

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 17
6th Sunday of Pascha
Blind Man

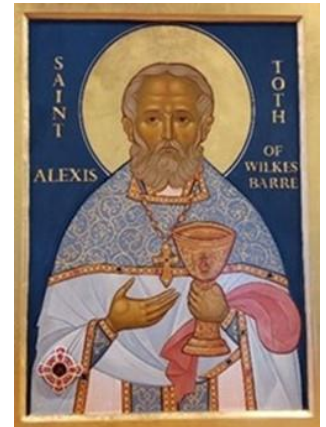
STONE 5

Christ is Risen!

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“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:

Today We Feast in Honor of St. Alexis of Wilkes-Barre, Our Parish Patron Saint! Food will be provided by the church for this event. If you play an instrument, bring it and play a song as we eat! During our meal Fr David will also announce the final results of our 2025-2026 Capital Campaign. All are welcomed and encouraged to stay for this special event taking place after the Divine Liturgy.

Typical church office hours (call or text before coming to confirm someone will be there):

- 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)

SAVE THE DATE! The Annual Diocese of the South Assembly will be taking place July 20-24 and will be held in St Augustine, FL – and St. Alexis Mission has been given the role of lead HOST for the event.

- ❖ Volunteers are needed! Contact DiDi Dejanovic (our Conference Assistant) at 609-668-1836 or at DiDi@stalexisoca.org
- ❖ A **Pontifical Liturgy** open to the public will be celebrated during the Assembly at Annunciation OCA Mission in Jacksonville, Florida on **Wednesday July 22 at 9am**. You won't want to miss it!

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.

Encouraging ACH donations at St. Alexis for Tithes and Offerings and the Building Fund

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. *You must arrive at least 20 minutes before the service begins.*
- ❖ **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, Fr. Kung Ming Cheung, Fr. Denis
- Fr Patrick, Mka Lauren, James, Walter, Henry, Kathryn, Ethan, Marissa, Andrew
- Fr Nicholas & Mka Anastasia, Fr Philip & Kh Diane, Fr James & Mka Daphne

- Our missionaries: the Hoppes, Brandows, Macdonalds, and Hannah Valentine
- Ilya, Anastasia, Craig, the Poleschuk family, Moses, Michael, Elena, Stefan, Naomi, Andrew
- 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, Annie, Gillian, Tyler
- Catechumens Vincent & Amy preparing for illumination

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

Tone 5 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 4 Kontakion (Pentecostarion)

I come to Thee, O Christ, blind from birth in my spiritual eyes,
and call to Thee in repentance:://
“Thou art the most radiant Light of those in darkness.”

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 16:16-34

Gospel: John 9:1-38

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Saturday, May 16	Choir Rehearsal (in the nave) Great Vespers Confessions following	3:30 PM 5:00 PM
Sunday, May 17	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (Sunday of the Blind Man) St. Alexis Feast Day with Catered Coffee Hour! (no potluck)	9:30 AM
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<i>Wednesday, May 20 Leavetaking of Pascha</i>		
Wednesday, May 20	Church Cleaning Parish Council Meeting Festal Great Vespers with Litya (Feast of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ)	3:30 PM 3:30 PM 6:00 PM
<i>Thursday, May 21 Feast of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ</i>		
Saturday, May 23	Prospophora Baking (in church kitchen) No Choir Rehearsal today Reader's Vespers	11:00 AM 5:00 PM
Sunday, May 24	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council) Coffee Fellowship Hour Intro to Orthodoxy with Fr David	9:30 AM ~12:15 PM
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Wednesday, May 27	Church Cleaning Daily Vespers Catechism	3:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM
Saturday, May 30	Choir Rehearsal (in the nave) Great Vespers Confessions following	3:30 PM 5:00 PM
Sunday, May 31	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (Feast of Pentecost - Feast of the Holy Trinity) Kneeling Prayers immediately following Liturgy Coffee Fellowship Hour	9:30 AM

His Eminence, The Most Reverend ALEXANDER, Archbishop of Dallas and the South
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