

# 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, JUNE 8**

**TONE 7**

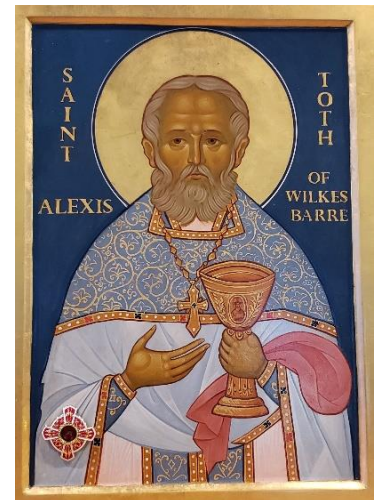
**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha**

**Holy Pentecost – Feast of the Holy Trinity**



“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 Feast of Pentecost**

*“Behold we now celebrate the feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Spirit, the fulfilment of the promise and also of our hope.”* This is the proclamation during Saturday evening Great Vespers inviting us to enter this Great Feast celebrated on the 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha. Because of not having our own building you will not get to hear all of the readings from the Old Testament which are so rich in foretelling this day. We will be looking at them closely in our Thursday evening Bible Study this coming week. You can also go to [our OCA web site to read all of them](#).

**As soon as the Liturgy is over today, we will begin the solemn prayers of Vespers of Pentecost, which are done while kneeling.** This will be the first time to kneel during services since Pascha. At this moment each person kneeling asks for the one supreme gift of the Father, which is to fill our hearts

once again with renewed Pentecostal grace, love, and power to live as Christians in this world. These prayers combined are Trinitarian, and so today is also called among the Orthodox, “the day of the Trinity.” (Excerpts from, *The Year of Grace of our Lord*, by A Monk of the Eastern Church.)

Here at St. Alexis, it is only by the power of the Holy Spirit that we can fulfill the vision God has given us of becoming His disciples while participating in making disciples of all nations. This includes finding a permanent place of worship so we can better provide pastoral care and be a light in Flagler County and beyond. Come and be equipped for the days ahead. The best is yet to come!

### **Monthly Parish Council Meeting Today following Coffee Hour (12:00 in the Nave)**

All members and catechumens of the parish are welcome to attend Council 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 Mission Council 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 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 goes from June 16 to June 28. *We do not bring meat to Coffee Fellowship during this time.* Incidentally, Fr David was ordained a Deacon on the Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul in 2002 by Archbishop DMITRI (Royster) of blessed memory at St. Seraphim Cathedral in Dallas. He was ordained a Priest on the following day, the *Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles*, June 30.
- ***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!***

### **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!

### 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



### 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.

### Catechism in the Nave after Coffee Fellowship (12:00-1:30) on Designated Sundays

Members of the faithful are welcome to join Fr David as he leads catechism for Michael P. and Kenadea N. Check the calendar in your bulletin and listen for updates to the schedule!

**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 for instructions.
- **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.

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

#### The Departed

- The Priest Slava, Choir Director John Sutko ( June 9, 2020)
- Martyrs of China: Ss. Mitrophan, Tatiana, Ioann, Isaiah
- Archimandrite Laurence Mancuso (June 10, 2007)
- 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, Sdn Irenaios & Lindsey
- Ilya, Mary, Christopher, Cindy, Penny, Elizabeth, Moses, Michael, Andrew, John, Nina, Alexis, Emilia & the child she carries, Dmitry, Yulia, Ivan, Michael, Nicholas, Anna, Jeremy, Sonya, Monica, Bill, Carol
- 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 and Michael

**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 of the Feast**

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God,  
 Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise  
 by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit;  
 through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net.//  
 O Lover of Man, glory to Thee!

**Tone 8      Kontakion**

When the Most High came down and confused the tongues,  
 He divided the nations;  
 but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity.//  
 Therefore, with one voice we glorify the All-holy Spirit.

**Today's Readings:**

**Epistle:**      Acts 2:1-11  
**Gospel:**      John 7:37-52; 8:12

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(St. Alexis Orthodox Church calendar)

# Life in our Church

<b>Sunday, Jun 8</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom</b> <i>Feast of Pentecost - Feast of the Holy Trinity</i> <b>Kneeling Prayers</b> immediately following Liturgy <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i> <b>Parish Council Meeting</b>  <i>Fast-free week June 8-15</i>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
<b>Thursday, June 12</b>	<b>Bible Study (at the Ayer home)</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Sunday, Jun 15</b> <i>Father's Day</i>	<b>Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom</b> <i>Sunday of All Saints</i> <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i> <b>Catechism</b>  <i>The Apostles' Fast June 16-28</i>	<b>9:30 AM</b>    <b>12-1:30 PM</b>
<b>Thursday, June 19</b>	<b>Bible Study (at the Ayer home)</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Sunday, Jun 22</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom</b> <i>Sunday of All Saints of America</i> <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour (no meat or dairy)</i> <b>Catechism</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>    <b>12-1:30 PM</b>
<b>Thursday, June 26</b>	<b>Bible Study (at the Ayer home)</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Sunday, Jun 29</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom</b> <i>Sunday of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul</i> <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i> <b>2025 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Update: Building/Property</b> <b>And Finances of our Mission</b> <b>Catechism</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
<b>Sunday, Jul 6</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom</b> <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i> <b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
<b>Thursday, July 10</b>	<b>Bible Study (at the Ayer home)</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>

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