

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

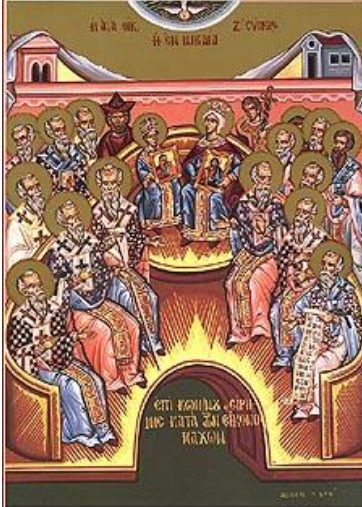
Sunday Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 (Tone 1)
18th Sunday after Pentecost (3rd of Luke)
Commemoration of the Holy Fathers
of the 7th Ecumenical Council

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 (Tone 2)
19th Sunday after Pentecost (4th of Luke)
Prophet Joel
Martyr Varus, and with him six Monk Martyrs



“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. 12 – Olga Lagunchik

Oct. 19 – TBD

Announcements:

Monthly Parish Council (PC) Oct 5 Meeting Report

Among numerous reports received, the PC approved a motion from the Ad Hoc Building Committee to draft a contract to buy a former church building in the Atlantis Business and Industrial Park on north State St. (Hwy 1). Stay tuned for a full presentation on this property and subsequent updates. The contract allows us to begin negotiating on the property, but with contingencies that include approval by the Parish in a special Parish Meeting. (This could potentially be presented at our **Annual Parish Meeting (APM) on November 16.**) APM preparations already happening include drafting a proposed

2026 budget, gathering nominations for PC members, and the vetting process. If you would like to submit your name for nomination to serve on the PC next year read on to see the qualifications.

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

Beginning this Sunday, Fr David is 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.

❖ **On October 19 we welcome Deacon Niko Birbillis** who will serve Deacon's Typika with Communion!

Parenting Toward the Kingdom Study (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 Towards 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 TBD
 - Questions? See Fr David or Mka Rozanne!

Special Activities Bag for Young Children – for use during services

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. These bags are just beginning to be filled 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 that day, put everything back in the bag at the end of the service, and return it to the book table. Bags are not to be taken home, but are for use here at Church. 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!

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!

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.

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, Tabettha, 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.

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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.

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Hymns for Sunday October 12: *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 8 Troparion (Fathers)

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God,
Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.
Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith.//
O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

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 6 Kontakion (Fathers)

The Son Who shone forth from the Father
was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman.
Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form,
but depict it piously and revere it faithfully.
Thus, keeping the True Faith,//
the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.

Tone 6 Kontakion (Steadfast Protectress of Christians)

Steadfast Protectress of Christians,
Constant Advocate before the Creator;
despise not the entreating cries of us sinners,
but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith.
Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, //
for you always protect those who honor you!

Scripture Readings for Sunday October 12:

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Gospel: Luke 7:11-16

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Hymns for Sunday October 19: *Please sing along with the choir -- and all week long!*

Tone 2 Troparion (Resurrection)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal,
Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead.
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

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 2 Troparion (Prophet Joel)

We celebrate the memory
of Thy prophet Joel, O Lord;
through him we beseech Thee://
“Save our souls!”

Tone 2 Kontakion (Resurrection)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,
seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb!
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, //
and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Tone 4 Kontakion (St. Varus)

Following Christ, O Martyr Varus, you drank of His chalice;
you received the crown of martyrdom and now rejoice with the Angels. //
Pray for our souls unceasingly!

Tone 6 Kontakion (Steadfast Protectress of Christians)

Steadfast Protectress of Christians,
Constant Advocate before the Creator;
despise not the entreating cries of us sinners,
but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith.
Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, //
for you always protect those who honor you!

Scripture Readings for Sunday October 19:

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9
Gospel: Luke 8:5-15

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Life in our Church

Sunday, Oct 12	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom <i>Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council</i> <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i> Essential Orthodox Christian Beliefs Choir Rehearsal	9:30 AM 12-1:30 PM 12-1:30 PM
<i>Oct 15-18 Thriving in Ministry Facilitators Retreat (Ruckers)</i>		
Thursday, Oct 16	Bible Study <i>(at the Ayer home)</i>	6:00 PM
Sunday, Oct 19	Deacon's Typika (Obednitsa) with Communion <i>(Deacon Niko Birbillis)</i> <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i>	9:30 AM
Thursday, Oct 23	Bible Study in St. Augustine <i>(at the Ayer home)</i>	6:00 PM
Sunday, Oct 26	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom <i>Open discussion after Coffee Fellowship</i> <i>in preparation for Annual Meeting Nov 16</i> <i>(Agenda & 2025 Budget draft available)</i> Essential Orthodox Christian Beliefs	9:30 AM 12-1:30 PM
Thursday, Oct 30	Bible Study in St. Augustine <i>(at the Ayer home)</i>	6:00 PM
Sunday, Nov 2	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom <i>Open discussion during Coffee Fellowship</i> <i>in preparation for Annual Meeting Nov 17</i> <i>(Agenda & 2025 Budget draft presented)</i> Choir Rehearsal	9:30 AM 12-1:30 PM
Thursday, Nov 6	Bible Study in St. Augustine <i>(at the Ayer home)</i>	6:00 PM
Sunday, Nov 9	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom Parish Council Meeting <i>Open discussion after Coffee Fellowship</i> <i>in preparation for Annual Meeting Nov 16</i> <i>(Agenda & 2025 Budget draft available)</i>	9:30 AM
Thursday, Nov 13	Flagler County Monthly Meeting <i>(in 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 Annual Parish Meeting following Liturgy	9:30 AM

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