

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

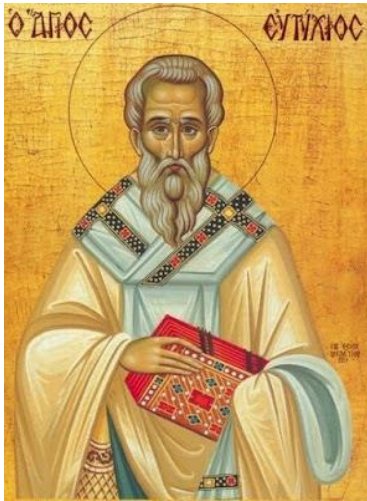
Confessions heard 9:00 AM Sundays, before and after evening services, and by appointment

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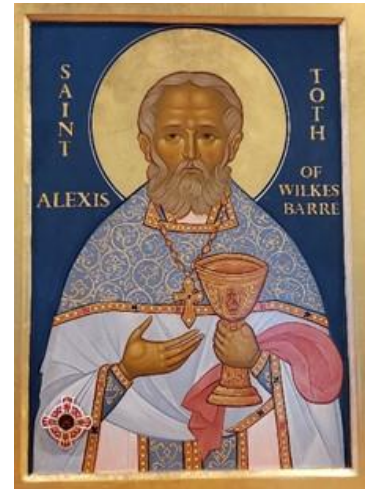
TONE 2

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Hieromartyr Eutychius, disciple of St. John the Theologian



“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:

YOU can prepare a special *Gift For Your Loved Ones!*

As we come to the end of the Church year with the Feast of the Dormition of Our Most Holy Theotokos we see how to prepare to end the preface of the book of our lives and begin the first full new chapter entering into eternal life with Christ and His Church. Some cultures seem to promote a false belief that it is “bad luck” to talk about death and dying, thus discouraging people from making proper plans for a Christian ending to their lives. This is NOT what Christians believe.

If you do not have a Living Will, a Last Will and Testament, a Designated Power Of Attorney, and a Health Care Power of Attorney, then you are at risk of placing a heavy burden on your family, loved ones, and friends...especially if you are already in your senior years.

If you have not given your Priest a copy of your Advanced Directives for Funeral and Burial Care, then you are at risk of placing a heavy burden on your Church... But never fear, you are not alone and your

Church can help! Your priest is glad to visit with you about such matters and can recommend qualified, affordable professional assistance, if needed. There are two books with templates, forms, and information for you to use as an Orthodox Christian: [A Gift For My Loved Ones](#) and [Another Gift For My Loved Ones](#). You can click on the links and start today!

❖ ***We also have printed copies of these booklets available (free of charge) on the Book Table.***

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!

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! 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
- The newly departed Galina
- Archpriest John, Mka Anne, Missionary Lynette (Katerina), Nikolay, Philip, Ronald
- 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 Phillip, Kh Diane, Fr Jordan, Mka Vanessa, Fr James, Mka Daphne, Fr Patrick, Mka Kristen, Dn Jim, Mka Robin, Sdn Irenaios, Lindsey, Nathan, Gabriela, Daniel,
- Ilya, Mary, Christopher, Cindy, Moses, Michael, Andrew, John, Nina, Alexis, Monica, Bill, Carol, Linda, Madelyn, Stefan, Elena, Sophia, the infant James, Nicholas, Seraphina, Tabettha, AJ
- 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 2 Troparion (Resurrection)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal,
Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead.
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
"O Giver of life, Christ our God, 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 2 Kontakion (Resurrection)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,
seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb!
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, //
and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Tone 3 Kontakion (St. Eutychius)

A successor of the Apostles and an excellent example to bishops,
Eutychius, you were glorified as a martyr.
You shone forth like the sun enlightening all,
dispelling the dark night of godlessness. //
Therefore, we honor you as truly a godly celebrant of the Mysteries of Christ.

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!

Today's Scripture Readings:

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12

Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35

Life in our Church

Thursday, Aug 21	Bible Study (at the Ayer home)	6:00 PM
Sunday, Aug 24	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom Coffee Fellowship Hour Catechism	9:30 AM 12-1:30 PM
Thursday, Aug 28	Bible Study (at the Ayer home)	6:00 PM
Saturday, Aug 30	Prosphora Baking (at the Ayer home)	10 AM-2 PM
Sunday, Aug 31	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom Coffee Fellowship Hour Catechism	9:30 AM 12-1:30 PM
<i>Church New Year September 1</i>		
Thursday, Sep 4	Bible Study (at the Ayer home)	6:00 PM
Sunday, Sep 7	Divine Liturgy <i>Forefeast of the Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos</i> Coffee Fellowship Hour Vespers Prayers-Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos (immediately following brief Coffee Fellowship & quick cleanup)	9:30 AM
<i>Monday, September 8, Feast of the Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos</i>		
Thursday, Sep 11	Bible Study (at the Ayer home)	6:00 PM
Sunday, Sep 14	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom <i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross</i> Coffee Fellowship Hour Parish Council Meeting	9:30 AM
Thursday, Sep 18	Bible Study (at the Ayer home)	6:00 PM
Sunday, Sep 21	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom <i>Leavetaking of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross</i> Coffee Fellowship Hour Catechism	9:30 AM 12-1:30 PM
Thursday, Sep 25	Bible Study (at the Ayer home)	6:00 PM

His Eminence, The Most Reverend ALEXANDER, Archbishop of Dallas and the South
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 Parish Council President James Humphries ♦ 904-540-2476