

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, JULY 5

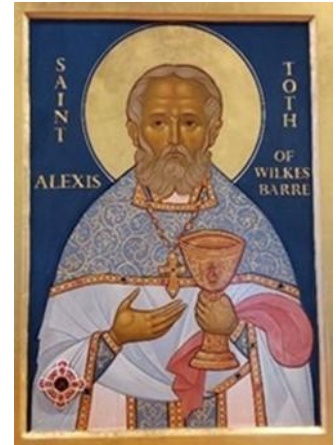
TONE 4

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Ven. Athanasius, Founder of the Great Lavra and Coenobitic Monasticism on Mt. Athos



“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 in the nave.

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>

Survey for All Men regularly attending or visiting St Alexis Orthodox Mission:

The Orthodox Studies Institute is conducting a survey of Orthodox men in the US. Their goal is to gather insights about seminary and the priesthood from priests, deacons, and laymen across the OCA and the Antiochian Archdiocese.

With the blessing of His Eminence Archbishop ALEXANDER, our parish has been selected as a test group. Please take the survey yourself. All responses will be completely anonymous. The only identifying question is when you choose the name of your parish. We are listed as St Alexis of Wilkes-Barre, St Augustine, FL.

Survey Link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2026_orthodox_men?parish_id=C458&group=1

As a benefit to our parish for participation, **St. Alexis Mission will receive a credit when we purchase from the Ancient Faith Store, as we do regularly for our Book Table and Literature racks.**

Please participate if you are able and feel free to share this link with other men associated with our parish. Thank you! ~Fr David~

Our missionaries are back in Guatemala! You will recall having OCMC Missionaries, the Brandow Family, with us on Sunday, January 18: Jesse, Juanita, and Matthew. They have since finished their year of "furlough" (home leave), returned to Guatemala, and are once again immersed in the ministries they have so diligently prepared to do. Our parish supports this family financially and in prayer, and their work is our work. Please pray for them daily! Look for their picture and location on the new world map in the hallway across from the kitchen soon!

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:

- ❖ **Volunteer for October Medical Team in Guatemala.** Medical professionals are needed for a mission team this October 15-25 at Ascension Orthodox Church in Pebilpam, Guatemala (on map).

Primary care providers and dentists are especially needed. Prospective applicants should see Fr. David for further direction.

- ❖ **The Mission Center is Hiring—Spread the Word!** The Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) is hiring for several positions, including Missionary Director and Assistant Missionary Director for Mobilization. If you know potential candidates, please encourage them to apply (info here).
- ❖ **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
- Fr Peter Gillquist (July 1, 2012)
- Ruth Goch (July 3, 2014)
- Pres Krissy Flesoras (July 9, 2014)
- Ron Ireland (July 24, 2018)
- Alice Sutko (July 4, 2020)
- Timothy Jacob (July 21, 2021)
- Galina Garcia (July 27, 2025)
- 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
- The planners and participants of the upcoming 48th Diocese of the South Assembly in St. Augustine
- 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 4 Troparion (Resurrection)

When the women disciples of the Lord
learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the apostles:

“Death is overthrown!

Christ God is risen,//

granting 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 4 Kontakion (Resurrection)

My Savior and Redeemer

as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains.

He has shattered the gates of hell,

and as Master,//

He has risen on the third day!

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 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 10:1-10

Gospel: Matthew 8:28-9:1

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

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	Prosphora Baking DOS Assembly Tasks Choir Rehearsal <i>(in the nave)</i> Great Vespers <i>(Confessions following)</i>	10:00 AM 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 & DOS Assembly tasks Daily Vespers Catechism	3:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM
	Saturday, July 18 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 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
<i>July 21-24 DOS Annual Assembly – Hyatt Place, St Augustine (Vilano Beach)</i>		
Wednesday, Jul 22	Church Cleaning (NO services at St. Alexis on Wed July 22)	3:30 PM
Saturday, July 25	Choir Rehearsal <i>(in the nave)</i> Great Vespers <i>(Confessions following)</i>	4:30 PM 5:00 PM
Sunday, Jul 26	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom <i>Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday</i> https://theocpm.org/ <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i> Intro to Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	9:30 AM ~12:15 PM