

# 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

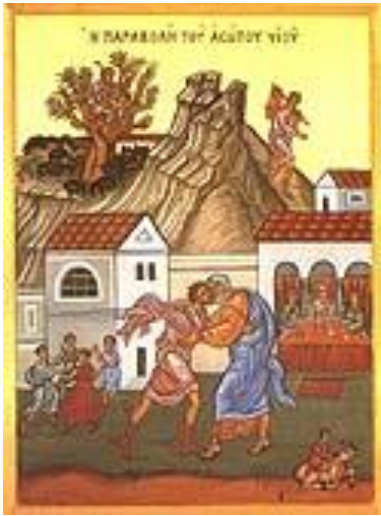
**Sunday Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM**

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

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

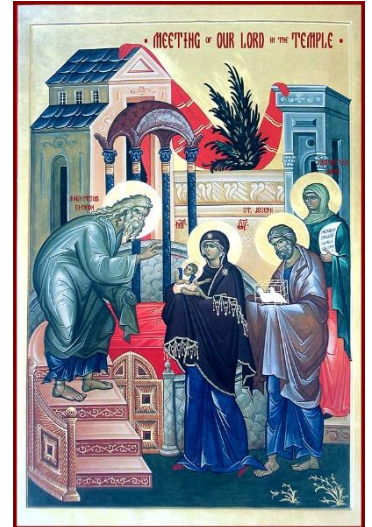
**TONE 2**

**Sunday of the Prodigal Son  
Afterfeast of the Meeting**



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

### Announcements:

**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)**
  - **2pm His Grace Bishop GERASIM will bless our building** (please arrive by 1:45!)
- 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](http://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!

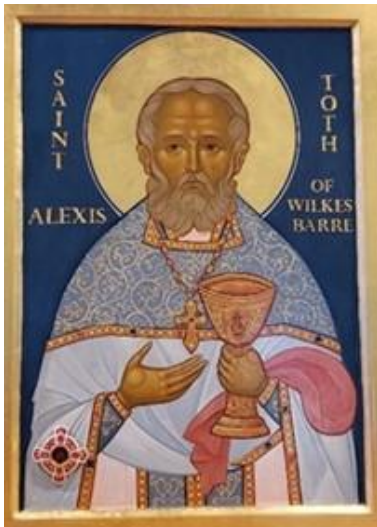
## Prayer Lists – Pray for each other daily:

### The Departed:

- The Priest Slava
- Archim. Andres Giron (Guatemala)
- The newly departed servant of God Diane Inks
- 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, the Inks family, 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.** We thank Thee for Thy provision and ask that Thou wouldst 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.

***O Righteous Father Alexis,  
pray to God for us!***

**Hymns for this Sunday:** *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 1      Troparion      (Feast)**

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace!  
From thee shone the Sun of Righteousness, ^Christ our God,  
enlightening those who sat in darkness.  
Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder,  
thou didst accept in thine arms the ^Redeemer of our souls,//  
Who grants us the Resurrection!

**Tone 3      Kontakion      (from the Lenten Triodion)**

I have recklessly forgotten Thy glory, O Father;  
and among sinners I have scattered the riches which Thou hadst given me.  
Therefore I cry to Thee like the Prodigal:  
“I have sinned before Thee, O compassionate Father; //  
receive me a penitent, and make me as one of Thy hired servants!”

**Tone 1      Kontakion      (Feast)**

By Thy Nativity Thou didst sanctify the Virgin’s womb  
and didst bless Simeon’s hands, ^O Christ God.  
Now Thou hast come and saved us through love.  
Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians,//  
O only Lover of Man!

**Scripture Readings for this Sunday:**

**Epistle:**      1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
**Gospel:**      Luke 15:11-32

## 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-tsya 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 dánosle 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

<b>Sunday, Feb 8</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> (Sunday of the Prodigal) Memorial Prayers for Diane Inks Coffee Fellowship Hour <b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
<b>Friday, Feb 13</b>	<b>Fr David available for House Blessings</b> To schedule, contact him at:904-599-5812 or <a href="mailto:priest@stalexisoca.org">priest@stalexisoca.org</a>	
<b>Saturday, Feb 14</b>	<b>Church Work Day</b> – new building! Blessing prayers with <b>His Grace Bishop Gerasim</b> Pizza will be provided	<b>10 AM-3 PM</b> <b>~2 PM</b>
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<b>Sunday, Feb 15</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> (Sunday of Meatfare - Sunday of the Last Judgment) Coffee Fellowship Hour <b>Essential Orthodox Christian Beliefs</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  <b>12-1:30 PM</b> <b>12-1:30 PM</b>
<b>Friday, Feb 20</b>	<b>Fr David available for House Blessings</b> To schedule, contact him at:904-599-5812 or <a href="mailto:priest@stalexisoca.org">priest@stalexisoca.org</a>	
<b>Saturday, Feb 21</b>	<b>Church Work Day</b> – new building! Cheese & veggie pizza will be provided	<b>10 AM-3 PM</b>
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<b>Sunday, Feb 22</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> (Sunday of Cheese fare) Forgiveness Sunday <b>Forgiveness Vespers after Coffee Fellowship</b> +++The Great Fast Begins Monday February 23+++	<b>9:30 AM</b>
<b>Tuesday, Feb 24</b>	<b>Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday, Feb 25</b>	<b>Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Saturday, Feb 28</b>	<b>Church Work Day</b> – new building! Lenten soup & bread will be provided	<b>10 AM-3 PM</b>
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<b>Sunday, Mar 1</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy of St. Basil</b> (Sunday of Orthodoxy – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent) <b>Process with Icons/Synodicon proclamation</b> (after Dismissal) Coffee Fellowship Hour <b>Essential Orthodox Christian Beliefs</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>   <b>12-1:30 PM</b> <b>12-1:30 PM</b>

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