

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

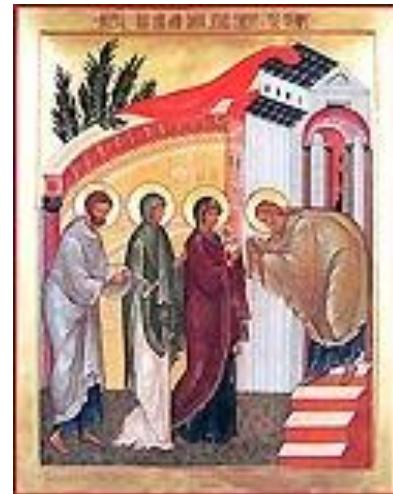
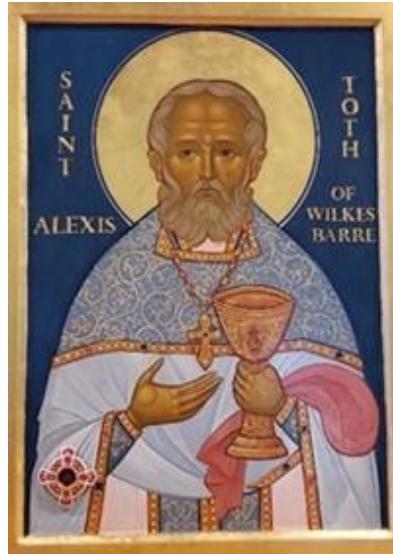
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

[Beginning of the Lenten Triodion]

Forefeast of the Meeting

TONE 1



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 a greeter or put it in an offering box. You are also invited to *Coffee Fellowship* in the parish hall following the Liturgy this morning. Our priest, Fr David, looks forward to meeting you!

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.

Greeter Schedule:	<u>Feb 1</u>	<u>Feb 8</u>	<u>Feb 15</u>	<u>Feb 22</u>	<u>Mar 1</u>
	Octavian F	Kenadea N	Michael P	Chris M	Olga L

Announcements:

2323 N State Street Units 107-112 now belongs to our Mission!

This has been a historic week in the life St. Alexis Orthodox Mission! On Friday, January 30, your faithful stewardship enabled us to purchase our first building. We paid in cash and have the deed.

In the Old Testament, God did not leave it up to the Israelites to make up their own worship. He carefully revealed to them where, when, and how to worship, in spirit and in truth (Exodus 35-40; 3rd Kingdoms /2 Kings 6-8). This is part of the meaning of the word *Orthodox*-- right praise, right glory, right worship.

In the Old Testament account of the building of the Temple, God also provided the land, materials needed for building, and the skilled laborers and craftsmen needed to follow His directions for "right worship." So if you are a member or catechumen of our parish, then you are part of God's provision for not only buying our new building, but also to turn it into a truly beautiful place of Orthodox worship and ministry.

The coming months will be very busy. It will be a unique Great Lent as we begin to work, pray, fast and feast together with weekly projects. The Parish Council members have been working hard for years preparing for this, and now YOU are invited to join them.

It's All Hands on Deck! Please save the following Saturdays @10-3 for working in our new building:

- February 14 – lunch provided (meat pizza) – we will start the day with blessing prayers
- February 21 – lunch provided (cheese pizza)
- February 28 – lunch provided (Lenten)
- *March 7 – tentative (watch for updates)*
- *March 14 – tentative (watch for updates)*

Regardless of how long you can stay, come anyway and help as you can! Team leaders will assign tasks and provide materials. All are welcome, including well-supervised children with their parents!

Capital Campaign 2025-2026 In Progress

- ✓ The goal of \$400K has been reached, enabling us to pay for the new building. Thanks be to God!
- ✓ But *don't stop now!* From this time forward all donations received for the Building Fund will be used for renovations, icons, and the many other items needed for us to occupy and worship together. All pledges for the campaign are due by St. Thomas Sunday, April 19, 2026.
- ✓ Make sure any donation intended for the Building Fund is clearly marked with "Building Fund" written on your offering envelope and/or check.

Essential Orthodox Christian Beliefs — Encountering Orthodoxy through the Divine Liturgy

Fr David is now facilitating a class for seekers, catechumens, and members of the faithful after Coffee Fellowship Hour on appointed Sundays - *check the calendar for dates!* Catechumens, please make it a priority to attend – and all others are welcome to join in. In the Orthodox Church we pray what we believe and we believe what we pray. If you are a guest, seeker, inquirer or member, this is an opportunity to learn more about the meaning behind how we pray. So, enjoy Coffee Hour then join us back in 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. To donate via ACH, register with **Church Connect**, a one-time, quick, secure set up:

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 or Mike Ruddy



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!
- **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 info to Fr David.

2026 Church Calendars from St. Tikhon's Monastery are available free of charge thanks to a sponsor!

2026 Church Offering Envelopes are now available! Please get your box from Helen, our Treasurer.



Camp St. Christopher is our deanery camp located near Gainesville, just a little over an hour away. It will have participants from nearby churches and will be held the week of **June 15-21**. This camp is for ages 8 up to those entering their senior year of high school. Click [here](#) to find details regarding registration. Our parish budget includes *scholarship funds* to assist in sending our children to any Orthodox youth camp program. We strongly encourage our youth to attend such activities! Questions? See Fr David!

Prayer Lists – Pray for each other daily:

The Departed:

- The Priest Slava
- Archim. Andres Giron (Guatemala)
- Alexandra
- Kirill
- Victims of accidents, hostilities, and natural disasters around the world
- All the unborn

All whom we carry in our hearts, including:

- Fr Aleksandr Yu Shi
- Dn Daniel Werner, Mka Aly, and 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, Fr Theophan, Pres Elena, Dn Jim, Mka Robin
- Our missionary families: the Hoppes, Brandows, Macdonalds, and Hannah Valentine
- Ilya, Anastasia, Craig, Mary, Christopher, Cindy, Moses, Michael, Andrew, John, Monica, Bill Michael, Carol Anna, Elena, Stefan, Nina, Alexis, Sdn Daniel, Sophia, Emmelia, Michael, Jonathan, Anna and the child she carries, Amy and the child she carries, Nadia and the child she carries, Kenadea Mary and the child she carries, the Gibbons family mourning the loss of Randall's mother, Jeremy, Diane, and all members of our community traveling or on the bed of sickness
- Zachary & Kenadea Mary preparing for holy matrimony
- St Gerard Campus staff and the mothers and babies they serve
- All who are homeless, unemployed, or under-employed in our community
- All of our guests and inquirers seeking God through the Orthodox Church
- Catechumens Chris, Lesly, Gianna, Marco, Zachary, and Annie

Prayer for the new home for St. Alexis (Augmented Litany):

Again we ask Thee to continue to grant us wisdom, understanding, and discernment **as we prepare to move into our new church building.** Grant us great love and compassion for one another and the ability to inquire respectfully, listen carefully, act judiciously, and proceed graciously. 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 this Sunday: *Please sing along with the choir – and all week long!*

Tone 1 Troparion (Resurrection)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,
while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body,
Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior,
granting life to the world.

The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life:
“Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ!
Glory to Thy Kingdom!//
Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!”

Tone 1 Troparion (Forefeast)

The celestial choir of heavenly Angels
bends down to the earth
and sees the First-born of all creation being carried into the Temple as a Babe
by a Mother who has not known man,
and in amazement they sing along with us//
a hymn of the Forefeast.

Tone 4 Kontakion (from the Lenten Triodion)

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee!
Let us learn humility from the Publican's tears!
Let us cry to our Savior:
“Have mercy on us,//
O only merciful One!”

Tone 6 Kontakion (Forefeast)

The Word unseen with the Father,
now is seen in the flesh, ineffably born of the Virgin,
and is given into the arms of the priest and Elder.//
Let us worship Him, our True God.

Scripture Readings for this Sunday:

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15
Gospel: Luke 18:10-14

The Lord's Prayer

English

Our Father, Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one.

Slavonic (Transliterated)

Ot-che nash,
Ee-zhe ye see na nye-bye-sekh!
da svya-tee-tsy-a ee-mya Tvo-ye, da pri-ee-dyet Tsar-stvi-ye Tvo-ye:
da boo-dyet vol-ya Tvo-ya, ya-ko na nye-bye-see ee na zem-lee.
Khleb nash na-soosch-nui dazhd nam dnyes:
ee o-sta-vee nam dol-gee na-shya, ya-ko-zhe ee mui o-sta-vlya-yem
dol-zhnee-kom na-shim:
ee nye vye-dee nas vo ees-koo-shye-ni-ye,
no eez-ba-vee nas ot loo-ka-va-go.

Spanish

Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos,
Santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga tu Reino.
Hágase tu voluntad así en la tierra como en el cielo.
El pan nuestro de cada día dánoslo hoy,
Y perdona nuestras deudas, así como nosotros perdonamos nuestros deudores;
Y no nos dejes caer en la tentación, mas líbranos del mal.

Life in our Church

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Sunday, Feb 1

Divine Liturgy

9:30 AM

(Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee - Forefeast of the Meeting in the Temple - Beginning of the Lenten Triodion)

Coffee Fellowship Hour

Vespers for the Meeting of Our Lord in the Temple

Fast-free Week

February 2 The Meeting of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the Temple

Feb. 4-6 DOS Pastoral Conference; [Holy Cross Orthodox Church](#), Kernersville, NC

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Saturday, Feb 7

Prosphora Baking (at the Ayer home)

10 AM-2 PM

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Sunday, Feb 8

Divine Liturgy

9:30 AM

(Sunday of the Prodigal)

Coffee Fellowship Hour

Parish Council Meeting

Friday, Feb 13

Fr David available for House Blessings

To schedule, contact him at: 904-599-5812 or priest@stalexisoca.org

Saturday, Feb 14

Church Work Day - new building!

10 AM-3 PM

Beginning with Memorial Saturday prayers

Contact person: TBD

Pizza will be provided

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Sunday, Feb 15

Divine Liturgy

9:30 AM

(Sunday of Meatfare - Sunday of the Last Judgment)

Coffee Fellowship Hour

Choir Rehearsal

12-1:30 PM

(for Forgiveness Vespers & Great Canon)

Friday, Feb 20

Fr David available for House Blessings

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Saturday, Feb 21

Church Work Day - new building!

10 AM-3 PM

Contact person: TBD

Cheese & veggie pizza will be provided

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Sunday, Feb 22

Divine Liturgy

9:30 AM

(Sunday of Cheesefare)

Forgiveness Sunday

Forgiveness Vespers after Coffee Fellowship

+++*The Great Fast Begins Monday February 23*+++

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

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