

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, JUNE 28

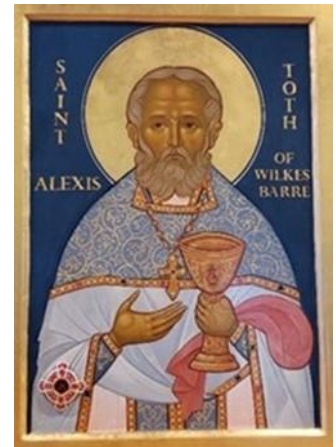
TONE 3

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Translation of the Relics of the Holy and Wonderworking Unmercenaries Cyrus and John



“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 blue guest information card next to the weekly bulletin with today's hymns on the table where you entered. Please fill out the card and give it to a greeter or to our priest, Fr David, who looks forward to meeting you! You are also invited to *Coffee Fellowship* in the parish hall following the Liturgy this morning.

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:

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 HOST for the event.

- ❖ Volunteers are needed! Want to help? Contact DiDi Dejanovic, our DOS Assembly Assistant! **(also see p. 5 of this bulletin for volunteering options!)**
 - 609-668-1836 - 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.**

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.

Want to schedule time during the week with Fr David for confession or pastoral counsel? There's an app for that...or at least a link! Please note that any meeting scheduled with him will be **at the church** unless otherwise requested.

<https://outlook.office.com/book/ScheduletimewithFrDavidPriestatStAlexisMission@synergylife.coach/?ismsaljsauthenabled>

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 30 minutes before the service begins.*
- ❖ **Church Cleaning Time happens 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 can I 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.
 - NOTE: 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
- Choir Director John Sutko
- Archimandrite Laurence Mancuso
- Victims of accidents, hostilities, and natural disasters around the world

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 & the child she carries, Andrew
- Fr Nicholas & Mka Anastasia, Fr Philip & Kh Diane, Fr James & Mka Daphne & Peter, Fr Jordan & Mka Vanessa
- Our missionaries: the Hoppes, Brandows, Macdonalds, and Hannah Valentine

- Iconographer Elena Mavrodieva and her family
- Wood craftsmen Zachary, Artem, Daniel and Sdn Alexander
- Ilya, Anastasia, the Poleschuk family, Moses, Michael, Elena, Stefan, 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
- 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, Vincent & Amy

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 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 5 Troparion (Sts. Cyrus and John)

O Christ God,
 Thou hast given us the miracles of Thy martyrs Cyrus and John,
 as an invincible rampart;
 through their prayers frustrate the plans of the heathens,
 and strengthen the faith of the Orthodox Christians, //
 for Thou alone art good and lovest mankind.

Tone 3 Kontakion (Resurrection)

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One,
 leading us from the gates of death.
 On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;
 with the Prophets and Patriarchs//
 they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

Tone 5 Kontakion (St. Alexis)

Let us, the faithful, praise the Priest Alexis,
A bright beacon of Orthodoxy in America,
A model of patience and humility,
A worthy shepherd of the Flock of Christ.
He called back the sheep who had been led astray
And brought them by his preaching //
To the Heavenly Kingdom.

Tone 3 Kontakion (Sts. Cyrus and John)

Having received the gift of miracles through divine grace, O saints,
you work wonders in the world unceasingly.
You remove all of our passions through your invisible surgery,
divinely-wise Cyrus and glorious John, //
for you are truly divine physicians.

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: Romans 6:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13

Wondering how you can help with the Diocesan Assembly?



Here is a teaser list...*

Putting together gift baskets for:

- His Beatitude Metropolitan TIKHON
- His Eminence Archbishop ALEXANDER
- His Grace Bishop GERASIM

Baking cookies and savory snacks for:

- Clergy Wives afternoon gathering (Thursday)

Gathering fun local mementos for:

- Registration goodie bags

Decorating tables for:

- Clergy Wives Luncheon (Thursday)
- Banquet honoring His Eminence ALEXANDER (Thursday)

NOTE: the décor can be the same – will just need more for the Banquet, for the added tables

Compiling Delegate Name Badges & Lanyards

Compiling Goodie Bags

Staffing the Registration Table

...and more!

***Reimbursements available for
PRE-APPROVED PURCHASES**

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

Life in our Church

The Apostles' Fast June 8-28

(No meat, dairy, or eggs for Coffee Fellowship Hour potlucks. Thank you!)

Saturday, June 27	Choir Rehearsal <i>(in the nave)</i> Great Vespers <i>(Confessions following)</i>	3:30 PM 5:00 PM
Sunday, Jun 28	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour (no meat, dairy, or eggs) - Final day of fast</i> Intro to Orthodoxy with Fr David	9:30 AM ~12:15 PM
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Wednesday, Jul 1	Church Cleaning Daily Vespers Catechism	3:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM
Saturday, July 4	Choir Rehearsal <i>(in the nave)</i> Great Vespers <i>(Confessions following)</i>	3:30 PM 5:00 PM
Sunday, Jul 5	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i> Intro to Orthodoxy with Fr David	9:30 AM ~12:15 PM
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Wednesday, Jul 8	Parish Council Meeting Church Cleaning & DOS Assembly tasks Daily Vespers Catechism	3:30 PM 3:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM
Saturday, July 11	DOS Assembly Tasks Choir Rehearsal <i>(in the nave)</i> Great Vespers <i>(Confessions following)</i>	1:00 PM 3:30 PM 5:00 PM
Sunday, Jul 12	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i> Intro to Orthodoxy with Fr David	9:30 AM ~12:15 PM
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Wednesday, Jul 15	Church Cleaning Daily Vespers Catechism	3:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM
Saturday, July 18	Choir Rehearsal <i>(in the nave)</i> Great Vespers <i>(Confessions following)</i>	3:30 PM 5:00 PM
Sunday, Jul 19	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom <i>(Sunday of the Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils)</i> <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i> Intro to Orthodoxy with Fr David	9:30 AM ~12:15 PM

July 21-24 DOS Annual Assembly – Hyatt Place, St Augustine (Vilano Beach)
(NO services at St. Alexis on Wed July 22)