

# 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

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

TONE 1

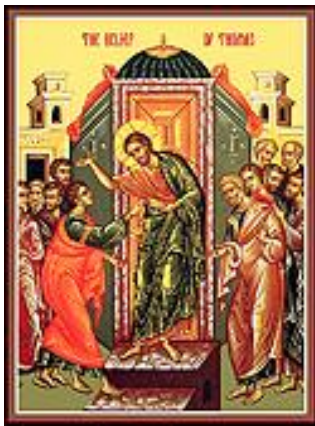
Antipascha

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pascha

St. Thomas Sunday

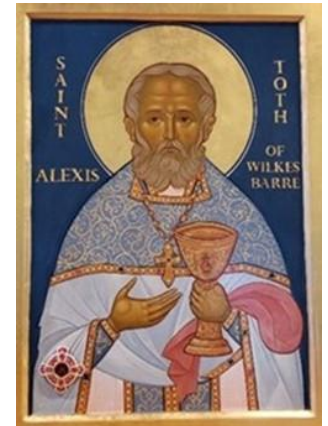
## Christ is Risen!

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



“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>April 19</u>	<u>April 26</u>	<u>May 3</u>	<u>May 10</u>	<u>May 17</u>
Michael P	Kenadea S	Chris M	Olga L	Octavian F

### Announcements:

#### St. Thomas Sunday (Antipascha)

Some icons depicting this event are inscribed “The Doubting Thomas.” This is incorrect. In Greek, the inscription reads, “The Touching of Thomas.” The Slavonic inscription is, “The Belief of Thomas.” When Saint Thomas touched the Life-giving side of the Lord, he no longer had any doubts. This day is also known as “Antipascha.” This does not mean “opposed to Pascha,” but “in place of Pascha.” Beginning with this first Sunday after Pascha, the Church dedicates every Sunday of the year to the Lord’s Resurrection. Sunday is called “Resurrection” in Russian, and “the Lord’s Day” in Greek [and in Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian]. (from [oca.org](http://oca.org))

**Today (Sunday, April 19) the Service of Holy Matrimony** joining *Zachary Daniel Spooner* and *Kenadea Mary Nelson* in marriage will be celebrated at 12:30 pm following Coffee Fellowship Hour. All are invited to witness this Holy Mystery and to keep them in your prayers!

**God Bless YOU!** So many shared in the joy of participating in Holy Week and Pascha through your tithes, offerings, alms, activities, and attendance. You showed up, and Christ was in our midst! Special thanks to those of you who: provided transportation to others; prepared beautiful flowers, plants, palms and willows; scattered rose petals; prepared delicious foods; dyed eggs; read the Old Testament and Acts of the Apostles; created beautiful vocal music; rang bells; chanted the prayers; served in the altar; came back Wednesday to clean up; ... and more, including those who, while unable to attend in the flesh, were present in spirit through their prayers. Through these and other works of loving service, you joined with the holy men and women who stood at the cross, went to the tomb, and experienced the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! God bless you and your families.

### 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 today, 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](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:**

- 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
- Archbishop Paul

- Mitered Archpriest John
- Archpriest Antonio
- Edward
- Kara
- 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, the Poleschuk family, Naomi
- 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, Martha 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, Samuel, Maryam, Vincent, Amy, Annie, and Gillian

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

**Tone 7      Troparion      (Pentecostarion)**

From the sealed tomb, Thou didst shine forth, O Life!  
 Through closed doors Thou didst come to Thy Disciples, O Christ God.  
Renew in us through them an upright spirit,//  
 by the greatness of Thy mercy, O Resurrection of all!

*Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit  
 Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen*

**Tone 8      Kontakion      (Pentecostarion)**

Thomas touched Thy life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God,  
 when Thou camest to Thine Apostles through closed doors.//  
 He cried out with all: “Thou art my Lord and my God!”

**Scripture Readings for this Sunday:**

**Epistle:**      Acts 5:12-20  
**Gospel:**      John 20:19-31

## 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.

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## *Dinner Dance & Silent Auction*

and the Celebration at our Fleming Avenue location

## *20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!*

**Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**St Demetrios Hall**

**129 N Halifax Ave Daytona Beach Fl 32118**

**6:00 to 7:00pm Reception**

**7:00 to 8:00pm Dinner**

**8:00 to ? Dancing**

*Annual Sweepstakes Drawing 50-50*

*1<sup>st</sup> prize 30%: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 10% each of Total*

*Cash Bar*

*Tickets \$50 (Children under 12) \$20*

# Life in our Church

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**Saturday, April 18**      **Choir Rehearsal**      **3:00 PM**  
**Great Vespers**      **5:00 PM**  
*Confessions following*

**Sunday, Apr 19**      **Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**      **9:30 AM**  
*(St. Thomas Sunday)*  
*Coffee Fellowship Hour*  
**Service of Holy Matrimony**      **12:30 PM**  
*(Kenadea Mary Nelson & Zachary Daniel Spooner)*

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**Wednesday, April 22**      **Parish Council Meeting**      **4:00 PM**  
**Daily Vespers**      **6:00 PM**  
**Catechism**      **7:00 PM**

**Saturday, April 25**      **Great Vespers**      **5:00 PM**  
*Confessions following*

**Sunday, April 26**      **Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**      **9:30 AM**  
*(Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women)*  
*Coffee Fellowship Hour*

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**Wednesday, April 29**      **Daily Vespers**      **6:00 PM**  
**Catechism**      **7:00 PM**

**Saturday, May 2**      **Choir Rehearsal**      **3:00 PM**  
**Great Vespers**      **5:00 PM**  
*Confessions following*

**Sunday, May 3**      **Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**      **9:30 AM**  
*(Sunday of the Paralytic)*  
*Coffee Fellowship Hour*

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**Wednesday, May 6**      **Akathist to St. Alexis of Wilkes-Barre (tentative)**      **6:00 PM**

*May 7 - Feast Day of St. Alexis Toth of Wilkes-Barre, patron saint of our church*

**Saturday, May 9**      **Choir Rehearsal**      **3:00 PM**  
**Great Vespers**      **5:00 PM**  
*Confessions following*

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