

## 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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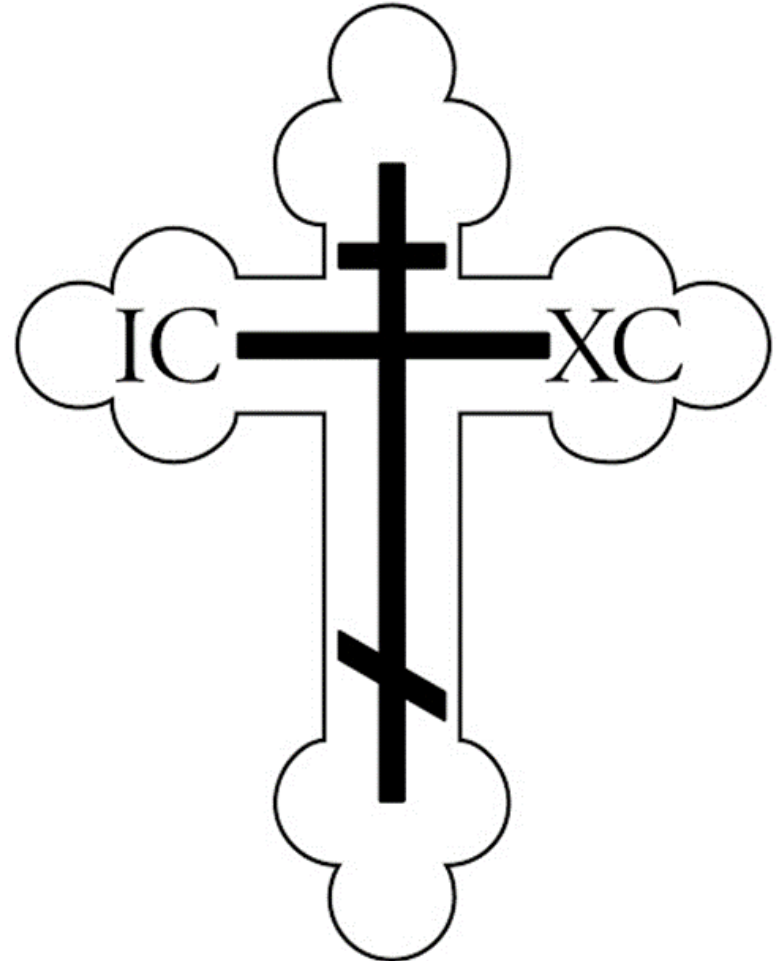
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## JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

### Church Bulletin & Announcements December 12-25, 2020

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



**WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!**

**CURRENTLY, ALL PLACES OF WORSHIP IN L.A. COUNTY ARE BARRED FROM HOLDING INDOOR SERVICES, BUT ARE ALLOWED OUTDOOR SERVICES.**

We are setting up canopies for an outdoor “Chapel” in our parking lot, so that Divine Liturgies will be ongoing at Joy Of All Who Sorrow as well as live-streamed on Facebook. If you plan to visit in person, please bring an umbrella and/or hat for sun protection! **All Sunday Divine Liturgies start at 9am.**

**DUE TO THE CURRENT PRECAUTIONS REGARDING COVID-19:**

At first, we were limited to 25% capacity at our physical address, but now it is clear that “places of worship” are regarded by the governor and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health as places of high risk and inaccessible to the public. However, we will continue to provide ongoing live-streamed services and class on Facebook for now. **Our Facebook page can be accessed at: @Joy Orthodox LA.**

**FACEMASKS ARE REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES.** 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, shields, 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: December 12-25, 2020**

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| <b>Saturday, December 12</b> | Nativity Fast: Fish, Oil & Wine Permitted                               |
| 7:00 a.m.                    | Matins ( <i>Martyrs Paramon</i> ) <u>Live-Streaming on Facebook</u>     |
| 8:30 a.m.                    | <b>Divine Liturgy</b> “Chapel”&Live-Streamed on Facebook                |
| 5:00 p.m.                    | Resurrection Vigil <u>Live-Streaming on Facebook</u>                    |
| <b>Sunday, December 13</b>   | <i>Holy Apostle Andrew</i> (Fast: Fish, Oil & Wine Permitted)           |
| 9:00 a.m.                    | <b>Divine Liturgy</b> “Chapel”&Live-Streamed on Facebook                |
|                              | <b>Tone 2 Gospel:</b> Luke 13:10-17 <b>Epistle:</b> Eph 6:10-17         |
| <b>Monday, December 14</b>   | Nativity Fast: Strict   |
| 6:00 p.m.                    | Vespers ( <i>Prophet Habakkuk</i> ) <u>Live-Streaming Facebook</u>      |
| <b>Tuesday, December 15</b>  | <i>Prophet Habakkuk</i> , Nativity Fast: Oil & Wine Permitted           |
| 8:00 a.m.                    | <b>Divine Liturgy</b> “Chapel”&Live-Streamed on Facebook                |
| <b>Wednesday, Dec. 16</b>    | Nativity Fast: Strict   |
| 6:00 p.m.                    | Vespers ( <i>Gr. Martyr Barbara</i> ) <u>Live-Streaming on Facebook</u> |
| 6:40 p.m.                    | Akathist, St. Nicholas the Wonderworker “ ”                             |
| <b>Approx 7:00 p.m.</b>      | <b>“Studies in the Faith” Class Tonight</b> “ ”                         |

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| <b>Thursday, December 17</b> | <i>Gr. Martyr Barbara &amp; St. John Damascene</i> (Fast:Fish)       |
| 8:00 a.m.                    | <b>Divine Liturgy</b> “Chapel”&Live-Streamed on Facebook             |
| 6:00 p.m.                    | Vespers ( <i>St. Sabbas +532</i> ) <u>Live-Streaming on Facebook</u> |
| 6:40 p.m.                    | Akathist, Joy of All Who Sorrow “ ”                                  |

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| <b>Friday, December 18</b> | Nativity Fast: Oil & Wine Permitted ( <i>St. Sabbas +532</i> )         |
| 8:00 a.m.                  | <b>Divine Liturgy</b> “Chapel”&Live-Streamed on Facebook               |
| 6:00 p.m.                  | <b>Vespers</b> ( <i>St. Nicholas</i> ) <u>Live-Streaming, Facebook</u> |

**Saturday, December 19 ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER +345**

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| 7:00 a.m. | <b>Matins</b> ( <i>St. Nicholas</i> ) <u>Live-Streamed on Facebook</u> |
| 8:30 a.m. | <b>Divine Liturgy</b> “Chapel”&Live Streamed on Facebook               |
| 5:00 p.m. | Resurrection Vigil <u>Live-Streaming on Facebook</u>                   |

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| <b>Sunday, December 20</b> | <i>St. Ambrose of Milan</i> Nativity Fast: Fish, Oil & Wine ok  |
| 9:00 a.m.                  | <b>Divine Liturgy</b> “Chapel”&Live-Streamed on Facebook        |
|                            | <b>Tone 3 Gospel:</b> Luke 17:12-19 <b>Epistle:</b> Col 1:12-18 |

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| <b>Monday, December 21</b> | Nativity Fast: Strict   |
| 6:00 p.m.                  | <b>VIGIL</b> ( <i>Conception Of the Theotokos</i> ) <u>Live on Facebook</u> |

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| <b>Tuesday, December 22</b> | <i>Conception of the Theotokos</i> Nativity Fast: Fish, Oil & Wine     |
| 8:00 a.m.                   | <b>Divine Liturgy</b> “Chapel”&Live-Streamed on Facebook               |
| 6:00 p.m.                   | Vespers ( <i>St. Barlaam of India</i> ) <u>Live-Streaming Facebook</u> |

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| <b>Wednesday, Dec. 23</b> | Nativity Fast: Strict  |
| 6:00 p.m.                 | Vespers ( <i>St. Daniel Stylite</i> ) <u>Live-Streaming Facebook</u> |
| 6:40 p.m.                 | Akathist, St. Nicholas the Wonderworker “ ”                          |
| <b>Approx 7:00 p.m.</b>   | <b>“Studies in the Faith” Class Tonight</b> “ ”                      |

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| <b>Thursday, December 24</b> | Nativity Fast: Oil & Wine Permitted                         |
| 6:00 p.m.                    | <b>VIGIL: St. Herman of Alaska -Live-Streaming Facebook</b> |

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| <b>Friday, December 25</b> | <b>ST. HERMAN OF ALASKA</b> Fast: Fish, Oil & Wine                     |
| 9:00 a.m.                  | <b>Divine Liturgy</b> “Chapel”&Live-Streaming Facebook                 |
| 6:00 p.m.                  | Vespers ( <i>Martyr Eustratius</i> ) <u>Live-Streaming on Facebook</u> |

**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!*