

# 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, JULY 13 (TONE 4)**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Commemoration of the Holy Fathers  
of the First Six Ecumenical Councils**

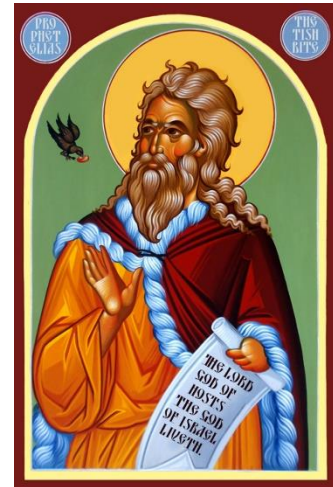


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**SUNDAY, JULY 20 (TONE 5)**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Holy Glorious Prophet Elijah**



“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 Fr David after the service so he can meet you. You are also invited to *Coffee Fellowship Hour* in the parish hall following the Liturgy this morning.

**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.

**Note:** Due to AAC in Phoenix next week this bulletin will serve for two Sundays: July 13 and July 20. There will be no new bulletin next week.

### **Announcements:**

**Today (Sunday July 13) right before the Divine Liturgy we will receive Chris and Lesly Malfa as catechumens, along with their children, Gianna and Marco.** Be sure to come early so you are ready to welcome the Malfa family!

### [The All American Council of the Orthodox Church in America, Phoenix, AZ, July 14-18](#)

The All-American Council (AAC) is the highest legislative and administrative authority within the Church. The Council brings together the various elements of the Church to bear witness to her identity, unity, and mission. According to the Statutes, AAC convenes normally once every three years and includes the priest(s) and lay delegate(s) from every parish, as well as a long list of representatives from all church institutions. Please pray for Fr. David and our lay delegate, Ali Mari Phipps during this week, and for Mka. Rozanne attending as Matushka and an official Observer.

You can follow the Council at [oca.org](http://oca.org). Also, [Ancient Faith Radio \(AFR\)](#) is providing extensive coverage of the 21st [All-American Council of the Orthodox Church in America \(OCA\)](#). AFR is offering interviews with OCA leaders and on-site recordings of the proceedings, and will be releasing a weekly series of interviews leading up to the event. Fr. David and Ali Marie will provide reports and reflections to the parish in the weeks following their return and to our Parish Council in the August meeting.

### **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!

### **The Three Great Feasts of Summer**

- ***The Feast of Saints Peter & Paul (June 29)***: There is a spiritual link between this feast and Pentecost, for the witness of the apostles is the immediate fruit of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon them. The importance of the feast is marked by ***The Apostles Fast***. The fast begins on the second Monday after Pentecost, which means the length of the fast changes each year. The week after Pentecost is *Fast Free*. This year the Fast has gone from June 16 to June 28.
- ***The Holy Transfiguration of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ (August 6)***
- ***The Dormition of the Theotokos (August 15)***: This feast is preceded by a two-week fast beginning August 1. More about each of these in future bulletins.

***Blessed and Glorious Fasts and Feasts!***

### **Parish Council (PC) Meeting Highlights**

The July meeting last Sunday held a full agenda, including: Approving minutes for a special meeting in June; welcoming new members to the parish; encouraging financial reports showing tithes and offerings meeting budgeted income and expenses well below budget, with \$750K in our Building Fund, for which we give thanks to God! Due to God's provision through your stewardship we are able to support a full-time priest as well as support our Diocese, our missionaries, provide financial assistance to those in need, and support many ministries related to our parish. *An ad hoc Building and Property Search Committee (BSC) is being appointed to continue the due diligence required for contract closure.*

Nominated members are being notified this week and the committee will be announced more formally soon. Minutes and financial reports are available for all meetings. Better yet, if you are a member or a catechumen of the parish, come visit our next meeting: Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.

**We are growing, and there are two important ministries in our church community that need additional volunteers.**

These opportunities are open to both men and women who are chrismated members of the faithful at St. Alexis: ***Greeters & readers of the Hours.***

- Greeters arrive by 9AM to stand at the back of the nave to welcome ALL who are entering the church for the Divine Liturgy. They especially welcome guests by offering them a warm smile and handshake, a bulletin, a blue information card and pen, and directions to the restrooms and the parish hall. This is a ministry of hospitality and love!
  - A brief instructional session will be given for those interested in offering their time and talents in this way on Sunday, July 27, following the Liturgy.
  - We need multiple people to share in this responsibility so that it does not land on just one person every week. Men and women are welcome to inquire.
- We also need volunteers to sign up to read the 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Hour prayers before the Divine Liturgy each Sunday. Those who are signed up to read the Hours arrive by 9AM Sunday to be ready to start chanting 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Hour prayers at 9:15.
  - A tutorial will be led by Fr David and Mka Rozanne for all who are interested in learning more about chanting the Hours in the OCA, and specifically at our parish, on Sunday, August 3, following the Liturgy.
  - We need multiple people to share in this responsibility so that it does not land on just one person every week. Men and women are welcome in inquire.
- Interested? Want to learn more? Let Fr David know (**text:** 904-599-5812 or **email:** [priest@stalexisoca.org](mailto:priest@stalexisoca.org) or **speak with him personally**).

**Catechism in the Nave after Coffee Fellowship (12:00-1:00) on Designated Sundays**

Members and enquirers are welcome to join our Catechumens during these open sessions led by our priest. Check the calendar and listen for announcements.

**MORE Opportunities for Love and Ministry in our Parish:** Special thanks for those who served us with food, love and kindness last Sunday as we celebrated our Patronal Feast Day, especially Jim, Tamara, Karla, John, Michael, Peter, and Helen! We are grateful for your service!

- **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.**
- **Men, if you are interested in serving with Fr David in the altar,** your preparation begins with assisting in setting up and taking down when we have services. This is where your training begins.
- **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](http://stalexisoca.org/give)
- If you need help setting up your account, see Mka Rozanne



### Prayer Lists – Pray for each other daily:

#### The Departed

- The Priest Slava
- Alice Sutko (+2020)
- Fr Peter Gilquist (+2012)
- Ruth Goch (+2014)
- Victims of accidents, hostilities, and natural disasters around the world
- The Unborn

#### Servants of God

- Fr Aleksandr Yu Shi, Church of the Protection of the Mother of God (Harbin, China)
- The Werner family at St Vladimir Seminary
- Fr Patrick, Mka Lauren, James, Walter, Henry, Kathryn, Ethan, Marissa, Andrew
- Mka Robin, Dn Jim, Fr Jordan, Mka Vanessa, Fr James, Fr Patrick, Mka Kristen, Sdn Irenaios, Lindsey, Nathan, Gabriela
- Ilya, Mary, Christopher, Cindy, Penny, Elizabeth, Moses, Michael, Andrew, John, Nina, Alexis, Emilia & the child she carries, Dmitry, Yulia, Ivan, Michael, Nicholas, Anna, Sonya, Monica, Bill, Carol, Linda, Madelyn
- 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
- Lay Delegate Ali Marie and the Ruckers at All American Council and Diocesan Assembly
- 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.*

**Hymns for Sunday July 13:** *Please sing along with the choir -- and all week long!*

**Tone 4      Troparion      (Resurrection)**

When the women disciples of the Lord  
learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection,  
they cast away the ancestral curse  
and elatedly told the apostles:  
“Death is overthrown!  
Christ God is risen, //  
granting the world great mercy!”

**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 4      Kontakion      (Resurrection)**

My Savior and Redeemer  
as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains.  
He has shattered the gates of hell,  
and as Master, //  
He has risen on the third day!

**Tone 8      Kontakion      (Fathers)**

The Apostles’ preaching and the Fathers’ doctrines have established one Faith for the Church.  
Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology, //  
It defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

**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 July 13:**

**Epistle:**      Romans 10:1-10  
                  Hebrews 13: 7-16

**Gospel:**      Matthew 8:28-9:1  
                  John 17:1-13

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**Hymns for Sunday July 20:** *Please sing along with the choir -- and all week long!*

**Tone 5      Troparion      (Resurrection)**

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,  
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,  
born for our salvation from the Virgin;  
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,  
to endure death,  
and to raise the dead//  
by His glorious Resurrection.

**Tone 4      Troparion      (Prophet Elijah)**

An angel in the flesh and the cornerstone of the Prophets,  
the second forerunner of the coming of Christ,  
glorious Elijah sent grace from on high to Elisha,  
to dispel diseases and to cleanse lepers.//  
Therefore he pours forth healings on those who honor him.

**Tone 5      Kontakion      (Resurrection)**

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior,  
shattering its gates as Almighty,  
resurrecting the dead as Creator,  
and destroying the sting of death.  
Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, //  
and we cry to Thee: "O Lord, save us!"

**Tone 2      Kontakion      (Prophet Elijah)**

O Prophet Elijah of great renown,  
seer of the mighty works of God,  
by your command you held back the rain.//  
Pray for us to the only Lover of man!

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**Scripture Readings for Sunday July 20:**

**Epistle:**      Romans 12:6-14  
                 James 5:10-20

**Gospel:**      Matthew 9:1-8  
                 Luke 4:22-30

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# Life in our Church

<b>Sunday, Jul 13</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom</b> <i>Sunday of the Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils</i> <i>Reception of catechumens</i> <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i> <b>Catechism</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>    <b>12-1:30 PM</b>
<i>All American Council, Phoenix, AZ July 14-18 – Clergy, Lay Delegates, &amp; Observers</i>		
<b>Thursday, Jul 17</b>	<b>Bible Study</b> (at the Ayer home)	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Sunday, Jul 20</b>	<b>Deacon's Typika (Obednitsa)</b> with Communion (Deacon James Marth) <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
<b>Thursday, Jul 24</b>	<b>Bible Study</b> (at the Ayer home)	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Sunday, Jul 27</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom</b> <i>Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday</i> <a href="https://theocpm.org/">https://theocpm.org/</a> <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i> <b>Catechism</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>    <b>12-1:30 PM</b> <b>12-1:30 PM</b>
<b>Thursday, Jul 31</b>	<b>Bible Study</b> (at the Ayer home)  <i>Dormition Fast August 1-15</i>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Sunday, Aug 3</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom</b> <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour (NO meat or dairy)</i> <b>Catechism</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  <b>12-1:30 PM</b>
<b>Tuesday, Aug 5</b>	<b>Festal Great Vespers with Litya</b> <i>Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord</i>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<i>Wednesday, August 6 Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord</i>		
<b>Thursday, Aug 7</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Sunday, Aug 10</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom</b> <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour (no meat or dairy)</i> <b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
<b>Thursday, Aug 14</b>	<b>Festal Great Vespers with Litya</b> <i>Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos</i>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<i>Friday, August 15 Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos</i>		

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