

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

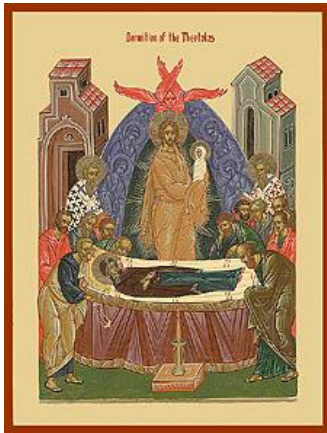
Confessions heard Saturday after Great Vespers or by appointment

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

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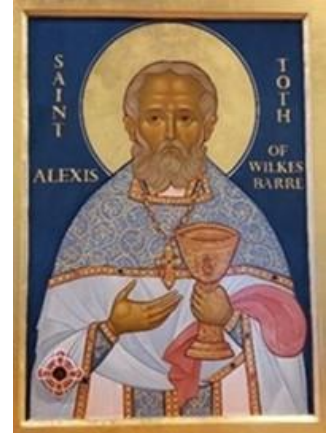
12th Sunday after Pentecost

Leavetaking of the Dormition



“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:

Many Years to Noelle Mary, newly-born daughter of Kenadea Mary and Zachary Daniel Spooner! Be on time this Sunday for the Naming Prayers before the Liturgy begins. The Hours begin at 9:10.

Many Years to Isaiah-Patrick Santos and to his godparents and family on the occasion of his baptism! Today Anna Mary and James Ephraim offer their newly born son back to the Lord through the arms of Christ's holy Church in baptism. The service begins with prayers of exorcism, drawing a line in the sand, so to speak, forbidding the evil one from destroying this child. Water is consecrated to be life-giving and not death-bearing, and the child is anointed with oil, as an athlete before a contest. Buried in water and rising with Christ, life truly begins. The child is then anointed with holy Chrism, affirming "The seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit," to which we respond, "Sealed!" The child makes a first offering to the Lord in tonsuring and then is formally introduced to his new holy house, the Church building. When the parents finally receive the child back into their own arms, they are holy stewards, for the

child belongs to the Lord. All present in this service are promising to pray for this child all the days of their lives and to assist the parents in the discipling of this precious life!

Fr Jordan Kingery will be presiding in the Divine Liturgy Sunday August 30 and September 6 while Fr David is out of town. Please extend to him and Mka Vanessa and family your usual warm welcome and gracious hospitality! We pray for this clergy family weekly in the Augmented Litany. Fr Jordan serves as an OCA military chaplain currently assigned to Naval Station Mayport (Jacksonville). Welcome, Fr Jordan!

There will be no new bulletin newsletter published while the Ruckers are away 8/24 – 9/7 but parish life continues (see calendar). In case of a pastoral emergency, contact PC President Jim Humphries (904-540-2476).

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 from store.ancientfaith.com).

Member-Missionary Map of the World

The world map hanging in the hallway across from the kitchen has small blue-headed pins on the side. Members are invited to place a pin where they were born. All blue pins remain anonymous, helping us rejoice in the countries and cultures represented in our local parish and how the Body of Christ brings us together. Green pins indicate where missionaries serve and will be connected to their pictures.

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 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.
- ❖ **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
- The unborn
- 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 Harris, Drennan, Hargrave, & Kingery clergy families
- Our missionaries: the Hoppes, Brandows, Macdonalds, and Hannah Valentine
- Iconographers Elena, Anya & Victor and Wood craftsmen Artem, Zachary, Daniel & James
- Ilya, Moses, Elena, Stefan, Naomi, Danica, Stela, Gordana, Larry, Gabriel, Elizabeth, David
- Emilia and the child she carries
- 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
- 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 15:1-11
Romans 6:3-11

Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26
Matthew 28:16-20

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 1 Troparion (Feast)

In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity.
In falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos.
Thou wast translated to life, O Mother of Life,//
and by thy prayers thou dost deliver our souls from death.

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 2 Kontakion (Feast)

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, Aug 22	Prophora Baking	10:00 AM
	Choir Rehearsal (in the nave)	3:30 PM
	Great Vespers (Confessions following)	5:00 PM

Sunday, Aug 23	Naming Prayers (Spooner infant)	9:20 AM
	Baptismal Liturgy (Isaiah-Patrick Santos)	9:30 AM
	Coffee Fellowship Hour	
	Orthodox Conversations with Fr David	~12:15 PM

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Wednesday, Aug 26	Church Cleaning	3:30 PM
	Ninth Hour Prayers	6:00 PM
	Catechism	6:30 PM

Saturday, Aug 29	Choir Rehearsal (in the nave) w/Sasha	3:30 PM
	Reader Vespers	5:00 PM

Sunday, Aug 30	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:30 AM
	(Fr Jordan Kingery presiding)	
	Coffee Fellowship Hour	

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Church New Year September 1

Wednesday, Sep 2	Church Cleaning	3:30 PM
	Ninth Hour Prayers	6:00 PM
	Catechism	6:30 PM

Saturday, Sep 5	Choir Rehearsal (in the nave) w/Sasha	3:30 PM
	Reader Vespers	5:00 PM

Sunday, Sep 6	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:30 AM
	(Fr Jordan Kingery presiding)	
	Coffee Fellowship Hour	

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Tuesday, Sep 8	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	9:30 AM
	(Feast of the Nativity of the Most Holy Lady Theotokos)	

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Wednesday, Sep 9	Church Cleaning	3:30 PM
	Vespers	6:00 PM
	Catechism	6:30 PM