

## 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.:

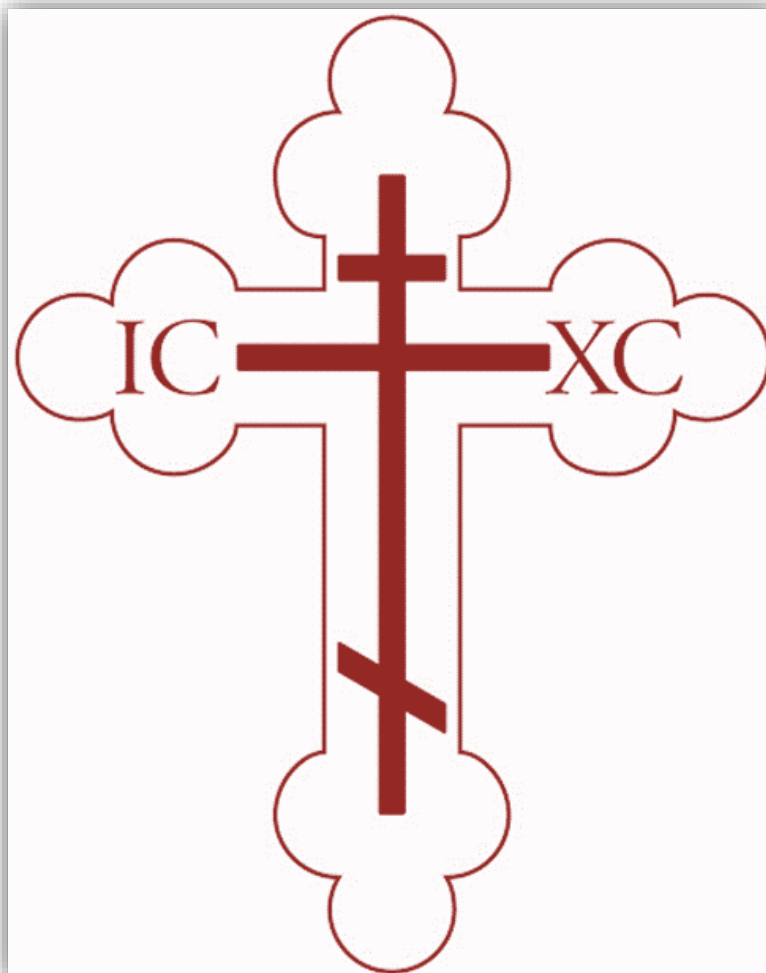
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**Joy of All Who Sorrow (OCA) & Archangel Michael Orthodox Bookstore**  
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## JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

**Church Bulletin & Announcements**  
**December 20, 2021-January 7, 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: Dec. 20, 2021—January 7, 2022**

<b>Monday, December 20</b>	Strict Nativity Fast		
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Akathist to Archangel Michael	Indoor/Live on Facebook	
<b>Tuesday, December 21</b>	Nativity Fast, Oil & Wine Permitted		
<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Vespers ( <i>Conception of the Theotokos</i> )	" "	
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 22</b>	Nativity Fast, Oil & Wine Permitted		
<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	<b><u>Divine Liturgy</u></b>	Indoor/Live on Facebook	
<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Vespers ( <i>Martyr Menas +313</i> )	" "	
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Akathist to St. Nicholas	" "	
<b>Thursday, December 23</b>	Nativity Fast, Oil & Wine Permitted		
<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Vespers ( <i>St. Daniel the Stylite</i> )	Indoor/Live on Facebook	
<b>Friday, December 24</b>	Strict Fast Day		
<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Vespers ( <i>St. Herman of Alaska</i> )	" "	
<b>Saturday, December 25</b>	Nativity Fast—Fish, Oil, & Wine	<b>BOOKSTORE CLOSED</b>	
<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Matins & 1 <sup>st</sup> Hour	Indoor/Live on Facebook	
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b><u>Divine Liturgy</u></b>	" "	
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Resurrection Vigil	" "	
<b>Sunday, December 26</b>	Nativity Fast—Fish, Oil, & Wine Permitted Today		
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b><u>Divine Liturgy</u></b>	Indoor & Live on Facebook	
	<b>Tone 2 Epistle:</b> Col 3:4-11	<b>Gospel:</b> Luke 14:16-24	

**Monday, December 27, through Thursday, December 30, 2021**  
*Father John & Matushka on Pilgrimage*

<b>Monday, December 27</b>	Strict Nativity Fast		
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Akathist to Archangel Michael	Indoor/Live on Facebook	
<b>Thurs., December 30</b>	Nativity Fast, Fish, Oil & Wine Permitted		
<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Vespers ( <i>St. Sebastian +287</i> )		
<b>Friday, December 31</b>	<b>Milena's Name Day!!</b>		
<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Vespers ( <i>Martyr Boniface +290</i> )	Indoor/Facebook on Facebook	
	<b><u>Moleben of Thanksgiving</u></b>		
	<b><u>Dinner &amp; New Year's Gathering</u></b>		
<b>Sat., January 1, 2022</b>	Nativity Fast—Fish, Oil, & Wine Permitted Today		
<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Matins & Hours ( <i>Mtyr Boniface</i> )	Indoor/Facebook Live	
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b><u>Divine Liturgy</u></b>	" "	
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Resurrection Vigil	" "	
<b>Sunday, January 2</b>	<i>Sunday before the Nativity of Christ</i>		
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b><u>Divine Liturgy</u></b>	Indoor & Live on Facebook	
	<b>Tone 3 Epistle:</b> Heb 11:9-40	<b>Gospel:</b> Matt 1:1-25	
<b>Monday, January 3</b>	Nativity Fast, Oil & Wine Permitted		
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Akathist to Archangel Michael	Indoor/Facebook Live	
<b>Wednesday, January 5</b>	Strict Nativity Fast (No "Studies in the Faith" Class)		
<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Vespers	Indoor/Facebook Live	
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Akathist to Saint Nicholas		

<b>Thursday, January 6</b>	<i>Eve of Nativity</i> Fast, Oil & Wine Permitted		
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Baptism</b>		
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Nativity Royal Hours</b>	Indoor & Live on Facebook	
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b><u>Vesperal Liturgy</u></b>	" "	
<b>10:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Nativity Vigil</b>	" "	
<b>Friday, January 7</b>	<b>THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST</b>		
<b>12:00a.m. Midnight</b>	<b><u>Nativity Divine Liturgy, followed by Potluck Feast!</u></b>		
<b>3:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.</b>	<b>OPEN HOUSE AT THE TOMASI HOME</b>		
<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Vespers (<i>Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos</i>)</b>		

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ❖ **Tomasia out on Pilgrimage, Dec. 27-30:** If you need to reach us with an urgent matter, please contact either Reader Michael Lujan at (310) 736-7184 or Reader Steven Ridgill at 310-684-9430.
- ❖ **New Year's Moleben of Thanks, followed by Dinner and Fellowship (our dear Milena's Name Day!)** Please contact Milena or Oksana to RSVP
- ❖ **January 6-7 Christmas Schedule:** See above.
- ❖ **To Make a Confession Appointment:** Call Fr. John at 310-749-0524.