorified as Saints someday; instead, he writes about monks and individuals who had struggles, engaged in mischief, and had noticeable faults and sins. And yet, he shows that, despite our shortcomings, God still works in and through us all. When the priest proclaims, lifting the consecrated Lamb above the paten, "The Holy Things are for the holy people of God!" we are presented perhaps one of the main reasons this book exists: to show that holiness, even in everyday sinners like us, still permeates our very lives, so long as we live them in faith in Christ in the Church.

Committee Reports...

HAYA (Holy Apostles Youth Association)

Unfortunately, due to weather, HAYA had to cancel its meeting at Guadalajara, but we have rescheduled for this month (the 23rd). We have a few summer events in mind - including hiking and other activities - and also plan to help out at the new building whenever we can.

Though Fr. Paul will not be able to make it to camp this year, we will pray at the end of Orthros the Sunday that the first group leaves for safe travel. Thank you to all who helped get things going for HAYA this past school year!!!

Fundraising Committee

We are in the homestretch of our Annual Fundraising Event and with everyone's help we attain our goal of selling all 750 Cadillac Chance Raffle Tickets! Father Paul has challenged each of our families to purchase or sell a minimum of 10 tickets, and if we do that, we will be successful. Also, as to the Dinner Event, please get your RSVP's in ASAP for you, your family, and your friends because there will only be 200 tickets available and we are expecting a sell out again this year!

Yours In Christ, Timothy Joannides
Fundraising Chair

On the Symbols of the Apostles

Though we typically depict the Apostles in icons as we would any other Saint, sometimes - in stained glass or literature - we find symbols to represent the Apostles. Though these are not 100% consistent, below you will find some common symbols, who they refer to, and why the symbol was chosen...



Matthew - 3 money bags, to represent his former life as a tax-collector, and an axe, to show by which death he was martyred



Peter - Keys, to remember Christ giving Peter the "keys to the kingdom" and an inverted cross, on which he was killed.



Andrew - Fish, to remember his profession first as fisherman then as fisher of men, and x-shaped cross on which he was martyred.



James the Lesser - A saw and stones, as he was martyred through stoning and his body sawn into pieces.

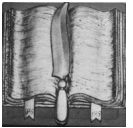


Philip - A basket to remember the feeding of the 5,000 and a spear and t-shaped cross to remember his method of martyrdom.

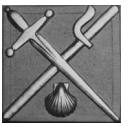


Thomas - A carpenter's square to remember his building of churches in India and stones and spears to remember his martyrdom.

Bartholomew - An open Bible to commemorate his endless preaching and a knife - the method of his martyrdom.



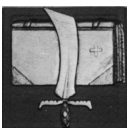
James the Greater - A sword, to represent how he was martyred, and 1 or 3 shells; the possible reasons for this are many.



Simon the Zealout - A fish and Bible to commemorate his great missionary work, especially in Persia, of spreading the Gospel.



Matthias - Chosen to replace Judas, Matthias had a great knowledge of the Old Testament and was beheaded with a scimitar.



John - Tradition states that John was given poison to drink; after blessing the cup, the poison left the cup in the form of a serpent.



Jude - A ship with a cross on its mast, commemorating his great missionary work with Simon.





AHEPA Cheyenne Cowboy Chapter #211
7th Annual SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT
JUNE 27, 2014
AIRPORT GOLF COURSE
CHEYENNE, WYOMING

WIN A NEW 2014 Subaru!!
HOLE-IN-ONE PRIZE
DONATED BY HALLADAY MOTORS
Win Other Great Hole Prizes Too!

BREAKFAST AT 8 A.M.
SHOT GUN START: 9 A.M.
AWARDS LUNCHEON AFTER GOLF

HALLADAY
AUTO GROUP

SEND YOUR TEAM OR INDIVIDUAL INFO
(HANDICAP, ENTRY FEE ETC.)
TO: TIM JOANNIDES C/O HALLADAY MOTORS
P.O. BOX 1164
CHEYENNE, WY 82003-1164
or Phone Tim at 1-307-634-1511

\$105 PER PERSON
GREEN FEES, CART & MEALS

Please contact Tim Joannides for more information on either event, including registration for the Tournament.

AHEPA Western Style Greek Barbecue and Scholarship Golf Tournament



You are invited to attend
a

Western Style Greek Barbecue

where we will honor our
2014 Cowboy Chapter No. 211
Scholarship Winners

The Barbecue will be held at 5 pm on
Thursday, June 26, 2014 at the home of
Tim and Kathy Joannides (The Greek Ponderosa)
10013 Wayne Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming
Please RSVP by June 20th to:
Susie Havner 1(307)214-6369 or
Kathy Joannides 1(307)637-4297





Building Update/prayer service, in pictures...



Important Dates 2014:

Holy Apostles Orthodox Christian Church

June:

- 8th -14th – Camp Emmanuel – Junior session
14th – Western Boots & Ancient Roots / Cadillac
Chance drawing
15th -21st – Camp Emmanuel – Senior session
27th – AHEPA 7th Annual Golf Tournament
29th – Great Vespers for Feast of Holy Apostles
30th – Feastday

July:

- 6th -9th – National Clergy-Laity

August:

- 16-17th – Bayard, NE Greek Festival
17th – 2nd Anniversary picnic (at Shellback)

September:

- 12-13th – Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek
Festival
28th – General Assembly

October:

November:

December:

- 7th – AHEPA Christmas party
14th – Parish Council elections

Charities Committee Calendar

(Each month, our parish will focus on a different charitable cause. If you have any cause that you would like see supported, please contact Charlie Radich.)

June:

Interfaith Family Support Services
(IFSS) - June 08 - June 15

July:

August:

Interfaith Family Support Services
(IFSS) - Aug. 17 - Aug. 24

September:

Holy Cross collection for Seminary

October:

Clothing Drive
Interfaith Family Support Services
(IFSS)

November:

Operation Christmas Box

December:

Infant items collection during
Christmas party for Life Choice



PRESIDING PRIEST

FATHER PAUL

L. TRUBENBACH

PARISH COUNCIL

PRESIDENT

SAM E. GALEOTOS

VICE PRESIDENT

TIMOTHY J. JOANNIDES

SECRETARY

STEPHAN A. PAIPAS

TREASURER

JAMIE D. PULLOS

COUNCIL MEMBERS

TYLER J. GARRETT

JAMES W. HAEFELE

STEVE P. ZAHARAS



Beloved in Christ,

June 3, 2014

Christ is Risen!

Our call as a Christian community is, before all other tasks, to be the Church. These three words are simple to say; yet to apply them, they take a true and complete commitment. A Christian remains a Christian, even after stepping outside of the church doors. Whatever we do – whether it be worship, spending time with family, working, resting, or playing – we do as Christians and in a Christian manner. This means that all of life is work... work to become more Christ-like.

Today, I ask you to evaluate your call as a worker in the Lord's vineyard. We cannot separate the physical and worldly tasks of the Church from the spiritual; the two go hand-in-hand. Thus, the spiritual work that we wish to enact and spread in the Church both supports and is supported by the practical aspects of parish life. Fundraising, then, is not a menial task for one segment of a parish; it is the holy work of the entire Body of Christ and each member of it. Any spiritual work depends on stewardship, and thus stewardship is a spiritual work itself.

As you know, our main financial support for our building project is our Cadillac Chance Raffle (CCR) and Western Boots & Ancient Roots Dinner fundraisers. These events are meant to serve as outreach and awareness campaigns but, mostly, as our primary fundraising events to support our new community. Some of our parishioners have gone out of their way to sell numerous tickets and raise awareness, and for that, I sincerely thank you. However, if we are to make the most of these fundraisers and take full advantage of the fundraising potential of these events, we need to double our efforts as a community.

Therefore, I humbly ask each and every family of our parish to commit to selling and/or purchasing at least 10 CCR tickets. Rather than asking each of you individually to commit to this in person, I am sending this letter and asking you to commit to this task yourself for Christ and His new parish in Cheyenne. Our goal is attainable, however we need your help to achieve it!

Along with this commitment, I ask that you also commit a couple minutes each night to praying for this effort and asking God that our work for Him be received as an acceptable sacrifice for His glory. Our success ultimately depends on two things: the blessings of God, and our work in striving for and responding to those blessings.

Thank you all for your attentive reading of this appeal and for the commitment that you offer today to helping these fundraisers. Through our prayer and commitment and the ceaseless goodness of God, I am certain that we can make this year's events even more successful than last year's! With prayers of Christ's blessing for you all, I remain

In Christ,

Fr. Paul

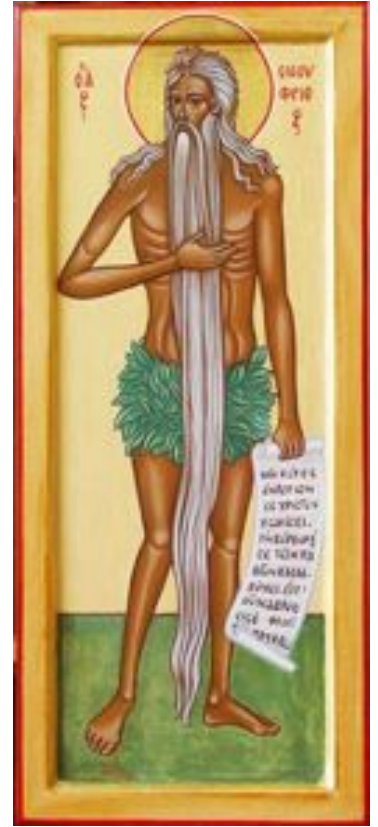
*Whatever your task, work heartily, as
serving the Lord and not men (Col 3:22)*

HOLY APOSTLES ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF CHEYENNE
PO Box 2446 - CHEYENNE, WY 82003
WWW.OCCC.WY.GOARCH.ORG - 307-638-2999

The Life of a Lesser-Known Saint...

St. Onuphrius - June 12

Saint Onuphrius flourished in the fourth century, first in the cenobium near Hermopolis of Thebes in Egypt, and later as a solitary in the desert, where he was discovered by Saint Paphnutius. When Paphnutius first encountered him deep in the desert, he was affrighted at the Saint's appearance, seeing him covered with hair like a wild beast and naked except for a garment sewn of leaves covering his loins. Onuphrius explained how God had led him to a cave by a divine light where he met a hermit who instructed him in the ascetic life. After being taught, Onuphrius found his own cave in which God made a spring of water miraculously issue forth and a palm tree with 12 branches grow; each palm would, in turn, bear fruit - one each month. Seeing only a couple other people and living off of this meager food, Onuphrius lived his life in constant prayer. After relating his life and the bitter conflicts he had endured as a hermit, Onuphrius told Paphnutius that he was about to die, and that Paphnutius had been sent to bury him, which soon came to pass. Although Paphnutius desired afterwards to remain in the Saint's cave, as soon as he had buried him, the cave fell in and the palm tree, which had furnished the Saint with dates withered up, indicating that it was the will of God that Paphnutius return to his monastery and make Saint Onuphrius known to all.



A Word from the Elders...



The soul must be constantly ready and alert and always in contact with the spiritual headquarters, that is, God. Only then it will feel secure, full of hope and joy.

When I was in the army, during the war, I was a radio operator. I noticed that we felt secure only when we communicated with the Army Division on an hourly basis. When our communication was limited to every two hours, we felt a little bit insecure; sometimes, when we could only be in touch with them twice a day, we felt uncomfortable, lonely and lost. The same thing applies to our prayer. The more we pray, the more secure we feel, on a spiritual basis.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Liturgy)	2	3	4 6:30 pm Paraklesis & Reading Group	5	6	9:00 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy - Saturday of Souls Sts. C&H youth fishing to follow
8 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy - Pentecost	9 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy - Monday of the Holy Spirit	10	11 6:30 pm Paraklesis & Reading Group	12 5:30 PC meeting	13	14 Western Boots & Ancient Roots 5:00pm
15 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Father's Day	16	17	18 6:30 pm Paraklesis & Reading Group	19	20	21
22 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Recognition of Graduates	23 6:00pm HAYA meeting at Guadelajara	24 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Liturgy - Nativity of St John the Forerunner	25 6:30 pm Paraklesis & Reading Group	26 AHEPA Scholarship BBQ - 5:00pm	27 AHEPA Golf Tournament	28
29 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm Great Vespers for Feastday - Fellowship to follow	30 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Liturgy - Synaxis of the 12 Apostles (Parish Feastday!)	31				 = strict fast  = fish allowed  = wine/oil allowed