

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, OCTOBER 26

TONE 3

20th Sunday after Pentecost (5th of Luke)

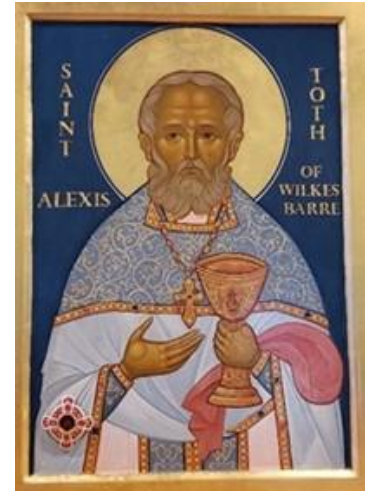
Holy and Glorious Greatmartyr Demetrius the Myrrghusher of Thessalonica

Commemoration of the Great Earthquake at Constantinople in 740 A.D.



“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:	Oct 26	Nov 2	Nov 9	Nov 16	Nov 23
	Michael P	Chris M	Olga L	Octavian F	Kenadea N

Announcements:

Special Activities Bag for Young Children to Use at Church

Parents, you will find cloth St Alexis bags in the back of the church designed for you and your younger children to use during services. ***Please return the bag to the book table before you leave!*** We are just beginning to fill the bags with quiet learning tools (ex: books, soft Bible characters and saints) designed for our youngest ones ages 0-5 to multitask while standing with you or seated quietly in a seat, on a lap, or on the floor during church. Every service is a time of gently and lovingly teaching our children

how to pray, worship, and receive Christ. We want their earliest memories to be about how much they are loved by their Church family. Please select one bag for the day, put everything back in the bag at the end of the service, and return it to the book table so it is available for you and others next time! If you see books or other items you would like to own, check out the Book Table and if you can't find it there, let Ali Marie know and we will try to order it for you at our cost.

We love our little brothers and sisters very much!

Essential Orthodox Christian Beliefs — Encountering Orthodoxy through the Divine Liturgy

The OCA has a wonderful course of study using the Divine Liturgy as a guide for exploring the Orthodox faith, beginning with the Service of Preparation of the Gifts. Fr. David is now facilitating this class after Coffee Fellowship Hour on appointed Sundays - *check the calendar for dates!* Catechumens specifically are asked to attend, but all are welcome. 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.

Fr David Receiving Nominations for Serving on Parish Council (PC) in 2026

Fr David is still receiving nominations for those willing to serve on the PC in 2026. You may nominate yourself or another member of St Alexis. Give your nomination to Fr David in written form via hard copy or email (priest@stalexisoca.org). Nominations will be treated confidentially. The By-Laws of our Diocese state that a nominee for serving on the PC should be "...a faithful member of the parish for at least one year; at least 18 yrs. old; a regular participant in the services, confession, and the Eucharist; helps to fulfill the financial obligations of the parish [tithing, offerings, alms]; not contentious and rebellious against authority of the Church [now includes a survey of social media presence and postings]; not motivated to seek office out of pride, but only a strong desire to work for the Lord and for the upbuilding of His Church..."; and shares the vision of the Church to become a disciple of Jesus Christ as they participate in making disciples (Mt. 28:18-20). Since nominations must be vetted in advance and approved by the priest, there will be no nominations from the floor at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Toward the Kingdom Study Group (Flagler County)

- **WHEN:**
 - Thursday, November 13 ~ 5:30-7:30pm
 - If you cannot arrive by 5:30pm, no problem. *Come anyway!*
 - If you have to leave before 7:30pm, no problem. *Come anyway!*
- **WHAT:**
 - Potluck followed by study/discussion facilitated by Fr David & Mka Rozanne
 - We will use ***Parenting Toward the Kingdom + Companion Guide*** (Dr. Philip Mamalakis)
 - 1 book + 1 companion guide will be provided per household if you don't already own them
- **WHO:**
 - Adults of all ages are welcome!
 - If you cannot secure childcare, bring your children & a plan for them while we meet
- **WHERE:**
 - Parish Hall of St. Alexis Orthodox Mission
- **HOW OFTEN:**
 - Monthly (2nd Thursdays, tentatively)
 - Future dates TBA
 - Questions? See Fr David or Mka Rozanne!

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.

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 over time! 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
- If you need help setting up your account, see Mka Rozanne or Mike Ruddy



Mid-Week Bible Study in St. Augustine!

- WHAT:** St. Alexis Midweek Bible Study & Potluck
- WHEN:** Thursdays 6:00-8:00pm
- WHO:** All are welcome! (Facilitated by Fr David or Jim Humphries)
- 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!

Prayer Lists – Pray for each other daily:

The Departed

- The Priest Slava
- Newly departed servants of God: Lidia Ivanovskaia (Sep 21, 2025) and Geoffrey Nicholas Brueggen (Oct 5, 2025), and Nina Myasnikova (October 5, 2025)
- Stephen David Gidus (Oct 8, 2012)
- Athanasia Colis (Oct 23, 2012)
- Mka Catherine (Sissy) Yerger (Oct 7, 2015)

- Wesley Theophan Sheldahl (Oct 9, 2017)
- Henry Poleschuk (Oct 24, 2020)
- Sandra Chan Ajram (Oct 11, 2023)
- Jessica Joanna Wright (Oct 12, 2023)
- Victims of accidents, hostilities, and natural disasters around the world
- The Unborn

Servants of God

- Fr Aleksandr Yu Shi
- The newly ordained 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, Dn Jim, Mka Robin
- Ilya, Mary, Christopher, Cindy, Moses, Michael, Andrew, John, Nina, Alexis, Monica, Bill, Linda, Madelyn, Stefan, Elena, Sdn Daniel, Emmelia, Sophia and the child she carries, 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, 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 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.

Prosphora Baking at St. Alexis Mission – October 2025



Hymns for this Sunday: *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 (Earthquake)

O Christ our God, Who lookest upon the earth and it trembles;
deliver us from the terrible threat of earthquake;//
and through the prayers of the Theotokos, send down upon us Thine abundant mercy and save us!

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 2 Kontakion (St. Demetrius)

God, Who has given you invincible might,
has tinged the Church with streams of your blood, Demetrius.
He preserves your city from harm,//
for you are its foundation.

Tone 6 Kontakion (Earthquake)

Deliver us all from upheavals, and from terrible afflictions caused by our sins, O Lord,
and spare Thy people whom Thou hast purchased with Thy blood, O Master!
Do not deliver Thy city to destruction by terrible earthquakes,
for we know no other God but Thee;
and to those who cry out Thou dost respond://
"I am with you, and no one will be against you."

Scripture Readings for this Sunday:

Epistle: Hebrews 12:6-13, 25-27 (*Earthquake*)
 Galatians 1:11-19 (*Resurrection*)

Gospel: Matthew 8:23-27 (*Earthquake*)
 Luke 16:19-31 (*Resurrection*)

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.

Life in our Church

Sunday, Oct 26	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:30 AM
	<i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i>	
	Open Discussion/Q&A <i>in preparation for Annual Meeting Nov 16</i> <i>(Agenda & 2026 Budget draft available)</i>	12 -12:30 PM
	Essential Orthodox Christian Beliefs	12:30-1:30 PM
Thursday, Oct 30	Bible Study in St. Augustine (<i>Ayer home</i>)	6:00 PM
Sunday, Nov 2	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:30 AM
	Choir Rehearsal	12-1:30 PM
	Open Discussion/Q&A <i>in preparation for Annual Meeting Nov 16</i> <i>(Agenda & 2026 Budget draft available)</i>	12 -12:30 PM
	Essential Orthodox Christian Beliefs	12:30-1:30 PM
Thursday, Nov 6	Bible Study in St. Augustine (<i>Ayer home</i>)	6:00 PM
Sunday, Nov 9	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:30 AM
	<i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i>	12:15 PM
Thursday, Nov 13	Toward the Kingdom Study Group (<i>Parish Hall</i>)	5:30 PM
	* <i>Nativity Fast begins Saturday, November 15*</i>	
Saturday, Nov 15	Prospora Baking (<i>at the Ayer home</i>)	10 AM-2 PM
Sunday, Nov 16	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:30 AM
	<u>Abbreviated</u> <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour (NO POTLUCK)</i>	~11:45 AM
Thursday, Nov 20	Annual Parish Meeting	
Thursday, Nov 20	Festal Great Vespers	6:00 PM
	<i>Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos</i>	
	<i>Friday, November 21 Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos</i>	
Sunday, Nov 23	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:30 AM
	<i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i>	
	Essential Orthodox Christian Beliefs	12-1:30 PM
	* <i>Happy Thanksgiving Thursday, Nov 27*</i> (No Bible Study)	
Sunday, Nov 30	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:30 AM
	<i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i>	