

St. Alexis of Wilkes-Barre Orthodox Church

A Mission of the Orthodox Church in America

Meeting at St. Stephen Catholic Chapel, 2400 E Moody Blvd, Bunnell, FL 32110

Sunday Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM

Confessions heard 9:00 AM Sundays, before and after evening services, and by appointment

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

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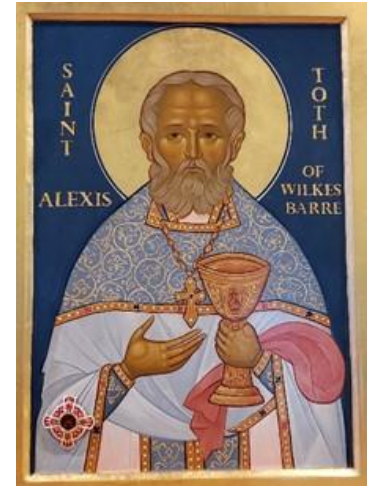
10th Sunday after Pentecost

Afterfeast of the Dormition

Martyr Myron, Presbyter of Cyzicus



“The Orthodox Christian Church is evangelical, but not Protestant. It is orthodox, but not Jewish. It is catholic, but not Roman. It is not denominational, it is pre-denominational. It has believed, taught, preserved, defended and died for the Faith of the Apostles since the Day of Pentecost nearly 2,000 years ago.”
– *Our Life in Christ*



Welcome to our Guests! Thank you for coming to pray with us. You will find a weekly bulletin with today's hymns and a blue guest information card on the back table. Please fill out the card and give it to Fr David after the service so he can meet you. You are also invited to *Coffee Fellowship Hour* in the parish hall following the Liturgy this morning.

According to ancient Christian practice, Holy Communion (Eucharist) is served to members of the Orthodox Church who have made preparation through prayer, fasting, and recent confession, and who are at peace with their neighbor. If you are not a member of the Orthodox Church, you may be offered blessed bread (*antidoron*) by others in respect and love.

Announcements:

The Dormition of the Theotokos

We began the church year last September with feasts that brought us to the Theotokos (her Nativity) and to the Cross (its Exaltation), contemplating how to begin our lives and how to live them. Now in August we come to the end of the church year with feasts that once again bring us to the Cross (its Procession) and to the Theotokos (her Dormition), but this time we are called to contemplate the end of our lives and the legacy we will leave. In classical Christianity, Mary is not the great exception; rather, she is the great example of what it means to live our whole lives as Christians. How do YOU want to be remembered? What will your legacy be here in the founding of St. Alexis Church? You cannot go back and change the beginning of your story, but you can start today to change the end.

Monthly Parish Council (PC) Meeting last Sunday

Agenda items included reports on AAC and Diocesan Assembly, receiving new catechumens, workshops for ministries of hospitality and reading the Hours, and a proposal by Fr. David for a new mid-week opportunity for meeting in a home in Flagler County for encouragement and equipping for marriage as well as parenting. Stay tuned for announcements. Finance reports reflected faithful stewardship of our members, funding an ambitious annual budget of over \$164K (including the OCA Church Planting Grant income). Our Building Fund continues to grow through investments and gifts with a balance last month of \$760K. The Ad Hoc Building and Property Committee reported on their diligent work and progress. Members of that committee include Jim Humphries, George Andrews, Jr. and Charles Fausey. Our meeting was filled with joy and thanksgiving to God for His blessing upon our Mission.

Workshop Today for Reading the 3rd and 6th Hour Prayers

After Coffee Fellowship Hour today (Sunday August 17), Fr David with Mka Rozanne will lead a workshop for all those interested in learning more about reading (chanting) the 3rd and 6th Hour prayers each Sunday. Those who are blessed to read the Hours arrive by 9:00 am on their assigned Sunday and start chanting the 3rd and 6th Hour prayers at 9:10. Interested? Want to learn more? Plan to attend the tutorial at noon today after getting a bite to eat following the Divine Liturgy.

Many Years to the infant James and his family

Peter and Chezelle gratefully announce the arrival of their grandson, James, born to their daughter Emilia and her husband. Congratulations to all, and may God grant them many years!

MORE Opportunities for Love and Ministry in our Parish:

- **We need your help to set up our worship space on Sunday mornings.** Arrive by 8:00 AM and our Altar Servers will supervise the setting up process. **If you are an able-bodied member of our parish but cannot help during set-up, PLEASE do assist in the take-down process and clean-up.**
- **Can you push a light-weight stick vacuum?** We need volunteers to vacuum 1) ***the nave*** by noon each Sunday, and 2) ***the parish hall & kitchen*** after Coffee Fellowship Hour! See Mike or Karla.
- **Woodworkers, carpenters, and other skilled craftsmen needed!** In preparation for having our own building, there are projects waiting to be completed. If you have tools and expertise, your services will be greatly appreciated. Do you know someone with these skills? Send information to Fr David.

Building Fund: Still Growing!

Offerings may be designated at any time for the Building Fund and given online or placed in the ***Tithes & Offerings*** box on a table at the back of the nave.

Encouraging ACH donations at St. Alexis

We encourage online donors to choose **ACH** rather than credit card transactions. Our parish is charged a 2.2% transaction fee for each credit card donation. In contrast, we are charged only \$.25 for each ACH donation. This adds up to significant savings over time. In order to donate via ACH, you will need to register with **Church Connect**, a one-time, quick, secure set up. Mka Rozanne, Sdn Daniel, or Mike (Ruddy) are available to assist you.

Church Connect - Our St Alexis Orthodox Church App

- Scan the **QR code** with your smart phone to create your account
- You may also go directly to the link at: stalexisoca.org/give
- If you need help setting up your account, see Mka Rozanne



Prayer Lists – Pray for each other daily:

The Departed

- His Eminence, DMITRI (Royster),
- Metropolitan Kallistos (Ware)
- The Priest Slava
- Archpriest John, Mka Anne, Missionary Lynette (Katerina), Nikolay
- Philip Buriak (reposed 8/2/2018)
- Ronald Ireland (reposed 7/24/2018)
- The newly departed Galina
- Victims of accidents, hostilities, and natural disasters around the world
- The Unborn

Servants of God

- Fr Aleksandr Yu Shi
- The Werner family at Seminary
- Fr Patrick, Mka Lauren, James, Walter, Henry, Kathryn, Ethan, Marissa, Andrew
- Fr Phillip, Kh Diane, Fr Jordan, Mka Vanessa, Fr James, Mka Daphne, Fr Patrick, Mka Kristen, Dn Jim, Mka Robin, Sdn Irenaios, Lindsey, Nathan, Gabriela, Daniel,
- Ilya, Mary, Christopher, Cindy, Moses, Michael, Andrew, John, Nina, Alexis, Monica, Bill, Carol, Linda, Madelyn, Stefan, Elena, Sophia, the infant James, Nicholas, Seraphina, Tabettha, AJ
- All members of our community traveling or on the bed of sickness
- St Gerard Campus staff and the mothers and babies they serve
- All who are homeless, unemployed, or under-employed in our community
- Catechumens Kenadea, Michael, Chris, Lesly, Gianna, Marco

Prayer for a home for St Alexis (Augmented Litany):

Again we ask Thee to continue to grant us wisdom, understanding, and discernment as we purchase buildings and property. Grant us great love and compassion for one another and the ability to inquire respectfully and listen carefully. Lead us in the way of Thy Truth for the glory of Thy Kingdom as we continue becoming Thy disciples and participate in making disciples, for the salvation of our children, our neighbors, and all people.

Today's Hymns: *Please sing along with the choir -- and all week long!*

Tone 1 Troparion (Resurrection)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,
while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body,
Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior,
granting life to the world.

The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life:
"Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ!

Glory to Thy Kingdom!//

Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!"

Tone 1 Troparion (Feast)

In giving birth you preserved your virginity.
In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos.
You were translated to life O Mother of Life,//
and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

Tone 4 Troparion (St. Alexis)

O righteous Father Alexis,
our heavenly intercessor and teacher,
divine adornment of the Church of Christ!
Entreat the Master of All
To strengthen the Orthodox Faith in America,
To grant peace to the world //
And to our souls great mercy.

Tone 1 Kontakion (Resurrection)

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory,
raising the world with Thyself.
Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished.
Adam exults, O Master!
Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee://
“Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

Tone 4 Kontakion (St. Myron)

From childhood you longed for Christ, all glorious one,
keeping His divine commandments and running to Him with all your being, all-honored Myron.
Now you zealously pray with the Angels,
asking remission of sins//
for those who celebrate your memory.

Tone 2 Kontakion (Feast)

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos,
who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions.
For being the Mother of Life,//
she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

Today's Scripture Readings:

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Gospel: Matthew 17:14-25

Life in our Church

Dormition Fast August 1-15

Thursday, Aug 14	Festal Great Vespers with Litya <i>Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos</i>	6:00 PM
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Friday, August 15 Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos

Sunday, Aug 17	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i> Readers Workshop (<i>Catechumens invited</i>)	9:30 AM 12-12:45 PM
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Thursday, Aug 21	Bible Study (<i>at the Ayer home</i>)	6:00 PM
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Saturday, Aug 23	Prospora Baking (<i>at the Ayer home</i>)	10 AM-2 PM
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Sunday, Aug 24	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i> Catechism Choir Rehearsal	9:30 AM 12-1:30 PM 12-1:30 PM
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Thursday, Aug 28	Bible Study (<i>at the Ayer home</i>)	6:00 PM
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Sunday, Aug 31	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i> Catechism	9:30 AM 12-1:30 PM
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Church New Year September 1

Sunday, Sep 7	Divine Liturgy <i>Forefeast of the Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos</i> <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i> Vespers Prayers-Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos	9:30 AM
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Monday, September 8, Feast of the Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos

Thursday, Sep 11	Bible Study (<i>at the Ayer home</i>)	6:00 PM
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Sunday, Sep 14	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom <i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross</i> <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i> Parish Council Meeting	9:30 AM
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Thursday, Sep 18	Bible Study (<i>at the Ayer home</i>)	6:00 PM
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His Eminence, The Most Reverend ALEXANDER, Archbishop of Dallas and the South
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