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, NOVEMBER 8 **TONE 6**

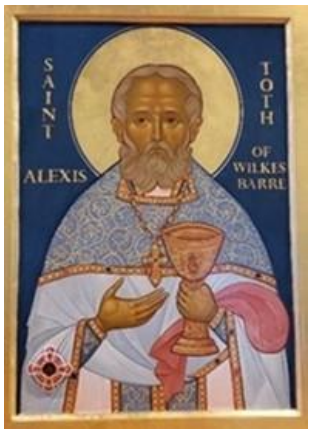
23rd Sunday after Pentecost (7th of Luke)

Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the other Bodiless Powers: Archangels Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Salaphiel, Jegudiel, and Barachiel



"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:

Orthodox Conversations will convene in the nave with Fr David today, Sunday, November 8.

Annual Parish Meeting (APM) Highlights

Bravo to our members who attended the APM last Sunday, an important event in the life of our Mission. In a spirit of joy and love we manifested the best of *hierarchical conciliarity*, a defining characteristic of the Orthodox Church. By unanimous consent reports were received, the proposed 2027 Budget adopted, and PC member Charles Fausey graciously announced the end of his service on the PC as of the final PC meeting of the year (December). We then welcomed Octavian Farcasanu to the PC for 2027. Our purpose as a parish was affirmed and new programs introduced for the coming year that support this vision. Thanks be to God!

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 schedules a limited number of meetings via Zoom on some Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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:

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- 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 is our parish's OCMC Ambassador and will be working 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
- His Eminence, The Most Reverend DAVID, Archbishop of Sitka and Alaska
- The Archpriest Sergius
- The Priest Photios
- Obadiah, Lawrence, Ann
- 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, Andrew, Ethan, Marissa & the child John David newly born of her
- The Harris, Drennan, Hargrave, & Kingery clergy families
- Archimandrite Sergius
- OCMC missionaries & staff including Hoppes, Doelmans, Brandows, MacDonalds, & Hannah Valentine
- Iconographers Elena & Anya and the wood craftsmen building the sanctuary and iconostasis
- Ilya, Moses, Elena, Naomi, Danica, Stela, Gordana, Larry, Gabriel, Elizabeth, David, Jonathan, Steve
- Emilia and the child she carries
- Joanna and the child she carries
- The newly illumined Gillian *Brigid* and Maryam *Miriam* and their families and sponsors
- 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 Chris, Lesly, Gianna, Marco, Samuel, Tyler & those requesting to join the catechumenate
- 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

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

Tone 6 Troparion *(Resurrection)*
The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Thy grave,
seeking Thy most pure body.
Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it.
Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.
O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead,//
glory to Thee.

Tone 4 Troparion *(Bodiless Powers)*
O Commanders of the heavenly hosts,
we who are unworthy beseech you:
by your prayers encompass us beneath the wings of your immaterial glory,
and faithfully preserve us who fall down and cry out to you://
"Deliver us from all harm, for you are the Commanders of the Powers on high!"

Tone 6 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*
When Christ God, the Giver of Life,
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,
He bestowed resurrection on the human race.//
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Tone 2 Kontakion *(Bodiless Powers)*
Commanders of God's armies
and ministers of the divine glory,
princes of the bodiless angels
and guides of mankind;
ask for what is good for us, and for great mercy,//
O Supreme Commanders of the Bodiless Hosts.

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: Ephesians 2:4-10
Hebrews 2:2-10 *(Bodiless Powers)*
Gospel: Luke 8:41-56
Luke 10:16-21 *(Bodiless Powers)*

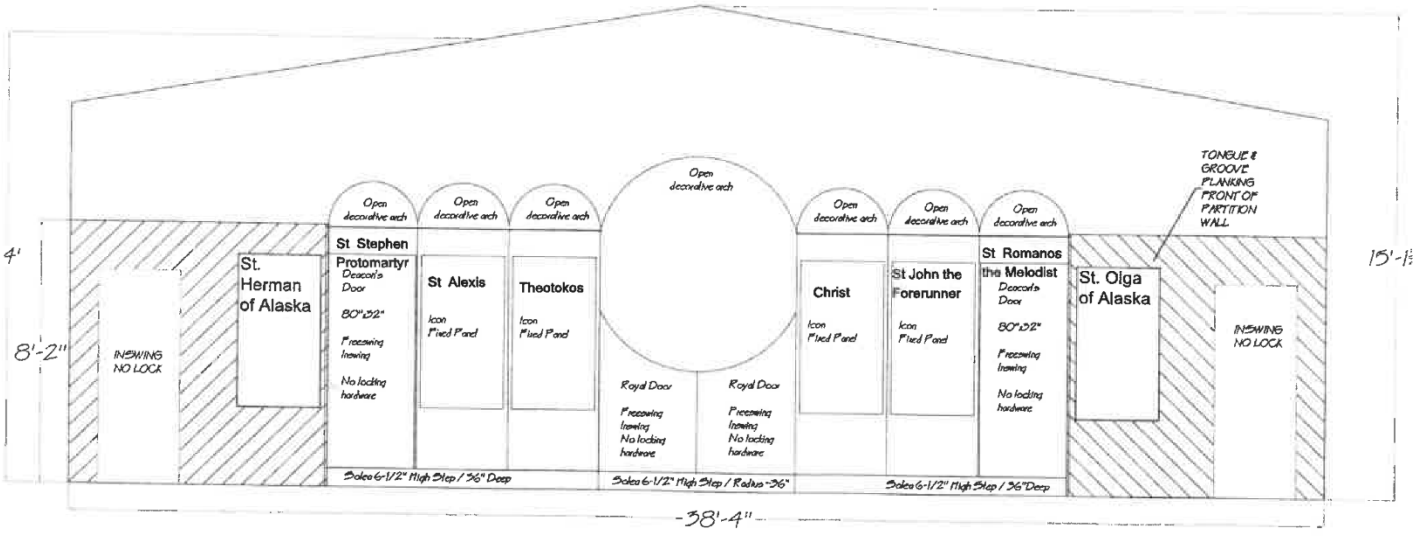
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Life in our Church

Saturday, Nov 7	**Choir Rehearsal** *(in the nave)*	**3:30 PM**
	Great Vespers *(Confessions following)*	**5:00 PM**
Sunday, Nov 8	**Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**	**9:30 AM**
	Coffee Fellowship Hour	
	Orthodox Conversations	**12:30 PM**
Wednesday, Nov 11	**Church Cleaning**	**8:00AM**
	Parish Council Meeting	**3:30 PM**
	Vespers *(Catechism following)*	**6:00 PM**
Saturday, Nov 14	**Choir Rehearsal** *(in the nave)*	**3:30 PM**
	Memorial Prayers	**4:30 PM**
	Great Vespers *(Confessions following)*	**5:00 PM**
	** Nativity Fast begins Sunday, November 15**	
Sunday, Nov 15	**Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**	**9:30 AM**
	Coffee Fellowship Hour (no meat or dairy)	
	Orthodox Conversations	**12:30 PM**
Wednesday, Nov 18	**Church Cleaning**	**3:30 PM**
	Vespers *(Catechism following)*	**6:00 PM**
Friday, Nov 20	**Festal Great Vespers**	**6:00 PM**
	Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos	
	Friday, November 21 Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos	
Saturday, Nov 21	**Choir Rehearsal** *(in the nave)*	**3:30 PM**
	Great Vespers *(Confessions following)*	**5:00 PM**
Sunday, Nov 22	**Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**	**9:30 AM**
	(Afterfeast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple)	
	Coffee Fellowship Hour	
	Orthodox Conversations	**12:30 PM**
Wednesday, Nov 25	**Church Cleaning**	**3:30 PM**
	No services tonight	
	Happy Thanksgiving Thursday, Nov 26	
Saturday, Nov 28	**Choir Rehearsal** *(in the nave)*	**3:30 PM**
	Great Vespers *(Confessions following)*	**5:00 PM**
Sunday, Nov 29	**Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**	**9:30 AM**
	Coffee Fellowship Hour	
	Orthodox Conversations	**12:30 PM**

His Grace, The Right Rev. GERASIM, Bishop of Dallas and the South
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