

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, AUGUST 9

TONE 1

10th Sunday after Pentecost

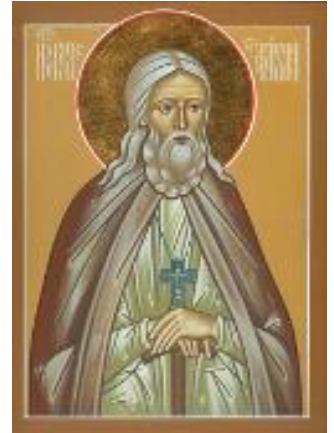
Afterfeast of the Transfiguration

Glorification of our Venerable and God-bearing Father Herman of Alaska, Wonderworker of Alaska and Equal to the Apostles



“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:

Confessions during the four major fasting periods: A reminder that the expectation of the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in America is that all communicants of the Church who are old enough to make their confession will do so **at least once during each of the four fasting seasons**, if not more often than that. Fr David hears confessions after Saturday Great Vespers and by appointment. There is one more Great Vespers service between now and the end of this fast, so don't delay!

August 1 began the Dormition Fast

The Dormition Fast began Saturday, August 1, ushering in the final season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We began the church year in September with feasts that brought us to the Cross and the Theotokos (incarnation), contemplating how to begin our lives and how to live them. Now we come to the end of the church year in August and once again we have the Cross and the Theotokos, but this time we contemplate the end of our lives and the legacy we will leave. In classical Christianity, Mary is

not the great exception, she is the great example of what it means to be a Christian. How do you want to be remembered? What will your legacy be here at St. Alexis Church? The problem is never that we expect too much from God. The problem is that we expect and ask for so little.

Highly-recommended book for Catechumens and the Faithful for any fasting season – and beyond:
Food Faith and Fasting: A Sacred Journey to Better Health (by Rita Madden, MPH, RDN). Fr David urges all to read this book which is available to buy at our Book Table (or order from store.ancientfaith.com).

YOU can prepare a special *Gift For Your Loved Ones!*

As we come to the end of the Church year and prepare to commemorate the Feast of the Dormition of Our Most Holy Theotokos (who “fell asleep into the Light”) we see how to prepare to end the preface of the book of our lives and begin the first full new chapter entering into eternal life with Christ and His Church. Some cultures hold a false belief that it is “bad luck” to talk about death and dying, thus discouraging people from making proper plans for a Christian ending to their lives. This is NOT what Christians believe.

- *If you do not have a Living Will, a Last Will and Testament, a Designated Power Of Attorney, and a Health Care Power of Attorney, then you are at risk of placing a heavy burden on your family, loved ones, and friends...especially if you are already in your senior years.*
- *If you have not given your Priest a copy of your Advanced Directives for Funeral and Burial Care, then you are at risk of placing a heavy burden on your Church.*

But never fear, you are not alone and your Church can help!

- Your priest is glad to visit with you about such matters and can recommend qualified, affordable professional assistance, if needed. There are two booklets with templates, forms, and information for you to use as an Orthodox Christian: [A Gift For My Loved Ones](#) and [Another Gift For My Loved Ones](#). You can click on the links and start today! Or you can pick up ***printed copies of these booklets (free of charge) from the Book Table.***

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!

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

Please note that any meeting scheduled with him will be ***at the church*** unless otherwise requested.

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
- Note that payments to the Book Store are NOT payable on-line.



NEW ONGOING Opportunities for Love and Ministry in our Parish:

- ❖ **Are you interested in evangelism and the apostolic ministry of the Church (missionaries and their work)?** OCMC is looking for representative for each parish to assist the priest in promoting and sharing how we are fulfilling the Great Commission of our Lord to "go make disciples of all nations" in Jerusalem (our own county), Judea (our state), Samaria (the state of GA-- just kidding!), to the

ends of the earth. See Fr David if you are interested in partnering with him to better equip our members to be the Lord's disciples. If you are not going to "go" be a missionary, then you can help others to go! This relates to the central purpose of St. Alexis Orthodox Mission.

- ❖ **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—primary care providers & dentists especially needed. Prospective applicants should see Fr. David.
- ❖ **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).
- ❖ **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
- His Eminence Archbishop DMITRI, founding bishop of the Diocese of the South
- Nikolay Lagunchik
- Missionary Lynette Hoppe
- 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 & family; Iconographers Anya & Victor
- Wood craftsmen Artem, Zachary, Daniel, James
- Helen, Ilya, Moses, Elena, Stefan, Naomi, Danica, Stela, Gordana, Larry, Gabriel, Elizabeth, David
- The Santos family, especially Anna and the infant Isaiah newly born of her
- The Luna family, especially Nadia and the infant Moses newly born of her
- The Aravena-Rodriguez family, especially Amy and the infant Isabel newly born of her
- Kenadea Mary and the child she carries
- The newly illumined Annie
- Catechumens Chris, Lesly, Gianna, Marco, Samuel, Maryam, Gillian, Tyler, Vincent, Amy
- All members of our community traveling or on the bed of sickness
- All who are homeless, unemployed, or under-employed in our community
- All of our guests and inquirers seeking God through the Orthodox Church

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

Tone 1 Troparion (Resurrection)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,
while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body,
Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior,
granting life to the world.
The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life:
“Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ!
Glory to Thy Kingdom!//
Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!”

Tone 7 Troparion (Feast)

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God,
revealing Thy glory to Thy Disciples as far as they could bear it.
Let Thine everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners,
through the prayers of the Theotokos!//
O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

Tone 7 Troparion (St. Herman)

O joyful North Star of the Church of Christ,
guiding all men to the heavenly Kingdom;
teacher and apostle of the True Faith;
intercessor and defender of the oppressed;
adornment of the Orthodox Church in America:
blessed Father Herman of Alaska,
pray to our Lord Jesus Christ //
for the salvation of our souls!

Tone 1 Kontakion (Resurrection)

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory,
raising the world with Thyself.
Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished.
Adam exults, O Master!
Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee://
“Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

Tone 7 Kontakion (Feast)

On the mountain Thou wast transfigured, O Christ God,
and Thy Disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it;
so that when they would behold Thee crucified,
they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary,
and would proclaim to the world//
that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.

Scripture Readings for this Sunday:

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Gospel: Matthew 17:14-23

Life in our Church

Dormition Fast August 1-15 (no meat, eggs, or dairy)

Thursday, August 6 Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord

Saturday, August 8	Choir Rehearsal (in the nave)	3:30 PM
	Memorial Prayers (August)	4:30 PM
	Great Vespers (Confessions following)	5:00 PM
Sunday, Aug 9	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:30 AM
	Coffee Fellowship Hour (no meat, eggs, or dairy)	
	Orthodox Conversations with Fr David	~12:15 PM

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Wednesday, August 12	Parish Council Meeting	3:30 PM
	Church Cleaning	3:30 PM
	Daily Vespers	6:00 PM
	Catechism	6:30 PM

Saturday, August 15 Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos

Saturday, August 15	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:30 AM
	(Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos)	
	Choir Rehearsal (in the nave)	3:30 PM
	Great Vespers (Confessions following)	5:00 PM
Sunday, Aug 16	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:30 AM
	Coffee Fellowship Hour (feasting!)	
	Hannah Valentine our missionary in Albania!	~12:15 PM

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Wednesday, Aug 19	Church Cleaning	3:30 PM
	Daily Vespers	6:00 PM
	Catechism	6:30 PM

Saturday, Aug 22	Choir Rehearsal (in the nave)	3:30 PM
	Great Vespers (Confessions following)	5:00 PM

Sunday, Aug 23	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:30 AM
	Coffee Fellowship Hour	
	Orthodox Conversations with Fr David	~12:15 PM

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His Grace, The Right Rev. GERASIM, Bishop of Ft. Worth, *Locum Tenens* of the Diocese of the South
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