

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 Saturday after Great Vespers or by appointment

SUNDAY, MAY 3

4th Sunday of Pascha

Paralytic

TONE 3

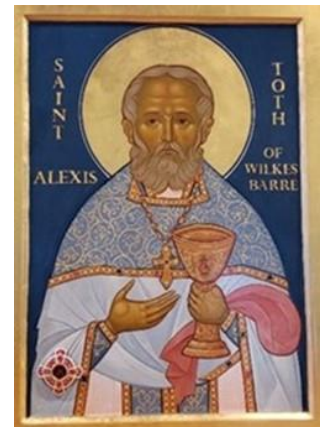
Christ is Risen!

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.

Announcements:

Looking Ahead: Feast Day of [St. Alexis of Wilkes-Barre Orthodox Mission!](#)

From the earliest days of the church and continuing today, people are often given a new name at baptism along with a new baptismal robe and a cross. The name is typically that of a Biblical “hero” or of another saint. The new name and robe represent joining a new family and putting on a new identify in Christ (Is. 62:2; 2 Cor. 5:17). The cross is the sign of Christians, not only to wear, but also to bear. We celebrate a saint’s memory not on their birthday, but on the day they died, when eternal life truly begins. The celebration of name days has been a tradition in Catholic and Eastern Orthodox countries since the Middle Ages, with local parishes also celebrating their “name day.” St. Alexis Toth, our

church's patron saint, fell asleep in the Lord May 7, 1909, in Wilkes-Barre, PA, and so beginning this week our parish honors his memory.

- ❖ **This Wednesday evening, May 6**, we will pray the Akathist to St. Alexis at 6pm, followed by time with the catechumens focusing on his life and ministry.
- ❖ **On Sunday, May 17**, we will continue celebrating with our annual **St. Alexis Feast Day Luncheon** after the Liturgy. No need to bring food on that Sunday since the meal will be catered and served by our Parish Council members and other volunteers.

Because Sunday, May 10, is MOTHER'S DAY (2nd Sunday in May), you are encouraged to bring your (or anyone else's) mother, godmother, or grandmother to church! "Remember, O Lord, our God-bearing, holy, and venerable mothers..." On Great & Holy Saturday a few weeks ago, many of you witnessed this prayer being prayed in the Service of Preparation of the Gifts. In our civil calendar we honor our mothers on Mother's Day, something we do in the Orthodox Church every Liturgy. It is a good Feast, this year falling on the 5th Sunday of Pascha. Many of us are Christians today because of the prayers of our mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers! For YOU we give thanks to God!

Intro to Orthodoxy with Fr David after Coffee Fellowship Hour

Fr David facilitates this informal session on designated Sundays. *Check the calendar and look for "Intro to Orthodoxy with Fr David."* Catechumens, please make it a priority to attend –all others are welcome to join in. If you are a guest, seeker, inquirer, or member, this is an opportunity to learn more about Orthodox faith and practice. We meet around a table in the Parish Hall.

Typical church office hours:

- Wednesdays 11-5
- Fridays 10-4
- Saturdays 1-4

To schedule an appointment with Fr David:

- Email him at priest@stalexisoca.org or
- Call him at 386-263-8383 (the new church phone number)

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

- ✓ **The goal of \$400K has been reached, enabling us to pay for the new building. A report and celebration is planned for our St. Alexis Feast Day, to be celebrated on May 17!**
- ✓ 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 Orthodox 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



NEW ONGOING Opportunities for Love and Ministry in our Parish:

- ❖ **Seeking Altar Servers:** Men of all ages, if you are a member of the faithful and are open to being trained to serve in the altar, please see Fr David.
- ❖ **Church Cleaning Day will happen every Wednesday 3:30-5:30pm (Vespers begins at 6pm).** Nelya Lashkul is a steward of this ministry. Ask her how you can help or contact the church office.
- ❖ **We are looking for volunteers for church projects and assistance in the office.** Come by the church office during office hours and ask how you can help!
- ❖ **Child Care:** Interested in helping our catechumens by providing supervision for their children during catechism each Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm? This is a special ministry requiring at least two qualified adults each Wednesday evening. An honorarium may be available if needed for this ministry. See Fr David or Mka Rozanne to learn more. According to OCA policies, anyone who works with children in the parish must submit to a background check and complete a briefing process. There must be two adults caring for children at all times unless the children are with a parent or relative.

Prayer Lists – Pray for each other daily:

The Departed:

- The Priest Slava
- Victims of accidents, hostilities, and natural disasters around the world
- The unborn Patrick and all the unborn

All whom we carry in our hearts, including:

- Fr Aleksandr Yu Shi
- Mka Rozanne, 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, the Poleschuk family, Moses, Michael, Elena, Stefan, Naomi, the newly married Zachary Daniel & Kenadea Mary
- 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, Marissa Martha and the child she carries
- All members of our community traveling or on the bed of sickness
- 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, Gillian, Tyler

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

Tone 3 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let the heavens rejoice!
Let the earth be glad!
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.
He has trampled down death by death.
He has become the first born of the dead.
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,
and has granted to the world//
great mercy.

Tone 3 Kontakion (Pentecostarion)

By Thy divine intercession, O Lord,
as Thou didst raise up the Paralytic of old,
so raise up my soul, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts;
so that being saved I may sing to Thee://
“Glory to Thy power, O compassionate Christ!”

Tone 8 Kontakion (Pascha)

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal,
Thou didst destroy the power of death.
In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God,
proclaiming, “Rejoice!” to the Myrrhbearing Women//
granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

Scripture Readings for this Sunday:

Epistle: Acts 9:32-42

Gospel: John 5:1-15

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

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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
Intro to Orthodoxy with Fr David **~12:15 PM**

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Wednesday, May 6 **Church Cleaning** **3:30 PM**
Akathist to St. Alexis of Wilkes-Barre **6:00 PM**
Catechism **6:30 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

Sunday, May 10 **Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom** **9:30 AM**
Mother's Day
(Sunday of the Samaritan Woman)
Coffee Fellowship Hour
Intro to Orthodoxy with Fr David **~12:15 PM**

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Wednesday, May 13 **Church Cleaning** **3:30 PM**
Daily Vespers **6:00 PM**
Catechism **6:30 PM**

Saturday, May 16 **Choir Rehearsal (in the nave)** **3:00 PM**
Great Vespers **5:00 PM**
Confessions following

Sunday, May 17 **Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom** **9:30 AM**
(Sunday of the Blind Man)
Catered Coffee Hour for St. Alexis Feast Day!

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Wednesday, May 20 Leavetaking of Pascha

Wednesday, May 20 **Church Cleaning** **3:30 PM**
Parish Council Meeting **3:30 PM**
Festal Great Vespers with Litya **6:00 PM**
(Feast of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ)

Thursday, May 21 Feast of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ