

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 25

TONE 8

33rd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday of Zacchaeus

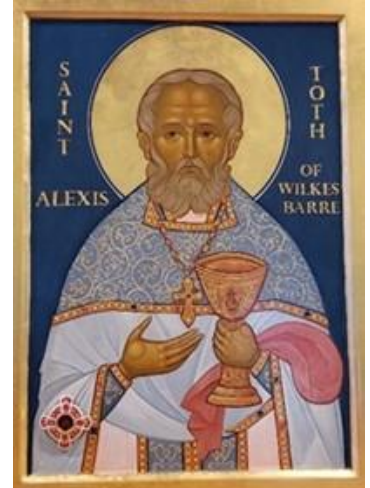
Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia

Sanctity of Life Sunday



“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:	Jan 25	Feb 1	Feb 8	Feb 15	Feb 22
	Olga L	Octavian F	Kenadea N	Michael P	Chris M

Announcements:



Sanctity of Life Sunday

While we pray weekly for the unborn, His Beatitude [Metropolitan Tikhon](#) has designated this Sunday, January 25, 2026, as *Sanctity of Life Sunday*, to be observed in parishes of the Orthodox Church in America, with special prayers and petitions included in the Divine Liturgy. After the Dismissal, a statement from His Beatitude will be read. Let us pray daily and make ourselves and our parish available for healing in our community.

- ❖ **Orthodox Christians for Life** – [Facebook Page](#)
- ❖ **Zoe for Life** – [Facebook Page](#)
- ❖ [Service for Abortion Victims](#)

New Building Update – All Systems are “Go” for Closing on January 30th

The period of due diligence ended January 23 and we are on schedule to purchase the property on January 30 as planned. The professional inspection was completed with positive results; the appraisal has affirmed the price we are paying; we are getting bids on insurance, internet, and other services; and we are on track for transferring utility accounts. ***Be watching for an announcement about team leaders for various projects at the new building and a wish list of items needed.***

It's All Hands on Deck! Please save the following Saturdays @10-3 for working in our new building:

- February 14 – lunch provided (meat pizza) – we will start the day with blessing prayers
- February 21 – lunch provided (cheese pizza)
- February 28 – lunch provided (Lenten)
- March 7 – tentative (watch for updates)
- March 14 – tentative (watch for updates)

Regardless of how long you can stay, come anyway and help as you can! Team leaders will assign tasks and provide materials. All are welcome, including well-supervised children with their parents!

House Blessings Continue

It is a custom in the Orthodox Church for the priest to bring the holy water of Theophany into the homes of the Faithful for an annual blessing. If you would like Fr David to come to your home you may call or text (904-599-5812) or send email (priest@stalexisoca.org) to arrange a day/time. This brief service typically takes less than 30 minutes. The last day to have your home blessed before Great Lent begins is February 20.

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
- 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 free of charge thanks to a sponsor!

2026 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)
- The Most Blessed ANASTASIOS (Yannoulatos), Met. of Tirana, Archbishop of all Albania (Jan 25, 2025)
- The Archpriest Stephen Plumlee (Jan 14, 2026)
- 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, Craig, Mary, Christopher, Cindy, Moses, Michael, Andrew, John, Monica, Bill Michael, Carol Anna, Elena, Stefan, Nina, Alexis, Sdn Daniel, Sophia, Emmelia, Michael, Jonathan, Anna and the child she carries, Amy and the child she carries, Nadia and the child she carries, 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 8 Troparion (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One!
Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Tone 4 Troparion (New Martyrs)

Today the Church of Russia forms a chorus in joy,
praising her new martyrs and confessors;
hierarchs and priests, royal passion-bearers, right-believing princes and princesses,
venerable men and women, and all Orthodox Christians.
Having laid down their life for faith in Christ during the days of godless persecution,
they preserved the truth by the shedding of blood.//
By their protection, O long-suffering Lord, preserve our land in Orthodoxy till the end of the age.

Tone 8 Kontakion (Resurrection)

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam.
Eve exults in Thy Resurrection,//
and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Tone 3 Kontakion (New Martyrs) (Today the Virgin)

Today the new martyrs of Rus' stand in white robes before the Lamb of God,
and with the angels they sing to God the hymn of victory:
"Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and praise, and honor,
and power, and strength be to our God//
unto the ages of ages. Amen."

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 this Sunday:

Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15
Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

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

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Sunday, Jan 25

Divine Liturgy

9:30 AM

(Sunday of Zacchaeus)

Coffee Fellowship Hour

Essential Orthodox Christian Beliefs

12-1:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal

12-1:30 PM

(for Meeting of the Lord in the Temple + Great Canon)

Thursday, Jan 29

Bible Study in St. Augustine (at the Ayer home)

6:00 PM

Last Bible Study gathering until after Pascha

Friday, Jan 30

Closing on the Trades of Hope property

Keep Fr David and all involved in your prayers!

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Sunday, Feb 1

Divine Liturgy

9:30 AM

(Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee - Forefeast of the Meeting in the Temple - Beginning of the Lenten Triodion)

Coffee Fellowship Hour

Vespers for the Meeting of Our Lord in the Temple

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

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Sunday, Feb 8

Divine Liturgy

9:30 AM

(Sunday of the Prodigal)

Coffee Fellowship Hour

Parish Council Meeting

Friday, Feb 13

Fr David available for House Blessings

To schedule, contact him at: 904-599-5812 or priest@stalexisoca.org

Saturday, Feb 14

Church Cleaning Day – new building!

10 AM-3 PM

Beginning with Memorial Saturday prayers

Contact person: TBD

Pizza will be provided

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Sunday, Feb 15

Divine Liturgy

9:30 AM

(Sunday of Meatfare - Sunday of the Last Judgment)

Coffee Fellowship Hour

Choir Rehearsal

12-1:30 PM

(for Forgiveness Vespers & Great Canon)

Friday, Feb 20

Fr David available for House Blessings

To schedule, contact him at: 904-599-5812 or priest@stalexisoca.org

Saturday, Feb 21

Church Cleaning Day – new building!

10 AM-3 PM

Contact person: TBD

Cheese & veggie pizza will be provided