

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.:

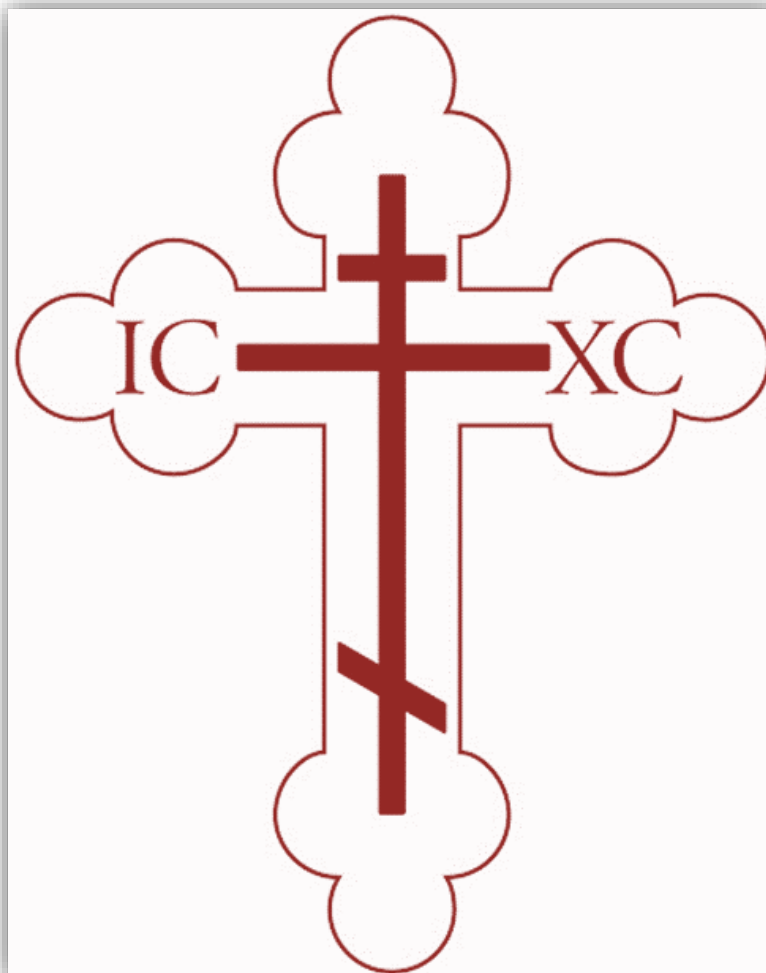
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JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

Church Bulletin & Announcements
November 16-30, 2021



WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

CURRENTLY, ALL PLACES OF WORSHIP IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARE ALLOWED TO HOLD INDOOR SERVICES, as long everyone wear face masks in the Church. Please wear a face 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, 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 BEGIN AT 10:00 A.M.

Physical distancing practices will be followed as the need arises.

BOOKSTORE HOURS MAY VARY FROM TIME TO TIME

Bookstore hours are generally 1:00 to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday—Saturday, and on Sunday until 2:00 p.m. For those who would like to double check the hours on any given day or arrange for off-hours visits to the bookstore, call Matushka Deborah at 310-849-9451.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & CLASSES: NOVEMBER 16-30, 2021

Tuesday, November 16 *Hieromartyrs Acepimas and Companions +376)*
7:00 p.m. **OCF Zoom Bible Class** (*Link will be emailed to all*)

Wednesday, Nov. 17 Strict Fast Day
6:00 p.m. Vespers (*St. Jonah of Novgorod*) Indoor & Live-Streamed
6:30 p.m. Akathist to St. Nicholas " "
7:00 p.m. **"Studies in the Faith" Class** (taught by Fr. John) "

Thurs., November 18 *St. Jonah, Archbishop of Novgorod +1470*
7:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** Indoor & Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m. Vespers (*St. Paul the Confessor*) " "

Friday, November 19 Strict Fast Day—*St. Paul, the Confessor +350*
7:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** Indoor & Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m. Vespers (*St. Lazarus of Mt. Galesion +1053*) " "

Saturday, November 20 *St. Lazarus of Mt. Galesion, near Ephesus +1053*
7:00 a.m. Matins & the Hours Indoor & Live on Facebook
8:30 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** " "
5:00 p.m. Resurrection Vigil (*Archangel Michael*) " "

Sunday, November 21 *Synaxis of Archangel Michael and the Other Archangels*
10:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** Indoor & Live on Facebook
Tone 5 Epistle: Gal 6:11-18 **Gospel:** Luke 8:41-56

Monday, November 22—Friday, November 26:
Father John & Matushka will be out of town
The Bookstore will be closed Wed.-Fri, November 24-26

Thursday, November 25 **HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!!**

Friday, November 26 Fast Day, Oil & Wine Permitted
6:00 p.m. Vespers (*Holy Apostle Philip*) Indoor/Live Facebook

Saturday, November 27 *Holy and All Praised Apostle Philip +1st Century*
7:00 a.m. Matins & 1st Hour Indoor & Live on Facebook
8:30 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** " "
5:00 p.m. Resurrection Vigil " "

Sunday, November 28 **TODAY BEINGS THE NATIVITY FAST** (Fish, Oil & Wine Permitted)
10:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** Indoor & Live on Facebook
Tone 6 Epistle: Eph 2:4-10 **Gospel:** Luke 10:25-37
12:00 noon **Vigil:** *Apostle and Evangelist Matthew +60* Indoor & Live

Monday, November 29 Nativity Fast—Fish, Oil, & Wine Permitted Today
7:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** Indoor & Live on Facebook
6:30 p.m. Akathist to Archangel Michael " "

Tuesday, November 30 Nativity Fast—Oil & Wine Permitted Today (**OCF Break**)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **Tomasis out of Town Nov. 22-26:** The bookstore will be closed the week of Thanksgiving until Saturday, Nov. 27. Fr. John and Matushka will still be available by phone.
- ❖ **The Nativity Fast:** This annual fast begins Sunday, Nov. 28, 2021, according to the Old Calendar, and will last until Christmas on January 7, 2022. Fish, oil and wine are often permitted throughout the course of the fast. Consult our church bulletins for specific fasting rules for each day of the week. It is a time of spiritual preparation for Nativity, and is truly blessed for those who follow it in the spirit of prayer and fasting, as prescribed by our Lord.
- ❖ **Sunday School—Once a Month:** For all ages, Sunday School will begin at the sermon. For information, call Matushka Deborah at 310-849-9451
- ❖ **To Make a Confession Appointment:** Call Fr. John at 310-749-0524.