

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

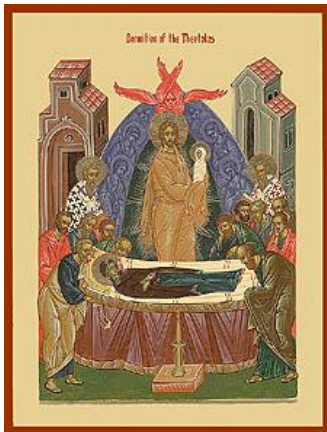
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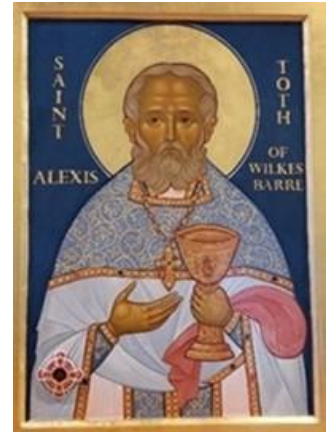
11th Sunday after Pentecost

Afterfeast of the Dormition

Translation of the Image "Not-Made-by-Hands" of our Lord Jesus Christ from Edessa to Constantinople



"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:

Welcome to Hannah Valentine, OCMC Missionary, Albania

Today we have the privilege of hosting Hannah, one of our missionaries working with the Orthodox Church in Albania. We look forward to hearing from her today in place of *Orthodox Conversations*. Come and find out how we are helping to make disciples of Jesus Christ in a country that not that long ago outlawed ALL religions in its Constitution.

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).

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.

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!), AND to the ends of the earth. See Fr David is 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 *Orthodox Conversations* each Sunday after Coffee Fellowship Hour and 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
- The Harrises, Drennans, Hargraves, and Kingerys
- Our missionaries: the Hoppes, Brandows, Macdonalds, and Hannah Valentine
- Iconographers Elena, 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
- The Spooner family, especially Kenadea Mary and the infant Noelle newly born of her
- 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

Scripture Readings for this Sunday:

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12

Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35

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

Tone 2 Troparion (Resurrection)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal,
Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead.
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

Tone 2 Troparion (Image)

We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One;
and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God.
Of Thine own will Thou wast pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh
and deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the Enemy.
Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to Thee:
“Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior,//
by coming to save the world.”

Tone 1 Troparion (Dormition)

In giving birth you preserved your virginity.
In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos.
You were translated to life, O Mother of Life,//
and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

Tone 2 Kontakion (Resurrection)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,
seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb!
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee,//
and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Tone 2 Kontakion (Image)
 Uncircumscribed Word of the Father,
 as we behold the victorious image of Thy true incarnation,
 not made by hands, but divinely wrought
 in Thine ineffable and divine dispensation towards us, //
 we honor it with veneration.

Tone 2 Kontakion (Dormition)
 Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos,
 who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions.
 For being the Mother of Life, //
 she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

Life in our Church

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

Saturday, August 15	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom <i>(Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos)</i>	9:30 AM
	Choir Rehearsal <i>(in the nave)</i>	3:30 PM
	Great Vespers <i>(Confessions following)</i>	5:00 PM
Sunday, Aug 16	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour (Feasting!)</i>	9:30 AM
	Hannah Valentine <i>our missionary in Albania!</i>	~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	Prosphora Baking	10:00 AM
	Choir Rehearsal <i>(in the nave)</i>	3:30 PM
	Great Vespers <i>(Confessions following)</i>	5:00 PM
Sunday, Aug 23	Baptismal Liturgy <i>(Isaiah-Patrick Santos)</i> <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i>	9:30 AM
	Orthodox Conversations with Fr David	~12:15 PM
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<i>The Ruckers will be away 8/24 - 9/7 but parish life continues (see calendar).</i>		
<i>In case of a pastoral emergency, contact PC President Jim Humphries (904-540-2476)</i>		
Wednesday, Aug 26	Church Cleaning	3:30 PM
	Prayers	6:00 PM
	Catechism	6:30 PM
Saturday, Aug 29	Choir Rehearsal <i>(in the nave)</i>	4:30 PM
	Reader's Great Vespers	5:00 PM
Sunday, Aug 30	Reader's Typical Psalms <i>Coffee Fellowship Hour</i>	9:30 AM