

# 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

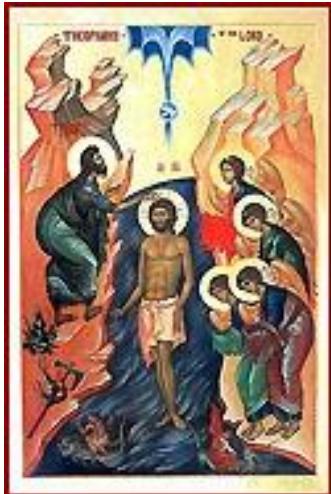
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 11**

**TONE 6**

**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

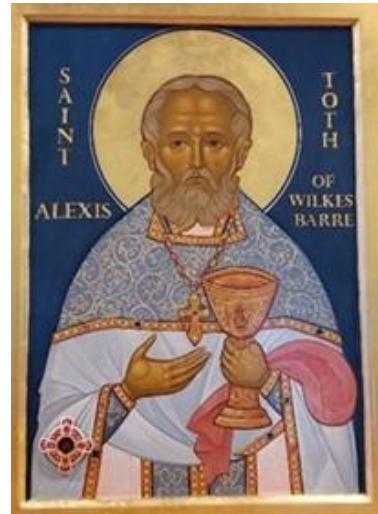
**Sunday After the Theophany - Afterfeast of the Theophany**

**Ven. Theodosius the Great, the Cenobiarch**



“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 a greeter or put it in an offering box. You are also invited to *Coffee Fellowship* in the parish hall following the Liturgy this morning. Our priest, Fr David, looks forward to meeting you!

**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.**

Greeter Schedule:	<u>Jan 11</u>	<u>Jan 18</u>	<u>Jan 25</u>	<u>Feb 1</u>
	Michael P	Chris M	Olga L	Michael P

## Announcements:

### **Special Parish Meeting Report:**

The Parish Council called a Special Parish Meeting which was held last Sunday, January 4, immediately after the Liturgy, to present to the members of St. Alexis Orthodox Mission the opportunity to vote on the purchase of the *Trades of Hope* building (2323 N. State Street, Units 107-112, Bunnell, FL), subject to due diligence. Following the proposal and a good discussion, including excellent questions, the decision to proceed with the purchase was unanimously approved. Closing is scheduled for January 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Blessed Afterfeast of the Theophany of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

We are in the Afterfeast of Theophany and in the season for house and vehicle blessings!

- ❖ Be sure to bring containers Sunday for taking holy water home.
- ❖ Sunday Fr David will be sprinkling holy water on vehicles, asking God's blessing and acknowledging that all we have belongs to Him.
- ❖ Don't forget to reach out to Fr David by text (904-599-5812) or email ([priest@stalexisoca.org](mailto:priest@stalexisoca.org)) to schedule a house blessing by February 21.

## ***Capital Campaign 2025-2026 In Progress***

- ✓ We announced last Sunday that the goal of \$400K has already been reached, enabling us to pay for the new building with no debt. Thanks be to God!
- ✓ From this time forward all donations received for the Building Fund will be used for renovations, icons, and the many other items needed for us to occupy and worship together. So, don't stop now! All pledges for the campaign are due by St. Thomas Sunday, April 19, 2026.
- ✓ Make sure any donation intended for the Building Fund is clearly marked with "Building Fund" written on your offering envelope and/or check.

## **Essential Orthodox Christian Beliefs — Encountering Orthodoxy through the Divine Liturgy**

Fr David is now facilitating a class for seekers, catechumens, and members of the faithful after Coffee Fellowship Hour on appointed Sundays - *check the calendar for dates*! Catechumens, please make it a priority to attend – and all others are welcome to join in. In the Orthodox Church we pray what we believe and we believe what we pray. If you are a guest, seeker, inquirer or member, this is an opportunity to learn more about the meaning behind how we pray. So, enjoy Coffee Hour then join us back in 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. To donate via ACH, register with **Church Connect**, a one-time, quick, secure set up:

### **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](http://stalexisoca.org/give)
- If you need help setting up your account, see Mka Rozanne or Mike Ruddy



## **ONGOING 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!
- **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 info to Fr David.

**2026 Church Calendars** from St. Tikhon's Monastery are available, one per household, on the back table, free of charge thanks to a sponsor.

**Church Offering Envelopes** are now available! Please get your box from Helen, our Treasurer!

**Prayer Lists – Pray for each other daily:**

**The Departed:**

- The Priest Slava
- Kirk Lewis (Jan 6, 2021)
- Michael Goch (Jan 7, 2014)
- The Archpriest Jacob Myers, “The Good Samaritan of Atlanta” (Jan 16, 2013)
- The Archpriest Joseph Gibson (Jan 20, 2021)
- The Protodeacon Michael Malanowski (Jan 20, 2022)
- Fred (George) Haltof (Jan 22, 2022)
- HB The Most Blessed ANASTASIOS (Yannoulatos), Met. of Tirana, Archbishop of all Albania (1/25/2025)
- Victims of accidents, hostilities, and natural disasters around the world
- All the unborn

**All whom we carry in our hearts, including:**

- Fr Aleksandr Yu Shi
- Dn Daniel Werner, Mka Aly, and 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, Fr Theophan, Pres Elena, Dn Jim, Mka Robin
- Our missionary families: the Hoppes, Brandows, Macdonalds, and Hannah Valentine
- Ilya, Anastasia, Mary, Christopher, Cindy, Moses, Michael, Andrew, John, Nina, Alexis, Monica, Bill Michael, Carol Anna, Elena, Stefan, Sdn Daniel, Sophia, Emmelia, Michael, Jonathan, Anna and the child she carries, Amy and the child she carries, Jim and his family, and 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
- All of our Seekers/Inquirers
- Catechumens Chris, Lesly, Gianna, Marco, Zachary, and Annie

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

Again we ask Thee to continue to grant us wisdom, understanding, and discernment **as we move forward with all due diligence toward the purchasing a building for St. Alexis Orthodox Mission.** Grant us great love and compassion for one another and the ability to inquire respectfully, listen carefully, act judiciously, and proceed graciously. 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.

**Hymns for this Sunday:** Please sing along with the choir – and all week long!

**Tone 6            Troparion        (Resurrection)**

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb;  
the guards became as dead men.  
Mary stood by Thy grave,  
seeking Thy most pure body.  
Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it.  
Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.  
O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead,//  
glory to Thee.

**Tone 1            Troparion        (Feast)**

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan,  
the worship of the Trinity was made manifest.  
For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee,  
and called Thee His beloved Son;  
and the Spirit in the form of a dove  
confirmed the truthfulness of His word.  
O Christ our God, Who hast revealed Thyself//  
and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

**Tone 6            Kontakion        (Resurrection)**

When Christ God, the Giver of Life,  
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,  
He bestowed resurrection on the human race.//  
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

**Tone 4            Kontakion        (Feast)**

Today Thou hast shone forth to the world, O Lord,  
and the light of Thy countenance has been marked on us.  
Knowing Thee, we sing Thy praises:  
“Thou hast come and revealed Thyself,//  
O unapproachable Light.”

**Scripture Readings for this Sunday:**

**Epistle:**      Ephesians 4:7-13

**Gospel:**       Matthew 4:12-17

## The Lord's Prayer

### English

Our Father, Who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from the evil one.

### Slavonic (Transliterated)

Ot-che nash,  
Ee-zhe ye see na nye-bye-sekh!  
da svya-tee-tsy-a ee-mya Tvo-ye, da pri-ee-dyet Tsar-stvi-ye Tvo-ye:  
da boo-dyet vol-ya Tvo-ya, ya-ko na nye-bye-see ee na zem-lee.  
Khleb nash na-soosch-nui dazhd nam dnyes:  
ee o-sta-vee nam dol-gee na-shya, ya-ko-zhe ee mui o-sta-vlya-yem  
dol-zhnee-kom na-shim:  
ee nye vye-dee nas vo ees-koo-shye-ni-ye,  
no eez-ba-vee nas ot loo-ka-va-go.

### Spanish

Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos,  
Santificado sea tu nombre.  
Venga tu Reino.  
Hágase tu voluntad así en la tierra como en el cielo.  
El pan nuestro de cada día dánoslo hoy,  
Y perdona nuestras deudas, así como nosotros perdonamos nuestros deudores;  
Y no nos dejes caer en la tentación, mas líbranos del mal.

# Life in our Church

Sunday, Jan 11	Divine Liturgy (Afterfeast/Sunday After Theophany) Coffee Fellowship Hour <b>Essential Orthodox Christian Beliefs</b>	9:30 AM  12-1:30 PM
Thursday, Jan 15	Bible Study in St. Augustine (at the Ayer home) House Blessing	6:00 PM
Friday, Jan 16	<b>Fr David available for House Blessings</b> To schedule, contact him at: 904-599-5812 or <a href="mailto:priest@stalexisoca.org">priest@stalexisoca.org</a>	
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Sunday, Jan 18	Divine Liturgy <b>Installation of Parish Council Members</b> Coffee Fellowship Hour/ Annual Blessing of Vehicles <b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	9:30 AM
Thursday, Jan 22	Bible Study in St. Augustine (at the Ayer home)	6:00 PM
Friday, Jan 23	<b>Fr David available for House Blessings</b> To schedule, contact him at: 904-599-5812 or <a href="mailto:priest@stalexisoca.org">priest@stalexisoca.org</a>	
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Sunday, Jan 25	Divine Liturgy (Sunday of Zacchaeus) Coffee Fellowship Hour <b>Essential Orthodox Christian Beliefs</b>	9:30 AM  12-1:30 PM
Thursday, Jan 29	Bible Study in St. Augustine (at the Ayer home)	6:00 PM
Friday, Jan 30	<b>Fr David available for House Blessings</b> To schedule, contact him at: 904-599-5812 or <a href="mailto:priest@stalexisoca.org">priest@stalexisoca.org</a>	
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Sunday, Feb 1	Divine Liturgy (Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee & Forefeast of the Meeting in the Temple & Beginning of the Lenten Triodion) Coffee Fellowship Hour <b>Vespers for the Meeting of Our Lord in the Temple</b>	9:30 AM

\*Fast-free Week\*

February 2 The Meeting of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the Temple

Feb. 4-6 DOS Pastoral Conference; [Holy Cross Orthodox Church](#), Kernersville, NC

His Eminence, The Most Reverend ALEXANDER, Archbishop of Dallas and the South

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