

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, OCTOBER 18

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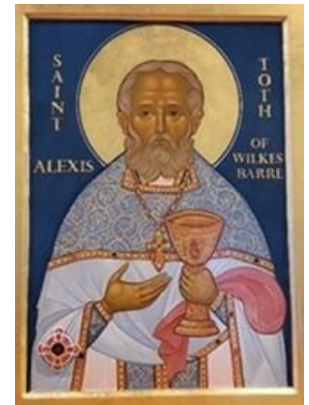
20th Sunday after Pentecost (4th of Luke)

Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke



“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 place it in the *Tithes and Offerings* box. You are also invited to *Coffee Fellowship Hour* in the parish hall following the Liturgy this morning where our priest, Fr David, and others look forward to meeting you!

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:

Member-Missionary Map of the World

The world map hanging in the hallway across from the kitchen has small **blue pins** on the side.

Members are invited to place a blue 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 our missionaries serve.

Want time with your priest during the week for confession or pastoral counsel? There's an app for that...or at least a link! <https://www.stalexisoca.org/meet-with-priest> Please note that any meeting scheduled with Fr David will be **at the church** unless otherwise requested. If no slots are available on the app, you may text or email Fr David requesting a meeting. He does schedule a limited number of meetings via Zoom on some Tuesdays and Thursdays.

SAVE THE DATE: Annual Parish Meeting SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1

(Agenda & 2027 Budget draft available)

Nominations Being Received for Serving on the 2027 Parish Council (PC)

- You may nominate yourself or another member of St Alexis. Give your nomination to Fr David in written form via hard copy or email (priest@stalexisoca.org). Nominations will be treated confidentially.
- Nominations must be vetted in advance and approved by the priest, so there will be **NO nominations from the floor at the Annual Parish Meeting Sunday November 1.**
- [The By-Laws of our Diocese](#) state that a nominee for serving on the PC should be "...a faithful member of the parish for at least one year; at least 18 yrs. old; a regular participant in the services, confession, and the Eucharist; helps to fulfill the financial obligations of the parish [tithing, offerings, alms]; not contentious and rebellious against authority of the Church [*now includes a survey of social media presence and postings*]; not motivated to seek office out of pride, but only a strong desire to work for the Lord and for the upbuilding of His Church..."; and shares the vision of the Church to become a disciple of Jesus Christ as they participate in making disciples (Mt. 28:18-20).

Requirements to be a Voting Member at an Annual Parish Meeting:

Eligible voting members are at least 18 years of age, have been members of this local parish for a minimum of six months, support the local parish ministries financially as best as they are able, and are regular participants in the Holy Mysteries of Confession and the Eucharist.

Q&A regarding the proposed 2027 Budget will take place the next two Sundays (October 18 and 25) about 30 minutes after the completion of the Prayers of Thanksgiving after the Eucharist.

St Alexis 2026 Annual Parish Meeting - Documents

Orthodox Conversations will be taking a brief recess and reconvene on **November 8**, the Sunday following the Annual Parish Meeting.

Nativity Decorating Team will meet Sunday October 25 in the Parish Hall following the Q&A session for the 2027 budget. We will meet Sunday October 25 to discuss decorating our new space for the Feast of the Nativity of Christ. This is for **anyone** interested in brainstorming ideas for decorating! If you are interested but unable to stay for the meeting, feel free to text/email your ideas and suggestions by **10/24** to **Carol Buriak** ([540-526-7589](tel:540-526-7589) or c_buriak@yahoo.com). Thanks in advance to all!

Encouraging ACH donations at St. Alexis for Tithes and Offerings and the Building Fund

If possible, please choose **ACH** rather than credit card transactions if giving online. 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 online.



ONGOING Opportunities for Love and Ministry in our Parish:

- ❖ **Church Cleaning 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.** Stop in as you can!
- ❖ **Child Care:** Interested in helping our catechumens by providing supervision for their children during *Orthodox Conversations* each Sunday and catechism each Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm? This is a special ministry requiring at least two qualified adults. 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.
- ❖ **We have a newly appointed Steward of International Missions for our parish: *Randall Gibbons!*** Randall will be the OCMC representative for our parish and work with our priest and PC to enable us to not only make disciples in our “Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria,” but also “to the ends of earth.” (Acts 1:8) Interested in assisting him? Please see Randall or Fr. David!

Prayer Lists – Pray for each other daily:

The Departed:

- The Priest Slava
- The newly departed Stefan Stanescu
- Mka Catherine (Sissy) Yerger
- Geoff Nicholas Brueggen
- Nina Myasnikova
- Wesley Theophan Sheldahl
- Sandra Chan Ajram
- Jessica Joanna Wright
- Henry Poleschuk
- 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
- Archimandrite Sergius
- OCMC missionaries & staff including Hoppes, Doelmans, Brandows, MacDonalds, & Hannah Valentine
- Iconographers Elena & Anya and wood craftsmen who will build the sanctuary and iconostasis
- Ilya, Moses, Elena, Naomi, Danica, Stela, Gordana, Larry, Gabriel, Elizabeth, David, Lisa, Karla Anna, Jonathan
- Emilia and the child she carries
- Joanna and the child she carries
- The newly illumined Vinnie *Vincent*, Amy *Maria*, Isabelle *Elizabeth* and their families and sponsors
- The newly illumined Noelle *Mary* and her family and godparents
- Catechumens Gillian and Maryam preparing for illumination
- Catechumens Chris, Lesly, Gianna, Marco, Samuel, Tyler
- 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 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 5 Troparion *(St. Luke)*

Let us praise with sacred songs the holy Apostle Luke,
the recorder of the joyous Gospel of Christ
and the scribe of the Acts of the Apostles;
for his writings are a testimony of the Church of Christ.
He is the physician of human weaknesses and infirmities.
He heals the wounds of our souls, //
and constantly intercedes for our salvation.

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 *(St. Luke)*

Let us praise the godly Luke;
he is the true preacher of piety,
the orator of ineffable mysteries
and the star of the Church,
for the Word, Who alone knows the hearts of men, //
chose him, with the wise Paul, to be a teacher of the Gentiles!

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: Galatians 1:11-19

Gospel: Luke 8:5-15

Life in our Church

Saturday, Oct 17	Choir Rehearsal (in the nave) Great Vespers (Confessions following)	3:30 PM 5:00 PM
Sunday, Oct 18	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom Coffee Fellowship Hour Open Discussion/Q&A in nave in preparation for Annual Parish Meeting November 1 (Agenda & 2027 Budget draft available)	9:30 AM 12 -12:30 PM
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Wednesday, Oct 21	Church Cleaning Vespers (Catechism following)	3:30 PM 6:00 PM
Saturday, Oct 24	Choir Rehearsal (in the nave) Great Vespers (Confessions following)	3:30 PM 5:00 PM
Sunday, Oct 25	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom Baptism (Maryam Lashkul) & Chrismation (Gillian Taylor) Coffee Fellowship Hour Nativity Decorating Team Meeting (Parish Hall) Open Discussion/Q&A in nave in preparation for Annual Meeting November 1 (Agenda & 2027 Budget draft available)	9:30 AM ~12:30 PM ~12:30 PM
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Oct 27-30 Annual Thriving in Ministry Facilitators Retreat (Ruckers)		
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Wednesday, Oct 28	Church Cleaning Prayers (Catechism following)	3:30 PM 6:00 PM
Saturday, Oct 31	Choir Rehearsal (in the nave) Great Vespers (Confessions following)	3:30 PM 5:00 PM
Don't Forget: Turn Clocks Back One Hour Saturday Night!		
Sunday, Nov 1	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom <u>Abbreviated</u> Coffee Fellowship Hour (NO POTLUCK) Annual Parish Meeting	9:30 AM ~12:00 PM
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Wednesday, Nov 4	Church Cleaning Vespers (Catechism following)	3:30 PM 6:00 PM
Saturday, Nov 7	Choir Rehearsal (in the nave) Great Vespers (Confessions following)	3:30 PM 5:00 PM
Sunday, Nov 8	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom Coffee Fellowship Hour Orthodox Conversations	9:30 AM 12:30 PM

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

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