

St. Alexis of Wilkes-Barre Orthodox Church

A Mission of the Orthodox Church in America

NEW ADDRESS: 2323 N State Street Unit 112, Bunnell, FL 32110

Sunday Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

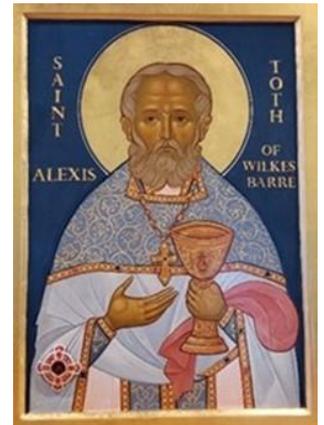
TONE 1

Fifth Sunday of Great Lent

St. Mary of Egypt



“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:

Mar 29	April 5	April 12	April 19	April 26
Chris M	Olga L	Octavian F	Michael P	Kenadea S

Announcements:

First Divine Liturgy at OUR church (2323 N State St Unit 112, Bunnell, FL 32110) is Sunday March 29!

While work days continue and plans for the sanctuary (the raised area behind the iconostasis) are being finalized, we have begun holding services here in our new building. This past Wednesday night we met here for Presanctified Liturgy, and all services will be held here from this point on. Use the main entrance doors on either side of the building. [See the website for additional information.](#)

The Fifth Sunday of Great Lent: The Sunday of [St. Mary of Egypt](#)

While it is not possible to establish with any certainty what part history and what part legend play in the traditions that relate to St. Mary of Egypt, one may as well simply admit the fact that the Church wished to make her an example of repentance, as we sing in the hymns relating to her (*The Year of Grace of the Lord*, p. 126). Her journey of repentance led her on a path of healing from the trauma she

experienced early in her life. Her “Yes!” to God also led to the continued salvation of one of the most respected priests in that part of the world, the Elder Zosimas. On this last Sunday of Lent, she expresses the urgent call we have heard throughout this season which proclaims that we too can experience healing through the love of God, and our healing will have a great impact on those around us! Note: Next year we hope to add the Canon of St. Andrew with the reading of the life of St. Mary of Egypt on the evening of the 5th Thursday of Holy Lent.

[Essential Orthodox Christian Beliefs](#)

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.

Lazarus Saturday Baptism and Divine Liturgy (April 4) @ 9:30 AM: Zachary Daniel Spooner

Zachary first visited St Alexis in 2024, left for school, and then returned to us in August of last year. He has been a faithful catechumen since being received into the catechumenate. Zachary has recently earned his certification as a flight instructor. His desire to be an Orthodox Christian has inspired many, including Kenadea Mary Nelson. They will be joined together in Holy Matrimony on St. Thomas Sunday (April 19) after the Liturgy and Coffee Fellowship Hour (approximately 12:30 pm). This will be the first baptism and first wedding in our new building. All of the faithful are especially requested to be present to witness and participate in these life-changing Holy Mysteries.

Baskets for the Newly Illumined

It is our local tradition to present a Pascha basket for each person being received by baptism and/or chrismation into the holy Orthodox Church. A basket clearly labeled for Zachary Daniel Spooner will be provided by his sponsor, Mr. George Andrews, Jr., and placed on the Litya table during Holy Week. All are invited to bring gift items to fill the basket: icons, incense, charcoal, small home censer, books, cards, tasty treats, gift cards, etc. Most of all, keep Zachary Daniel and Kenadea Mary (*of Egypt*) in your daily prayers as they prepare for his baptism and their wedding.

Capital Campaign 2025-2026 officially ends on St. Thomas Sunday, April 19, 2026

- ✓ 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 transform our new building into a beautiful place of worship.
- ✓ Make sure any donation intended for the Building Fund is clearly marked with “Building Fund” written on your offering envelope and/or check.

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:

- Saturday Work Day March 28 will include cleaning, hanging of icons, installing sconce lighting in the nave, ironing altar server vestments, making minor repairs, removing new filing cabinets from their boxes and placing them, watering the new landscaping, and more. There are tasks for just about everyone, so come for opening prayers at 10 am. Soup will be served at noon. Work will continue up to 3:00 pm. The choir will be rehearsing for Holy Week and Pascha during this time.
- Want to stop by the church this coming week to help prepare for Holy Week and Pascha? Call Fr David to see if he or others will be at the church and join in to check things off the list!
- Following the Lazarus Saturday Baptism and Liturgy we will enjoy Jim's hand-flipped pancakes followed by making palm crosses and assembling palm branches and pussy willows in preparation for Palm Sunday, The Feast of the Entry of our Lord into Jerusalem. We need many hands to assist. If you have never made Palm Crosses before, come and learn!
- Volunteers with sewing skills are needed to do minor mending of some altar server robes recently donated to our parish. See Mka Rozanne or Fr David to take one home with you!

Prayer Lists – Pray for each other daily:

The Departed:

- The Priest Slava
- His Holiness Ilia II, Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia
- Mitered Archpriest John Ealy, founder of our Deanery
- Reader Nicholas (Rick) DeSpain
- Diane Inks
- Harlan Titcomb
- Irina Cruz
- Metropolitan Philip Saliba
- Kristo Dingo
- Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko
- Archpriest Anthony Karbo
- Archpriest Alexander Atty
- Victims of accidents, hostilities, and natural disasters around the world
- All the unborn

All whom we carry in our hearts, including:

- Fr Marcus and the members of St. John of the Ladder Orthodox Church in Greenville, SC as they continue repairing and restoring their church building struck by lightning
- Fr Aleksandr Yu Shi
- Fr Patrick, Mka Lauren, James, Walter, Henry, Kathryn, Ethan, Marissa, Andrew
- Fr Nicholas & Mka Anastasia, Fr Phillip & Kh Diane, Dn Daniel & Mka Aly
- Our missionary families: the Hoppes, Brandows, Macdonalds, and Hannah Valentine
- Ilya, Anastasia, Craig, Moses, Michael, Elena, Stefan, Daniel, Tasha & newborn Tommy, 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, and all members of our community traveling or on the bed of sickness
- Zachary Daniel & 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, Samuel, Maryam, Vincent, Amy, Annie, Gillian

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 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 8 Troparion (St. Mary of Egypt)

The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Mother,
for you took up the Cross and followed Christ.

By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away;
but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal.//

Therefore your spirit, O holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels.

Tone 3 Kontakion (St. Mary of Egypt)

Having been a sinful woman,
you became through repentance a bride of Christ.

Having attained angelic life,

you defeated demons with the weapon of the Cross.//

Therefore, O most glorious Mary, you are a bride of the Kingdom.

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 for this Sunday:

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14

Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

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

**All services are now at our new building:
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Saturday, Mar 28 **Church Work Day** – new building **10 AM-2 PM**
Choir Rehearsal – new building **10 AM-2 PM**
Lenten lunch will be provided!

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Sunday, Mar 29 **Divine Liturgy of St. Basil** **9:30 AM**
(Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt – 5th Sunday of Lent)
Coffee Fellowship Hour
Essential Orthodox Christian Beliefs **12-1:30 PM**

Wednesday, Apr 1 **Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts** **6:00 PM**
Fellowship meal to follow (soup & bread)-volunteer needed

Saturday, Apr 4 **Baptism & Chrismation** **9:30 AM**
Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom
(Lazarus Saturday)
Light Lenten Lunch to follow (pancakes & fruit)
Palms & Pussy Willows – preparation & blessing **~12:30-2 PM**

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Sunday, Apr 5 **Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom** **9:30 AM**
(Palm Sunday – Entry of our Lord into Jerusalem)
Coffee Fellowship Hour
Essential Orthodox Christian Beliefs **~12-1:30 PM**
Choir Rehearsal (90 minutes) **~12-1:30 PM**

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See next page for the
Schedule of Services for Holy Week, Pascha, and beyond!

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Holy Week and Pascha

Tuesday, Apr 7 <i>Holy Tuesday</i>	Bridegroom Matins	6:00 PM
Wednesday, Apr 8 <i>Holy Wednesday</i>	Bridegroom Matins & Holy Unction	6:00 PM
Thursday, Apr 9 <i>Holy Thursday</i>	Passion Gospels Matins	6:00 PM
Friday, Apr 10 <i>Holy Friday</i>	Burial Vespers	4:00 PM
	Matins with Lamentations (the Praises)	6:00 PM
Saturday, Apr 11 <i>Holy Saturday</i>	Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great	9:30 AM
	Reading of Acts begins (no later than...)	10:00 PM
	Nocturns (Midnight Office)	11:30 PM
Sunday, Apr 12	GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA	Midnight

Christ is Risen!

Χριστος Воскресе! ~ ¡Cristo ha Resucitado! ~ Χριστός Ανέστη! ~ المسيح قام!

[NOTE: There will be NO 9:30 AM service on Sunday, April 12]

Sunday, Apr 12	Church Clean-up – with Paschal joy! Agape Vespers	3:00 PM 5:00 PM
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The week after Pascha is a Fast-free Week

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Saturday, April 18	Choir Rehearsal	TBD
Sunday, Apr 19	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom <i>(St. Thomas Sunday)</i> <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i>	9:30 AM
	Service of Holy Matrimony <i>(Kenadea Mary Nelson & Zachary Daniel Spooner)</i>	12:30 PM

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