

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

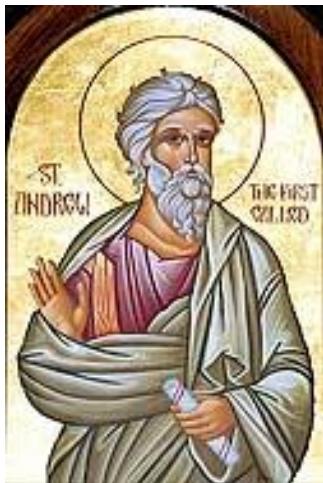
Confessions heard 9:00 AM Sundays, before and after evening services, and by appointment

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

25th Sunday after Pentecost (10th of Luke)

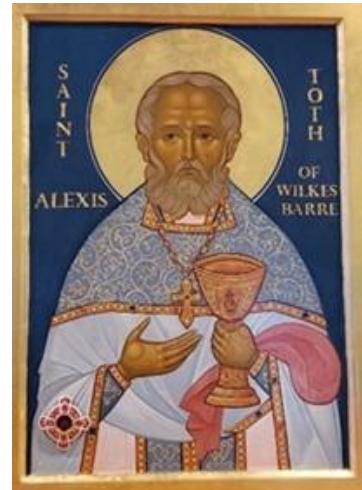
Holy and All-Praised Apostle Andrew the First-Called

TONE 8



“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>Nov 30</u>	<u>Dec 7</u>	<u>Dec 14</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>Dec 28</u>
	Michael P	Chris M	Olga L	Octavian F	Kenadea N

Announcements:

Welcome to Fr. Michael Byars as our guest presider today!

Fr. Michael is a beloved retired priest with decades of ministry in our area, and we are privileged to have him presiding at our service today. Please welcome him warmly and ask him to tell some stories to encourage our own future growth at St. Alexis! Keep reading to learn more about his service to God here in northcentral Florida!

Fr. Michael began serving at [Holy Cross Orthodox Mission](#) (Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese) in a small, rented building in South Daytona in April 1995. Due to continuing growth of the group, it was necessary to move to a much larger space in the same building after the first year. In

August 1996, the group suffered what could have been a great tragedy when their rented space was destroyed by fire. Because of their faith and determination, the group rallied together to become even stronger, continuing to meet and grow while their burned-out location was renovated. Holy Cross purchased an existing church building at 1531 Center Avenue in Holly Hill in January of 1997. After extensive renovations the first worship service was held at the new location in July. In May 2005 the congregation purchased nearly 5 acres of land with an old building on Fleming Avenue in Ormond Beach, where they currently meet.

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 your younger children to use quietly during services. **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!** 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. *We love our little brothers and sisters very much!*

Capital Campaign 2025-2026 Begins December 1st

We announced our second Capital Campaign for the Building Fund at our recent 2025 Annual Parish Meeting. **We begin with a Matching Grant of \$200,000. This means every dollar you contribute will be doubled up to that amount!** Personal invitations to our members will be sent in the coming weeks via USPS mail or email. Please read the form carefully and respond as God enables you, by faith. *Make sure any donation intended for the Building Fund is clearly marked on your offering envelope and/or your checks.*

All pledges for the campaign are due by St. Thomas Sunday, April 19, 2026. Our goal, including the matching funds, is \$400K. Of course, designated donations for the building fund can be received all year long. If this goal is reached, it will enable us to afford a building that will meet our needs now and in the foreseeable future. Please put your response form in the Tithes and Offering Box in the back of the church soon as possible. Other response forms are available there as well. (Note that all checks or envelopes dated by December 31, 2025 will be credited for the 2025 tax year for IRS Charitable giving reporting purposes. Donations received after December 31, 2025, will be credited for 2026.)

Toward the Kingdom Study Group (Flagler County)

WHEN:

- Thursday, December 11 ~ 5:30-7:30pm
 - If you cannot arrive by 5:30pm or need to leave before 7:30, 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)
- Questions? See Fr David or Mka Rozanne!

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.

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



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.

Heads Up! We will have a visit from someone special after the Divine Liturgy Sunday December 7, in honor of Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia. **Children are advised to be present!**

Mid-Week Bible Study in St. Augustine!

WHAT: St. Alexis Midweek Bible Study & Potluck

WHEN: Thursdays 6:00-8:00pm (**NEXT MEETING: Dec. 4**)

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
- The Newly Departed Servants of God: Geoffrey Nicholas, Nina, and Olga
- His Eminence, DAVID, Archbishop of Sitka and Alaska (Nov 27, 2020)
- The Archpriest Sergius (Nov 22, 2023)
- The Priest Photios (Nov 15, 2003)
- Victims of accidents, hostilities, and natural disasters around the world
- The unborn child of God Obadiah (Nov 19, 2010)
- All the unborn

All whom we carry in our hearts, including:

- 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 Michael, Carol Anna, Elena, Stefan, Sdn Daniel, Emmelia, Sophia and the child she carries, Seraphina, Tabetha, AJ, Jonathan, 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 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

*Next prosphora baking day is **Saturday, Dec 6!**
(see calendar on last page of bulletin for details)*



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 (*St. Andrew*)

O Andrew, first-called of the Apostles,
and brother of the foremost disciple,
entreat the Master of all
to grant peace to the world,//
and to our souls great mercy!

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 2 Kontakion (*St. Andrew*)

Let us praise Andrew, the herald of God,
the namesake of courage,
the first-called of the Savior's disciples
and the brother of Peter!
As he once called to his brother,
he now cries out to us://
"Come, for we have found the One Whom the world desires!"

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 Corinthians 4:9-16

Gospel: John 1:35-51

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-tsyu 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

* *Nativity Fast begins Saturday, November 15**
(No meat or dairy for Coffee Fellowship Hour until the Sunday after Christmas)

* *Thursday, November 27 Happy Thanksgiving!**
(For Orthodox in the US, it is customary to relax the fast for this national feast)

(No Bible Study this Thursday)

Sunday, Nov 30	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom <i>Fr Michael Byars Guest Archpriest</i> <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i>	9:30 AM
Thursday, Dec 4	Bible Study in St. Augustine (Ayer home)	6:00 PM
Saturday, Dec 6	Prosphora Baking (Ayer home)	10 AM-2 PM

Sunday, Dec 7	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom <i>Special visitor after the Liturgy in celebration of St. Nicholas Day</i> <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i> <i>Open House at prospective building for purchase (tentative)</i> <i>(Stay tuned for details and updates)</i>	9:30 AM 1 - 3 PM
Thursday, Dec 11	Bible Study in St. Augustine (Ayer home)	6:00 PM
Thursday, Dec 11	Toward the Kingdom Study Group (Parish Hall)	5:30 PM
Saturday, Dec 13	Choir Rehearsal (Ayer home) BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch) <i>Rehearsal for Nativity, Theophany, & more!</i>	10 AM-2 PM

Sunday, Dec 14	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom <i>(Sunday of the Forefathers)</i> Reception of Catechumens <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i> Parish Council Meeting	9:30 AM 9:30 AM 12-2 PM
Thursday, Dec 18	Bible Study in St. Augustine (Ayer home)	6:00 PM
Saturday, Dec 20	Snuggly Saints Sewing & Stuffing (Ayer home) Please RSVP if you plan to come churchoffice@stalexisoca.org	10 AM-12:30 PM

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Sunday, Dec 21	Choir Rehearsal (before Divine Liturgy)	8-9:10 AM
	Sacrament of Holy Chrismation (x2)	9:15 AM
	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom <i>(Sunday Before the Nativity of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ & Sunday of the Holy Fathers)</i>	9:30 AM
	<i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i>	
	Essential Orthodox Christian Beliefs	12-1:30 PM
Wednesday, Dec 24	Great Compline <i>(Feast of the Nativity of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ)</i>	5:00 PM
Thursday, Dec 25	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom <i>(Feast of the Nativity of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ)</i> No Coffee Fellowship Hour today	9:30 AM

+++ Christ is Born! Glorify Him! +++

Fast Free Period Dec 25 - Jan 6

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Sunday, Dec 28	Divine Liturgy <i>(Sunday after Nativity)</i>	9:30 AM
	<i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i>	

*Wednesday, December 31
Leavetaking of the Nativity of our Lord God & Savior Jesus Christ*

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

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