

St. Alexis of Wilkes-Barre Orthodox Church

A Mission of the Orthodox Church in America

2323 N State St, Unit 112, Bunnell, FL 32110

Sunday Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM

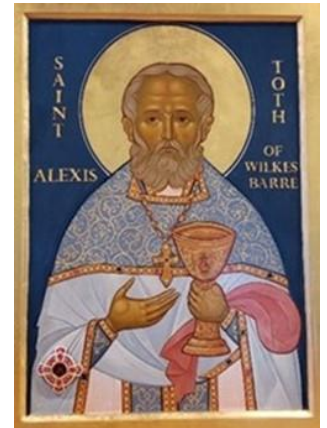
Confessions heard 9:00 AM Sundays, before and after evening services, and by appointment

APRIL 5

Entry of our Lord into Jerusalem – Palm 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 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:

April 5	April 12	April 19	April 26	May 3
Olga L	Octavian F	Michael P	Kenadea S	Chris M

Announcements:

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, 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.

For Those NEW to the St. Alexis Church community, most of us bring a Pascha Basket to get blessed, and we all usually make sure there are extra goodies in our baskets so we can share with each other. A

typical basket will contain the obvious items from which we've been fasting – meat, cheese, and eggs – but there are other things that have been traditionally included. Many folks will bake a bread called "kulich" and a sweet cheese spread simply called "Pascha" or "cheese Pascha." Some folks will include butter (sometimes molded into a shape, e.g. a lamb) and a container of salt, and there are frequently hand painted eggs that have been handed down through generations. Other items to consider including may be chocolate, spirits (beer, wine, or liquor), or something you simply really enjoy but haven't had during the fast. It is also typical to have an embroidered covering for the basket and to have a lit candle in your basket when the priest comes by to bless it. **These baskets are placed on tables in the Parish Hall and will be blessed after the liturgy in the wee hours of Pascha morning, and then we will feast together!**

Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday

Strictly speaking, Lent ends on the Friday which follows the fifth Sunday of Lent [St. Mary of Egypt]: the period of forty days is then over ... Lazarus Saturday has a very special place in the liturgical calendar. It is not included in the forty days of Lenten penitence; it is not included in the harrowing days of Holy Week ... Together with Palm Sunday, it forms a short and joyous prelude to the days of grief which follow. A topographical link unites it to Palm Sunday: Bethany is the place of Lazarus's resurrection and is also the point of departure for Jesus's entry into Jerusalem. Lazarus's resurrection, which this Saturday commemorates, is an event that, as we shall see, carries a very deep meaning. It is mysteriously linked to the resurrection of Christ himself; in relation to that event, it is like prophecy in action... . (excerpts from "*The Year of Grace of the Lord,*" by A Monk of the Eastern Church)

Essential Orthodox Christian Beliefs

Fr David facilitates 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.

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:

- 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!
- 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! Wednesday afternoons are usually weekly cleaning days. Nelya will welcome your help!

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
- Archpriest Antonio Perdomo
- Edward W Wilton, III
- Archbishop Paul (Gassios)
- 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
- Fr Aleksandr Yu Shi
- Fr Patrick, Mka Lauren, James, Walter, Henry, Kathryn, Ethan, Marissa, Andrew
- Fr Nicholas & Mka Anastasia, Fr Phillip & Kh Diane, Dn Jim & Mka Robin, Dn Daniel & Mka Aly
- Our missionary families: the Hoppes, Brandows, Macdonalds, and Hannah Valentine
- Ilya, Anastasia, Craig, Moses, Michael, Elena, Stefan, Daniel, Tasha, and 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
- 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, Samuel, Maryam, Vincent, Amy, Annie, and Gillian

Hymns for this Sunday: *Please sing along with the choir – and all week long!*

Tone 1

Troparion

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion,
Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God.
Like the children with the palms of victory,
we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death:
“Hosanna in the highest!//
Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.”

Tone 4 Troparion

When we were buried with Thee in baptism, O Christ God,
we were made worthy of eternal life by Thy Resurrection.

Now we praise Thee and sing:

“Hosanna in the highest!”

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!”

Tone 6 Kontakion

Sitting on Thy throne in Heaven,
carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God,
accept the praise of angels and the songs of children, who sing://
“Blessed is He Who comes to recall Adam!”

Scripture Readings for this Sunday:

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9

Gospel: John 12:1-18

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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Wednesday, Apr 1 Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts 6:00 PM
Lenten Soup Fellowship meal following

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 ~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!

His Eminence, The Most Reverend ALEXANDER, Archbishop of Dallas and the South
Archpriest David C. Rucker ♦ 904-599-5812 ♦ priest@stalexisoca.org
Parish Council President James Humphries ♦ 904-540-2476

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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>	Matins of Great & Holy Thursday & 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 Matins with Lamentations (the Praises)	4:00 PM 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...) Nocturns (Midnight Office)	10:00 PM 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]

The week after Pascha is a Fast-free Week

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Wednesday, April 15	Cleanup from Pascha Bright Week Vespers	4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Saturday, April 18	Choir Rehearsal Great Vespers Confessions following	3:00 PM 5:00 PM
Sunday, Apr 19	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (St. Thomas Sunday) Coffee Fellowship Hour Service of Holy Matrimony (Kenadea Mary Nelson & Zachary Daniel Spooner)	9:30 AM 12:30 PM