

# 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 27**

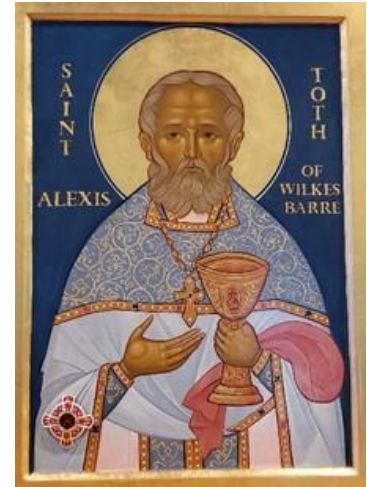
**TONE 6**

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

**Holy Greatmartyr and Healer Panteleimon**

***Prison Ministry 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 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:**

**Welcome to Archpriest (*Protosingelos*) Gavriil Marin, Rector of St. John Cassian Romanian Orthodox Parish in Oxford, UK!**

Fr. Gavriil is vacationing with his friends, Octavian and Anda, and comes to us with the blessing of His Archbishop, ATANASIE (Archdiocese of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Romanian Patriarchate). On behalf of our own Archbishop ALEXANDER, we are honored to welcome Fr. Gavriil to St. Alexis today!

**Reports from The All American Council of the Orthodox Church in America, Phoenix, AZ, July 14-18**

Thank you for praying for us! Fr David and our Lay Delegate, Ali Marie Phipps, will provide reports and reflections to the PC and the parish in the coming weeks. 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. Recordings of sessions

are now available at <https://www.oca.org/news/headline-news/recordings-of-21st-aac-plenary-sessions-now-available>

**Did you know that you are sending your priest to prison?!** One of the many ministries of our parish is at Tomoka Federal Correctional Institution where Fr David visits one of our adopted members, Moses, for whom we pray every Sunday. The Orthodox Church here in the USA has over 700 members who have become followers of Christ through prison ministries. Orthodox Christian Prison Ministries (OCPM) is an important ministry to individuals and parishes involved in obeying the Lord's command to make disciples, even in our prisons. I urge you to watch the short video on the OCPM website: <https://theocpm.org/> (You will notice that *the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America* has declared this to be **Prison Ministry Sunday**.)

### **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.

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

**We Are Growing... and there are two important ministries in our church community needing 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 on Sunday, August 3, following the Liturgy will be given for those interested in offering their time and talents in this way.***

- 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 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 chanting the Hours in the OCA, and specifically at our parish.***
- 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
- 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, Moses, Michael, Andrew, John, Nina, Alexis, Emilia & the child she carries, Dmitry, Yulia, Ivan, Michael, Nicholas, Anna, 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
- 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 6      Troparion      (Resurrection)**

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb;  
the guards became as dead men.  
Mary stood by Thy grave,  
seeking Thy most pure body.  
Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it.  
Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.  
O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, //  
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 6      Kontakion      (Resurrection)**

When Christ God, the Giver of Life,  
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,  
He bestowed resurrection on the human race.//  
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

**Tone 5      Kontakion      (St. Panteleimon)**

You emulated the Merciful One,  
receiving from Him the grace of healing,  
O Passion-bearer and healer Panteleimon;  
by your prayers, heal our spiritual diseases  
and continually drive away the temptations of the Enemy//  
from those who cry out in faith: "Save us, O Lord!"

**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:**

**Epistle:**      Romans 15:1-7  
**Gospel:**      Matthew 9:27-35

## Life in our Church

<b>Sunday, Jul 27</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom</b> <i>Welcoming V. Rev. Gavriil Marin</i> <i>Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday</i> <a href="https://theocpm.org/">https://theocpm.org/</a> <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i> <b>Catechism</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>    <b>12:15-1:30 PM</b>
<b>Thursday, Jul 31</b>	<b>Bible Study (at the Ayer home)</b>  <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>Greeters Mini-Workshop</b> <b>Catechism</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>   <b>12:00-12:30</b> <b>12:30-1:30 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>		
<b>Sunday, Aug 17</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom</b> <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i> <b>Readers Workshop</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>   <b>12-1:30 PM</b>
<b>Thursday, Aug 21</b>	<b>Bible Study (at the Ayer home)</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Saturday, Aug 23</b>	<b>Prosphora Baking (at the Ayer home)</b>	<b>10 AM-2 PM</b>
<b>Sunday, Aug 24</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom</b> <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, Aug 28</b>	<b>Bible Study (at the Ayer home)</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>

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