

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

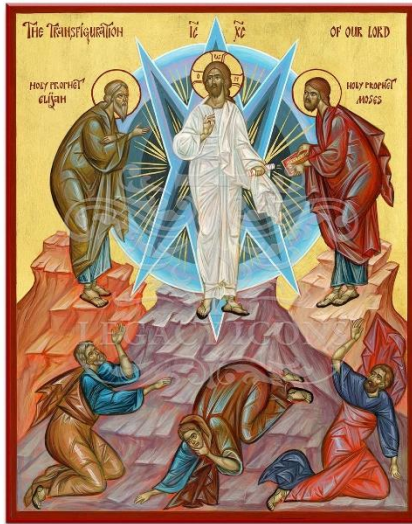
SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

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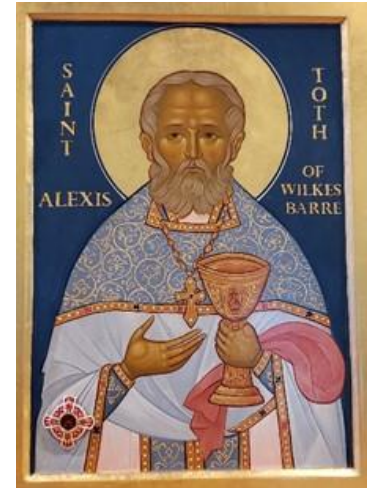
9th Sunday after Pentecost

Afterfeast of the Transfiguration

Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Lawrence of Rome



“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.

Announcements:

The Transfiguration – our *metamorphosis*

We continue to live in light of the Feast of the Transfiguration until its Leavetaking on August 13, while continuing to observe the Dormition Fast through August 15. We began the church year last September with feasts that brought us to the Theotokos (her Nativity) and to the Cross (its Exaltation), contemplating how to begin our lives and how to live them. Now in August we come to the end of the church year with feasts that once again bring us to the Cross (its Procession) and to the Theotokos (her Dormition), but this time we are called to contemplate the end of our lives and the legacy we will leave.

Dormition Great Vespers with Litya Thursday, August 14, at 6:00 pm

In classical Christianity, Mary is not the great exception; rather, she is the great example of what it means to live our whole lives as Christians. How do YOU want to be remembered? What will your legacy be here in the founding of St. Alexis Church? You cannot go back and change the beginning of your story, but you can start today to change the end.

Monthly Parish Council (PC) Meeting Today following Coffee Hour (12:00 in Nave)

The agenda includes updates from our Priest, Treasurer (financial reports), and our new Ad Hoc Building Committee as well as stewards of the many ministries of our parish. All members and catechumens of the parish are welcome to attend PC meetings as observers. At the end of the meeting we “open the floor” welcoming questions and discussion relating to the ministries of our Church. Please pray for your PC members: Jim Humphries, Helen Ireland, George Andrews, Jr., Michael Poleschuk, Tamara Checklin, Karla Anna Ayer, and Fr David. Minutes and financial reports are available for all meetings once approved.

The Ministry of Hospitality

We are grateful to all who attended the instructional session last Sunday to learn more about the ministry of hospitality. We want to share the love of Christ with all who enter through our doors. We have a growing number of stewards who are taking this responsibility seriously.

The Ministry of Reading the Scriptures and Prayers of the Church

We also need volunteers to sign up to read the 6th and 9th 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/reading the 6th and 9th Hour prayers at 9:15. ***A tutorial on Sunday, August 17, following the Liturgy will be led by Fr David and Mka Rozanne for all who are interested in learning more about this important ministry.*** Interested? Want to learn more? Let Fr David know (text: 904-599-5812 or email: priest@stalexisoca.org or speak with him directly).

Catechism in the Nave after Coffee Fellowship (12:15-1:30) 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:

- **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! 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
- If you need help setting up your account, see Mka Rozanne



Prayer Lists – Pray for each other daily:

The Departed

- His Eminence, DMITRI (Royster),
- Metropolitan Kallistos (Ware)
- The Priest Slava
- Archpriest John
- Mka Anne
- Nikolay
- William
- Missionary Lynette (Katerina)
- The newly departed Galina
- Victims of accidents, hostilities, and natural disasters around the world
- The Unborn

Servants of God

- Fr Aleksandr Yu Shi
- The Werner family at seminary
- Fr Patrick, Mka Lauren, James, Walter, Henry, Kathryn, Ethan, Marissa, Andrew
- Fr Jordan, Mka Vanessa, Fr James, Fr Patrick, Mka Kristen, Dn Jim, Mka Robin, Sdn Irenaios, Lindsey, Nathan, Gabriela, Daniel, Sophia
- Ilya, Mary, Christopher, Cindy, Moses, Michael, Andrew, John, Alexis, Monica, Bill, Carol, Linda, Madelyn, Stefan, Elena
- 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

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.

Today's Hymns: *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 7 Troparion (Feast)

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God,
revealing Thy glory to Thy Disciples as far as they could bear it.
Let Thine everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners,
through the prayers of the Theotokos!//
O Giver of Light, 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 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. Lawrence)

Your heart burned with divine fire,
as the flames of the passions died within you.
God-bearing Martyr Lawrence, the pillar of those who struggle,
you cried out in the midst of your contest://
"Nothing can separate me from the love of Christ!"

Tone 7 Kontakion (Feast)

On the mountain Thou wast transfigured, O Christ God,
and Thy Disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it;
so that when they would behold Thee crucified,
they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary,
and would proclaim to the world//
that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.

Today's Scripture Readings:

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17
Gospel: Matthew 14:22-34

Life in our Church

Dormition Fast August 1-15

Sunday, Aug 10	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour (NO meat or dairy)</i> Parish Council Meeting	9:30 AM
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Thursday, Aug 14	Festal Great Vespers with Litya <i>Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos</i>	6:00 PM
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Friday, August 15 Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos

Sunday, Aug 17	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i> Readers Workshop	9:30 AM 12-1:30 PM
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Thursday, Aug 21	Bible Study (at the Ayer home)	6:00 PM
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Saturday, Aug 23	Prosphora Baking (at the Ayer home)	10 AM-2 PM
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Sunday, Aug 24	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i> Catechism Choir Rehearsal	9:30 AM 12-1:30 PM 12-1:30 PM
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Thursday, Aug 28	Bible Study (at the Ayer home)	6:00 PM
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Sunday, Aug 31	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i> Catechism	9:30 AM 12-1:30 PM
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Church New Year September 1

Sunday, Sep 7	Divine Liturgy <i>Forefeast of the Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos</i> <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i> Vespers Prayers-Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos	9:30 AM
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Monday, September 8, Feast of the Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos

Thursday, Sep 11	Bible Study (at the Ayer home)	6:00 PM
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Sunday, Sep 14	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom <i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross</i> <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i> Parish Council Meeting	9:30 AM
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His Eminence, The Most Reverend ALEXANDER, Archbishop of Dallas and the South
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