

History of the *Joy of All Who Sorrow* Orthodox Church on the Westside of Los Angeles, CA

The *Joy of All Who Sorrow Orthodox Church* was born out of love for God and a desire to serve the Westside neighborhoods of Los Angeles. The mission began in Venice Beach as *Bookstand on the Strand*, which evolved into a one-car garage chapel for worship. An influx of communicants and ever-expanding hope for a permanent Orthodox presence on the Westside drew many to embrace this effort. Soon the mission grew into a two-car garage chapel at the home of Fr. John Tomasi.

In 1999, the *Archangel Michael Orthodox Bookstore* was established in Culver City, CA, including a small, often-used sanctuary, in a 1,200-sq. foot building. The bookstore continues to stock hundreds of books, icons, lampadas, incense and burners, as well as gift items from across the globe. In the autumn of 2000, the Orthodox Church in America (OCA) formally accepted the mission under its wing with its new name: *Joy of All Who Sorrow Orthodox Church*.

For the last ten years, the *Joy of All Who Sorrow* parish has resided in its current location on Sepulveda Boulevard in Culver City and is in the process of locating a facility that will allow our parish to expand and grow roots in the Los Angeles area. People of all ages come into our community to pray for one another and the world in these difficult times.

You can find us on Facebook @JoyOrthodoxLA. Please “follow” to view our many live-streamed services and classes. We also have a YouTube page where you will find various postings. Simply **Subscribe** and click on the bell to receive notices of video postings.:

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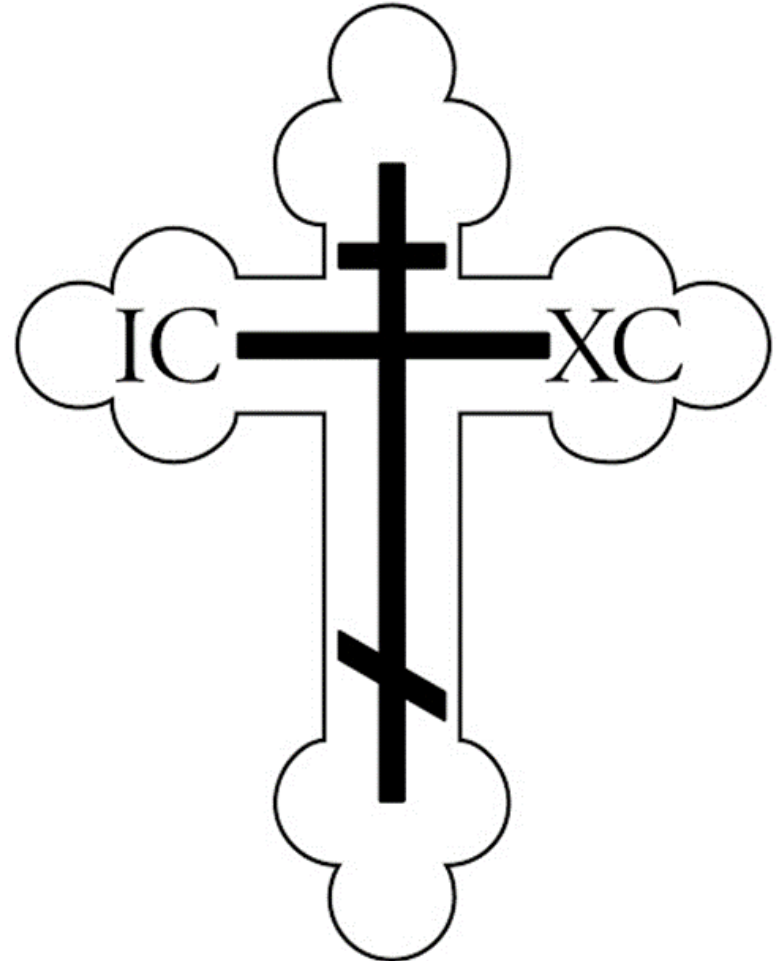
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JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

Church Bulletin & Announcements December 26, 2020-January 9, 2021

Orthodox Cross—Russian “3-Bar” & Greek “Budded”



WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

CURRENTLY, ALL PLACES OF WORSHIP IN L.A. COUNTY ARE ALLOWED TO HOLD INDOOR SERVICES, as long as face masks are worn at all times and everyone respects 6ft social distancing. For our larger services on Saturday and Sunday mornings, we are setting up canopies for an outdoor “Chapel” in our back parking lot. If you plan to visit in person, please bring an umbrella and/or hat for sun protection! **All Sunday Divine Liturgies start at 9am.**

RECENT CHANGES IN CHURCH SERVICES REGARDING COVID-19:
 On most weekdays, we will have indoor Divine Liturgies and evening services in the church. On Saturdays and Sundays, the Divine Liturgies will be held in our back parking lot “Chapel” (weather permitting). **FACE MASKS AND 6FT SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES, INDOORS AND OUTDOORS,** by order of the Los Angeles County Health Dept. We will continue to provide ongoing live-streamed services and class on Facebook for now. **Our Facebook page can be accessed at: @JoyOrthodoxLA.**

We are careful to screen those who enter the doors by taking their temperature and applying hand sanitizer. Physical distancing practices are followed, and those who serve and assist with the administration of Communion use facemasks, gloves, and separate spoons.

THE BOOKSTORE IS OPEN DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS:
 1-7pm Wednesday—Saturday, and on Sunday until 2pm. For those who would like to set up off-hours visits to the bookstore, call Matushka Deborah at 310-849-9451.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & CLASSES: Dec. 26, 2020-Jan. 9, 2021

Saturday, December 26 Nativity Fast: Fish, Oil & Wine Permitted
 7:00 a.m. Matins (*St. Lucia*) Church & Live-Streamed on Facebook
 8:30 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** “Chapel”&Live-Streamed on Facebook
 5:00 p.m. Resurrection Vigil Live-Streaming on Facebook

Sunday, December 27 *Holy Forefathers Sunday* (Fast: Fish, Oil&Wine Permitted)
 9:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** “Chapel”&Live-Streamed on Facebook
Tone 4 Gospel: Luke 14:16-24 **Epistle:** Col 3:4-11

Tuesday, December 29 Nativity Fast: Oil & Wine Permitted
 6:00 p.m. Vespers (*Prophet Daniel/ 3 Youths*) Live-Streamed Facebook

Wednesday, Dec. 30 Nativity Fast: Oil & Wine Permitted
 8:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** Church&Live-Streamed on Facebook
 6:00 p.m. Vespers (*Gr. Martyr Barbara*) Live-Streaming on Facebook
 6:40 p.m. Akathist, St. Nicholas the Wonderworker “ “

Thursday, December 31 Nativity Fast: Oil & Wine Permitted
 8:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** “ Church&Live-Streamed on Facebook
 6:00 p.m. Vespers (*Martyr Boniface*) “ Live-Streaming on Facebook
 6:40 p.m. Akathist, Joy of All Who Sorrow “ “

Friday, January 1, 2021 Nativity Fast, **A BLESSED NEW YEAR TO ALL!!**
 6:00 p.m. Vespers (*St. JohnKronstadt*) Live-Streaming, Facebook

Saturday, January 2 Nativity Fast: Fish, Oil & Wine Permitted
 7:00 a.m. Matins (*StJohnKronstadt*) Live-Streamed on Facebook
 8:30 a.m. **Divine Liturgy “Chapel”&Live Streamed on Facebook**
 5:00 p.m. Resurrection Vigil Church & Live-Streamed on Facebook

Sunday, January 3 *Holy Fathers Sunday* Nativity Fast: Fish, Oil & Wine ok
 9:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** “Chapel”&Live-Streamed on Facebook
Tone 5 Gospel: Mat 1:1-25 **Epistle:** Heb 11:9-40

Monday, January 4 Nativity Fast: Strict
 8:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** “Chapel”&Live-Streamed on Facebook

Wednesday, January 6 Nativity Fast: Oil & Wine Permitted
 6:00 p.m. **NATIVITY VIGIL** In Church & Live-Streaming Facebook

Thursday, January 7 **NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**
 9:00 a.m. **Baptism of Sean & Joy**
 10:00 a.m. **NATIVITY DIVINE LITURGY (“Chapel” Live Online)**
 6:00 p.m. **Vespers (*Synaxis of the Theotokos/2nd Day of Nativity*)**

Friday, January 8 Fast Free—*Synaxis of the Theotokos*
 9:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** In Church & Live-Streaming Facebook
 6:00 p.m. Vespers (*Protomartyr Stephen*) Live-Streamed on Facebook

Saturday, January 9 *Third Day of Nativity*
 7:00 a.m. Matins (*Protomarty Stephen*) Live-Streamed on Facebook
 8:30 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** “Chapel”&Live-Streamed on Facebook
 5:00 p.m. Resurrection Vigil Live-Streaming on Facebook

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **Nativity Fast:** There are several fish, oil & wine days throughout this fast.
- ❖ **To make a confession appointment:** Call Father John at 310-749-0524.
- ❖ **CHRISTMAS DAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 7:** This year, Christmas vigil will take place on Wednesday, January 6, at 6:00 p.m. Then, on Thursday at 9:00 a.m., Sean & Joy will be Baptized, followed by the Nativity Divine Liturgy, starting at 10:00 a.m. *Please mark your calendars and be sure to come to this joyous event if you can!*