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 15 **TONE 7**

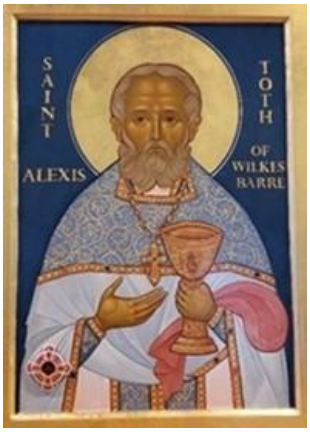
24th Sunday after Pentecost (8th of Luke)

Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas, and Abibus, of Edessa



"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 15.

Coming Soon: ***St Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra and Lycia, will be visiting St. Alexis Mission on his Feast Day, Sunday, December 6.*** He will have a small gift for each person under the age of 18 who is present that day, so be sure to bring your children!

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 confirmed. 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
- The Archbishop DAVID
- The Archpriest Sergius
- The Priest Photios
- Stefan
- 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 wood craftsmen building analogions, kiots, sanctuary & 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
- 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 7 Troparion *(Resurrection)*
By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death.
To the thief Thou didst open Paradise.
For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy,
and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God,
to proclaim that Thou art risen,//
granting the world great mercy.

Tone 4 Troparion *(St. Alexis)*
O righteous Father Alexis,
our heavenly intercessor and teacher,
divine adornment of the Church of Christ!
Entreat the Master of All
To strengthen the Orthodox Faith in America,
To grant peace to the world //
And to our souls great mercy.

Tone 5 Troparion *(Martyrs)*
O Christ our God, Thou hast granted us the miracles of Thy holy martyrs
Gúrias, Samónas, and Abíbus,
as a stronghold and protection.
Through their prayers, strengthen those in authority in ev'ry good deed,//
for Thou alone art merciful and lovest mankind!

Tone 7 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*
The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive,
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.
Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:
"The Savior has come to those in faith;//
enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

Tone 2 Kontakion *(Martyrs)*
You received grace from on high, O all-praised martyrs,
and you intercede for those in the midst of temptations.
Therefore, O saints, you freed a young woman from bitter death,//
and are indeed the glory of Edessa and the joy of the world.

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 2:14-22
Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

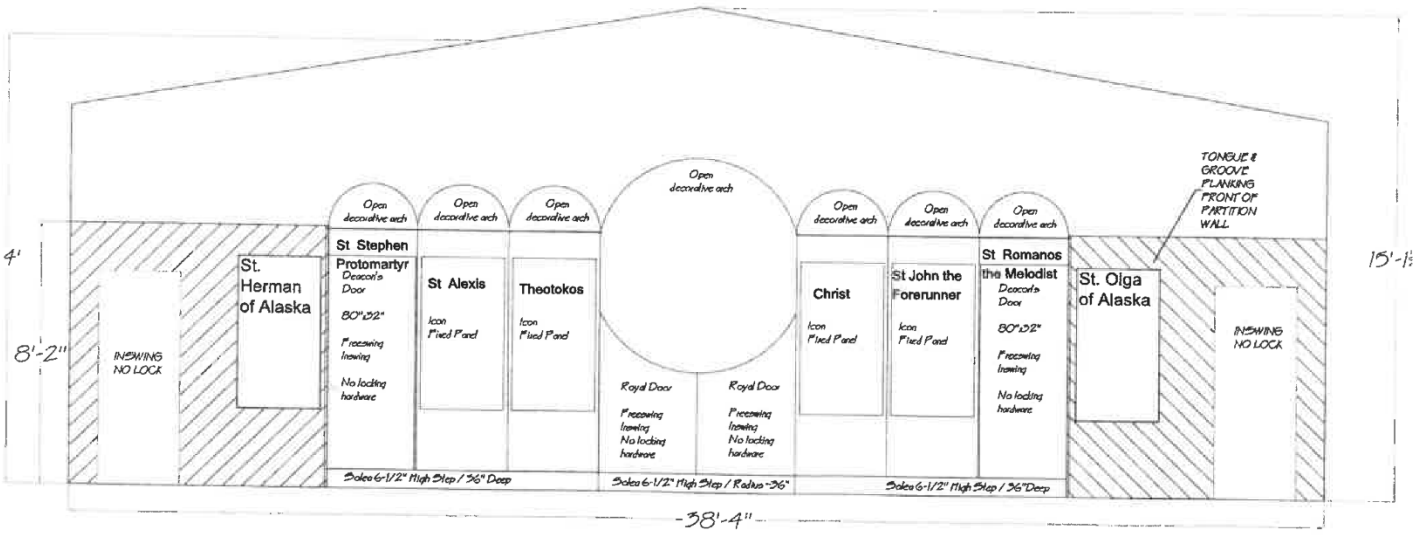
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Life in our Church

Saturday, Nov 14	**Choir Rehearsal** *(in the nave)*	**3:30 PM**
	Memorial Prayers *(Stefan Stanescu 40 days)*	**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	**12:15 PM**
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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 (no meat or dairy)	
	Orthodox Conversations	**12:15 PM**
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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 (no meat or dairy)	
	Orthodox Conversations	**12:15 PM**
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Wednesday, Dec 2	**Church Cleaning**	**3:30 PM**
	Vespers *(Catechism following)*	**6:00 PM**
Saturday, Dec 5	**Choir Rehearsal (note earlier time)**	**3:00 PM**
	Great Vespers *(Confessions following)*	**5:00 PM**
Sunday, Dec 6	**Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**	**9:30 AM**
	Coffee Fellowship Hour (no meat or dairy)	
	Visit from St. Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra & Lycia!	
	Orthodox Conversations	**12:15 PM**

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