

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

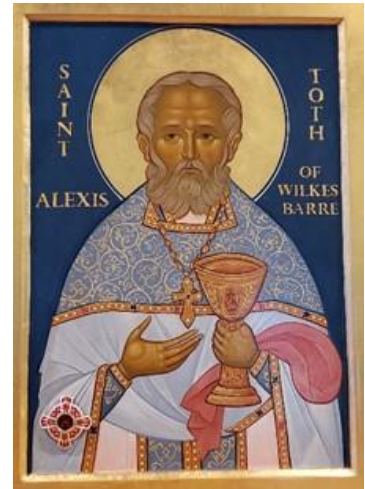
Confessions heard 9:00 AM Sundays, before and after evening services, and by appointment

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

TONE 3

12th Sunday after Pentecost

The Placing of the Cincture (Sash) of the Most-holy Theotokos



“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 the candle offering basket. You are also invited to *Coffee Fellowship* in the parish hall following the Liturgy this morning. Our priest will look 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.

Announcements:

Thank you to all who participated in the "Reader of the Hours" orientation/workshop. A quote from a seminar led by Dr. Al Rossi (retired St. Vladimir's Seminary prof and psychologist extraordinaire) seems quite fitting for this and many other ministry opportunities:

***Sometimes the smallest step
in the right direction
ends up being the biggest step
of your life.
Tiptoe if you must,
but take the step.***

Those who participated ***took a step*** by showing up for the workshop. Now we trust God to take those small steps and multiply them according to His will and for His glory! **Interested in chanting the Hours but were not able to attend the workshop?** We need more volunteers! Please see Mka Rozanne (churchoffice@stalexisoca.org or 904-599-6082).

YOU can prepare a special *Gift For Your Loved Ones!*

As we come to the end of the Church year and have commemorated the Feast of the Dormition of Our Most Holy Theotokos we see how to prepare to end the preface of the book of our lives and begin the first full new chapter entering into eternal life with Christ and His Church. Some cultures seem to promote a false belief that it is "bad luck" to talk about death and dying, thus discouraging people from making proper plans for a Christian ending to their lives. This is NOT what Christians believe.

If you do not have a Living Will, a Last Will and Testament, a Designated Power Of Attorney, and a Health Care Power of Attorney, then you are at risk of placing a heavy burden on your family, loved ones, and friends...especially if you are already in your senior years.

If you have not given your Priest a copy of your Advanced Directives for Funeral and Burial Care, then you are at risk of placing a heavy burden on your Church... But never fear, you are not alone and your Church can help! Your priest is glad to visit with you about such matters and can recommend qualified, affordable professional assistance, if needed. There are two books with templates, forms, and information for you to use as an Orthodox Christian: [A Gift For My Loved Ones](#) and [Another Gift For My Loved Ones](#). You can click on the links and start today!

❖ ***We also have printed copies of these booklets available (free of charge) on the Book Table.***

Mid-Week Bible Study!

WHAT: St. Alexis Midweek Bible Study & Potluck

WHEN: Thursdays 6:00-8:00pm

WHO: All are welcome! Fr David facilitates.

WHERE: Karla (Anna) Ayer's home
Address: See Karla
Phone: 904-806-2410

Note: There's plenty of room for parking!

We gather and begin eating at 6:00pm and start our study at 6:30.

If you are driving in after work and arrive late, no problem.

Help yourself to food and join right in!

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! 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, Ronald
- 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, Lydia, Nina
- Ilya, Mary, Christopher, Cindy, Moses, Michael, Andrew, John, Nina, Alexis, Monica, Bill, Carol, Linda, Madelyn, Stefan, Elena, Sophia and the child she carries, the infant James, Nicholas, Seraphina, Tabetha, AJ, 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
- 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.

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-tsya 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 dánosle hoy,
Y perdona nuestras deudas, así como nosotros perdonamos nuestros deudores;
Y no nos dejes caer en la tentación, mas líbranos del mal.

Today's Scripture Readings:

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26

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

Tone 3 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let the heavens rejoice!
Let the earth be glad!
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.
He has trampled down death by death.
He has become the first born of the dead.
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,
and has granted to the world//
great mercy.

Tone 8 Troparion (Theotokos)

Ever Virgin Theotokos, protectress of mankind,
you have given your people a powerful legacy:
the robe and sash of your most honored body which remained incorrupt throughout your seedless
childbearing;
for through you time and nature are renewed.//
Therefore we implore you: "Grant peace to your people and to our souls great mercy!"

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 3 Kontakion (Resurrection)

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One,
leading us from the gates of death.
On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;
with the Prophets and Patriarchs//
they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

Tone 5 Kontakion (St. Alexis)

Let us, the faithful, praise the Priest Alexis,
A bright beacon of Orthodoxy in America,
A model of patience and humility,
A worthy shepherd of the Flock of Christ.
He called back the sheep who had been led astray
and brought them by his preaching //
to the Heavenly Kingdom.

Tone 4 Kontakion (Theotokos)

Today your flock celebrates the enshrinement of your precious sash,
and it earnestly cries out to you://
"Rejoice, O Virgin, boast of all Christians!"

Life in our Church

Saturday, Aug 30	Prosphora Baking (at the Ayer home)	10 AM-2 PM
Sunday, Aug 31	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom Coffee Fellowship Hour Catechism	9:30 AM 12-1:30 PM
<i>Church New Year September 1</i>		
Thursday, Sep 4	Bible Study (at the Ayer home)	6:00 PM
Sunday, Sep 7	Divine Liturgy <i>Forefeast of the Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos</i> Coffee Fellowship Hour Vespers Prayers-Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos (immediately following brief Coffee Fellowship & quick cleanup)	9:30 AM
<i>Monday, September 8, Feast of the Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos</i>		
Thursday, Sep 11	Bible Study (at the Ayer home)	6:00 PM
Sunday, Sep 14	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom <i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross</i> Coffee Fellowship Hour Parish Council Meeting	9:30 AM
Thursday, Sep 18	Bible Study (at the Ayer home)	6:00 PM
Sunday, Sep 21	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom <i>Leavetaking of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross</i> Coffee Fellowship Hour Catechism	9:30 AM 12-1:30 PM
Thursday, Sep 25	Bible Study (at the Ayer home)	6:00 PM
Sunday, Sep 28	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom Coffee Fellowship Hour Catechism	9:30 AM 12-1:30 PM
Thursday, Oct 2	Bible Study (at the Ayer home)	6:00 PM
Sunday, Oct 5	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom Coffee Fellowship Hour Catechism Choir Rehearsal	9:30 AM 12-1:30 PM 12-1:30 PM