

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.:

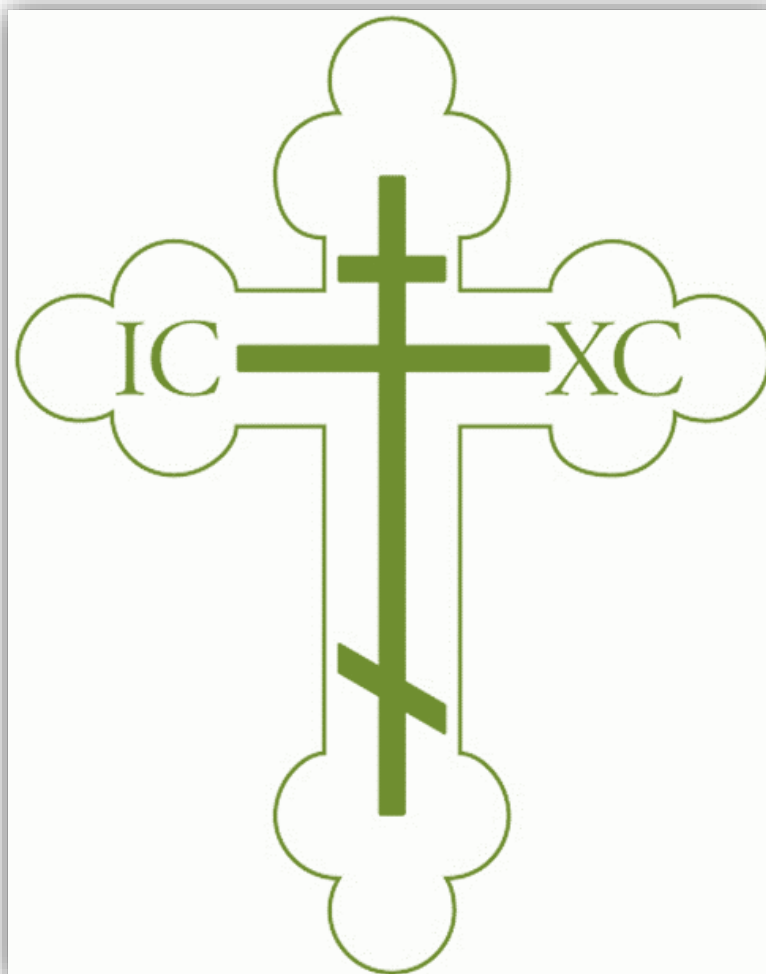
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JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

Church Bulletin & Announcements
December 6-19, 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: DECEMBER 6-19, 2021

Monday, December 6	Strict Nativity Fast		
7:00 a.m.	Matins (<i>St. Alexander</i>)	Indoor & Live on Facebook	
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>Gr. Martyr Catherine +305</i>)	" "	
6:45 p.m.	Akathist to Archangel Michael	" "	
Tuesday, December 7	Nativity Fast, Oil & Wine Permitted (<i>Gr Martyr Catherine</i>)		
7:00 a.m.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u>	Indoor & Live on Facebook	
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>Apodosis of Feast</i>)	" "	
Wednesday, December 8	Nativity Fast, Oil & Wine Permitted		
7:00 a.m.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u>	Indoor & Live on Facebook	
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>St. Innocent of Irkutsk</i>)	" "	
6:30 p.m.	Akathist to St. Nicholas	" "	
7:00 p.m.	"Studies in the Faith" Class (taught by Fr. John)	" "	
Thursday, December 9	Nativity Fast, Oil & Wine Permitted		
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>Kursk-Root Icon, Theotokos</i>)	Indoor/Live Facebook	
Friday, December 10	Fast Day—Fish, Oil & Wine Permitted (<i>Kursk-Root Icon</i>)		
7:00 a.m.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u>	Indoor & Live on Facebook	
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>St. Stephen the New</i>)	" "	
Saturday, December 11	Nativity Fast—Fish, Oil, & Wine Permitted Today		
7:00 a.m.	Matins & 1 st Hour	Indoor & Live on Facebook	
8:30 a.m.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u>	" "	
4:00 p.m.	Resurrection Vespers	" "	
6:00 p.m.	Marina Del Rey Fireworks/Boat Parade (see note below)		

Sunday, December 12	Nativity Fast—Fish, Oil, & Wine Permitted Today		
8:30 a.m.	Matins & Hours		
10:00 a.m.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u>	Indoor & Live on Facebook	
	Tone 8 Epistle: Eph 4:1-6 Gospel: Luke 13:10-17		
12:00 noon	Vespers: (<i>Apostle Andrew</i>)	Indoor & Facebook	
2:00 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting, via Zoom		
Monday, December 13	Nativity Fast—Fish, Oil, & Wine Permitted Today		
7:00 a.m.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u> (<i>Apostle Andrew</i>)	Indoor & Facebook	
6:30 p.m.	Akathist to Archangel Michael	" "	
Wednesday, Dec. 15	Strict Nativity Fast		
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>Prophet Zephaniah</i>)	Indoor & Facebook	
6:30 p.m.	Akathist to St. Nicholas	" "	
7:00 p.m.	"Studies in the Faith" Class (taught by Fr. John)	" "	
Thurs., December 16	Nativity Fast, Oil & Wine Permitted		
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>Gr Martyr Barbara; St. John Damascene</i>)		
Friday, December 17	Nativity Fast, Oil & Wine Permitted		
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>St. Sabbas the Sanctified</i>)	Indoor & Facebook	
7:00 a.m.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u> (<i>Mtyr Barbara/St. John</i>)	" "	
Saturday, December 18	Nativity Fast—Fish, Oil, & Wine Permitted Today		
7:00 a.m.	Matins & Hours (<i>St. Sabbas</i>)	Indoor & Live on Facebook	
8:30 a.m.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u>	" "	
5:00 p.m.	Resurrection Vigil (SAINT NICHOLAS)	" "	

Sunday, December 19	SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER
10:00 a.m.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u> Indoor & Live on Facebook
	Tone 1 Epistle: Eph 5:8-19 Gospel: Luke 17:12-19
11:30 a.m.	Brunch and St. Nicholas Celebration (complete with activities, singers, and special visit from St. Nicholas)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **The Nativity Fast:** This annual fast began 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 (see calendar).
- ❖ **Marina Del Rey Christmas Boat Parade, Sat., Dec. 11:** Our very own Dickens singers will join in the festivities. Schedule: **5:55 pm—6:00 pm** Fireworks Show. **6:00 pm—8:00 pm** Holiday Boat Parade. A traditional fireworks display kicks off the evening. Fireworks site is on the jetty near the entrance of the main channel. All boats will begin circling the main channel of the Marina at 6:00 pm. Parade Entry: 13589 Mindanao Way, MDR, CA 90292
- ❖ **St. Nicholas Brunch/Celebration, Sun, Dec. 19:** Plan to stay for brunch, singing, and a visit from St. Nicholas. All are invited—especially children!!
- ❖ **To Make a Confession Appointment:** Call Fr. John at 310-749-0524.