

## 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 the *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, and eventually landed on a busy street in Culver City, CA.

In 1999, the *Archangel Michael Orthodox Bookstore* was established in Culver City, which housed 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 12 years, the *Joy of All Who Sorrow* parish has resided in its current rented facility on Sepulveda Boulevard in Culver City, and is always hoping to find a permanent location that will allow our parish to expand and grow perpetual roots in the Los Angeles area. People of all ages come into our community to pray for one another and for the world in these challenging times. Benefactors, as founders in this endeavor, are welcomed to contribute! No gift is too small, for we believe that with “faith as a grain of mustard seed....nothing shall be impossible unto you [Mat 17:20].”

You can find us on Facebook @JoyOrthodoxLA. Please “like” and “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.:

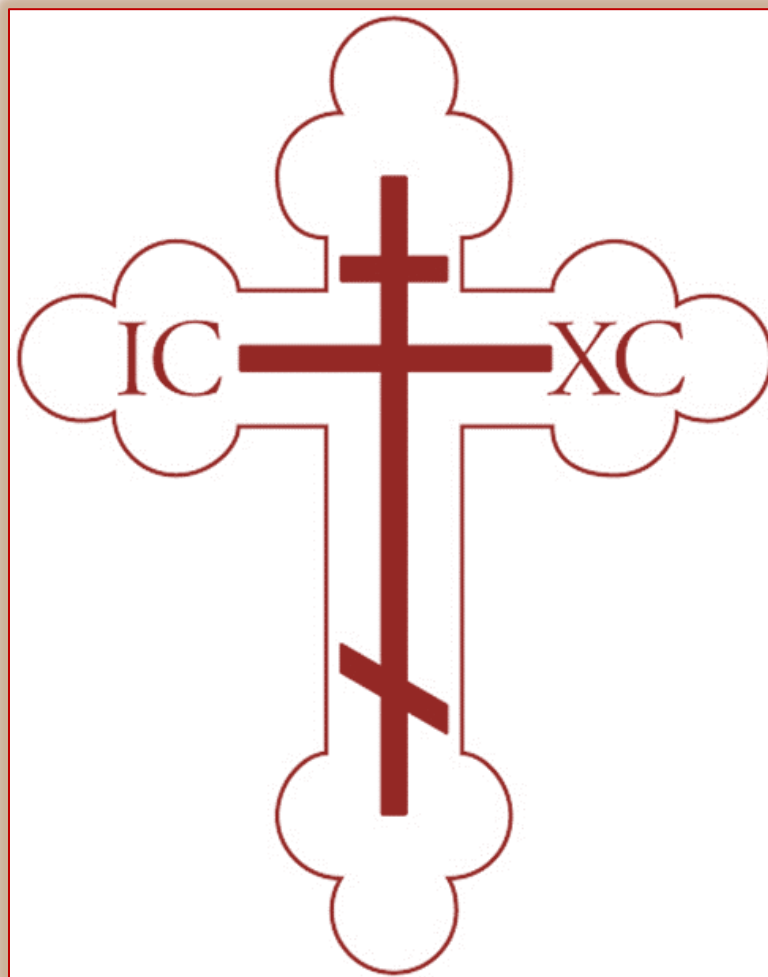
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## JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

**Church Bulletin & Announcements**  
**August 16-31, 2021**



**WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!**

**CURRENTLY, ALL PLACES OF WORSHIP IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARE ALLOWED TO HOLD INDOOR SERVICES, as long those not vaccinated for COVID 19 wear face masks in the Church. With this in mind, we have decided to have everyone wear a mask in our worship services, for the safety of all who attend.** Face masks and hand sanitizer will be provided at the front door and at the side entrance to the church. Please stay home if you are sick. Thank you for keeping our church members and visitors safe from harm!

**ONGOING CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS:**

We will continue to live-stream the services and classes on Facebook. Please *like* and *follow* Joy of All Who Sorrow Orthodox Church in Culver City, CA, on Facebook:

**Facebook@JoyOrthodoxLA.**

The bookstore also has its own Facebook page that you can *like* and *follow*:

**Facebook@Archangel Michael Orthodox Bookstore**

**SUNDAY SERVICES WILL START AT 10:00 A.M.**

Physical distancing practices will be followed as the need arises.

**THE BOOKSTORE HOURS WILL VARY IN AUGUST**

Bookstore hours are generally 1-7pm Wednesday—Saturday, and on Sunday until 2pm., but call 310-391-9911 first for any changes, especially during July 2021. For those who would like to arrange for off-hours visits to the bookstore, call Reader Michael at 310-736-7184.

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & CLASSES: August 16-31, 2021**

**Monday, August 16** Dormition Fast—No dairy, eggs, fish, meat, oil  
**6:00 p.m.** Vespers (*Holy 7 Youths of Ephesus*)  
**Tuesday, August 17** Dormition Fast—No dairy, eggs, fish, meat, oil  
**7:00 a.m.** **Divine Liturgy** (*Holy 7 Youths*) Indoor/Live on Facebook

**Wednesday, August 18** Dormition Fast—No dairy, eggs, fish, meat, oil  
**6:00 p.m.** **VIGIL** (*Holy Transfiguration*) Indoor/Live on Facebook  
 No “**Studies in the Faith**” Class Tonight, Vigil Instead

**Thursday, August 19** **HOLY TRANSFIGURATION, Fish Allowed**  
**7:00 a.m.** **Divine Liturgy** Indoor & Live on Facebook  
**6:00 p.m.** Vespers (*St. Dometius*) “ “  
**7:00 p.m.** Choir Practice

**Friday, August 20** Dormition Fast—No dairy, eggs, fish, meat, oil  
**6:00 p.m.** Vespers (*Sts. Zosimus & Sabbatius*) Indoor & Live on Facebook

**Saturday, August 21** Dormition Fast—Oil & Wine Permitted  
**7:00 a.m.** Matins & 1<sup>st</sup> Hour Indoor & Live on Facebook  
**8:30 a.m.** **Divine Liturgy** “ “  
**5:00 p.m.** Resurrection Vigil “ “

**Sunday, August 22** *Apostle Matthias & Afterfeast* Oil & Wine Permitted  
**10:00 a.m.** **Divine Liturgy** Indoor & Live on Facebook  
**Tone 8 Epistle:** 1 Cor 3:9-17 **Gospel:** Mat 14:22-34

**Wednesday, August 25** Dormition Fast—No dairy, eggs, fish, meat, oil  
**6:00 p.m.** Vespers (*Apodosis of Transfiguration*) Indoor/Facebook  
**7:00 p.m.** “**Studies in the Faith**” Class (taught by Fr. John) “

**Thursday, August 26** Dormition Fast—Oil & Wine Permitted  
**7:00 a.m.** **Divine Liturgy** (*Apodosis*) Indoor & Live on Facebook  
**6:00 p.m.** Vespers (*St. Theodosius of Kiev Caves*) “ “  
**7:00 p.m.** Choir Practice

**Friday, August 27** Dormition Fast—No dairy, eggs, fish, meat, oil  
**7:00 a.m.** **Divine Liturgy** (*St. Theodosius*) Indoor & Live on Facebook  
**6:00 p.m.** **VIGIL** (*Dormition of the Theotokos*) “ “

**Saturday, August 28** **DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS**  
**8:00 a.m.** **The Hours** Indoor & Live on Facebook  
**8:30 a.m.** **Divine Liturgy** “ “  
**5:00 p.m.** Resurrection Vigil (*Not Made by Hands Icon*) “ “

**Sunday, August 29** *Icon of Christ: “Not Made By Hands”*  
**10:00 a.m.** **Divine Liturgy** Indoor & Live on Facebook  
**Tone 1 Epistle:** 1 Cor 4:9-16 **Gospel:** Mat 17:14-23

**Tuesday, August 31**  
**6:00 p.m.** Vespers (*Martyr Andrew*) Indoor & Live on Facebook

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ❖ **NEW TIME FOR SUNDAY SERVICES:** We have resumed our normal 10:00 a.m. time for Sunday Divine Liturgies
- ❖ **FAREWELL TO VALENTIN:** Our dear and faithful Valentin has finished his UCLA Doctorate Courses and has been awarded a PhD in Physics. Congratulations, Valentin! May God bless all your endeavors as you travel to Germany for your new position. We will miss you!!
- ❖ **“Studies in the Faith” Classes:** The 7:00 p.m. Wednesday night classes will once again be taught by Father John. Note: No Studies in the Faith Class on Wed., Aug 18, due to Transfiguration Vigil.
- ❖ **The Children’s Religious Education Program:** Mimi will continue to update parents and students as to the dates and times of Sunday School.
- ❖ **To make a Confession Appointment:** Call Fr. John at 310-749-0524 to arrange a time. Confessions are commonly heard on Fridays from 4 to 7 p.m. and during Saturday evening vigil.