

## 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, also in Culver City, which housed a small, often-used sanctuary, in a cozy 1,200 square foot building. The bookstore continues to stock hundreds of books, icons, lampadas, incense and burners, as well as gift items from around 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 over 12 years, the *Joy of All Who Sorrow* parish resided in its third location (on Sepulveda Boulevard in Culver City), and has moved to its fourth, now in Marina Del Rey, CA, just north of the 90 Freeway. We are always hoping to find a permanent location that will allow our parish to expand and grow perpetual roots in the Westside of Los Angeles. 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* [Mat 17:20].

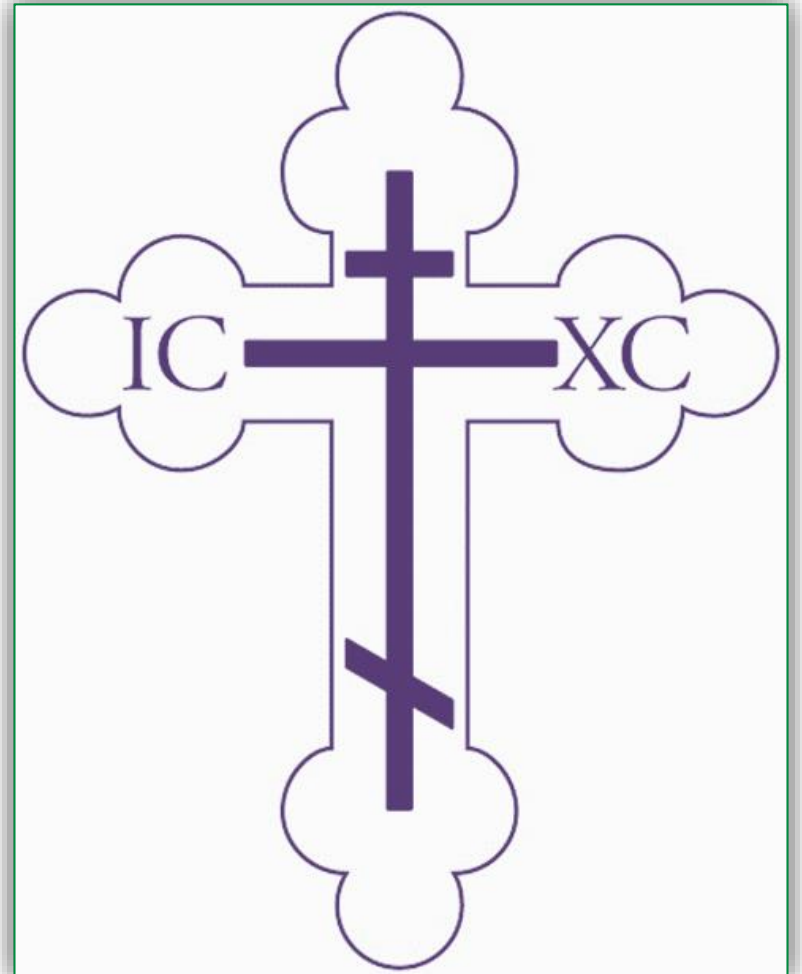
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## JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

Church Bulletin & Announcements  
November 23-December 6, 2022



## WELCOME!!

**FACE MASKS:** Please feel free to wear a face mask in our worship services if that makes you feel more comfortable, and for the safety of all who attend. We ask that you stay home if you are sick. Thank you for keeping our church safe from harm!

**ONGOING CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS:** We continue to live-stream our services and classes on Facebook. Feel free to *like* and *follow* Joy of All Who Sorrow Orthodox Church, Culver City, CA, on Facebook: @JoyOrthodoxLA.

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

Our Website: [www.joyoffallwhosorrow.org](http://www.joyoffallwhosorrow.org)

**SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY BEGINS AT 10:00 A.M.** All Sunday and weekday services are held at 4161 Lincoln Blvd., Marina Del Rey, CA, 90292.

**BOOKSTORE HOURS:** Bookstore hours are Wednesday-Saturday, 1p.m. to 7p.m., and on Sundays until 2p.m. Off-hours visits can also be arranged by calling Matushka Deborah at 310-849-9451. Additionally, the bookstore is open and available after all services in the church. Feel free to ask choir members or altar services for assistance.

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & CLASSES: November 23-December 6, 2022**

**Wednesday, Nov. 23** Strict Fast Day  
**6:00 p.m.** Vespers(*Gr.Martyr Menas of Egypt +304*) Live on Facebook  
**6:30 p.m.** Akathist " "  
**7:00 p.m.** "Studies in the Faith" Class (Fr. John Tomasi) " "

**Thursday, November 24** **HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL! (8:00 a.m. Liturgy)**  
**[Bookstore Closed Today]**  
**8:00 a.m.** **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook

**Friday, November 25** **[Bookstore Closed Today]**  
**6:00 p.m.** Vespers (*St. John Chrysostom +407*) Live on Facebook  
**6:30 p.m.** Akathist to the Mother of God " "

**Saturday, November 26**  
**7:00 a.m.** Matins & Hours Live on Facebook  
**8:30 a.m.** **Divine Liturgy** " "  
**3:30 p.m.** **Choir Practice** " "  
**5:00 p.m.** **Resurrection Vigil** " "

**Sunday, November 27** *Holy Apostle Philip +87; St. Gregory Palamas +1359*  
**10:00 a.m.** **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook  
**Tone 7 Epistle:** Eph. 2:4-10 **Gospel:** Luke 10:25-37

**Monday, November 28** **NATIVITY FAST BEGINS TODAY-Oil & Wine Permitted**  
**7:00 a.m.** **Divine Liturgy** (*St. Paisius+1795*) Live on Facebook  
**6:00 p.m.** Vigil (*Holy Apostle Matthew +60*) " "

**Tuesday, November 29** Nativity Fast—Fish, Oil, & Wine Permitted  
**7:00 a.m.** **Divine Liturgy** (*Apostle Matthew*) Live on Facebook  
**6:30 p.m.** Akathist " "

**Wednesday, Nov. 30** Nativity Strict Fast Day  
**6:00 p.m.** Vespers (*Martyr Platon +302*) Live on Facebook  
**6:30 p.m.** Akathist to St. Nicholas " "  
**7:00 p.m.** "Studies in the Faith" Class (Fr. John Tomasi) " "

**Thursday, December 1** Nativity Fast—Oil & Wine Permitted  
**6:00 p.m.** Vespers (*Prophet Obadiah (+9<sup>th</sup> Cent.BC)*) Live on Facebook  
**6:30 p.m.** Akathist " "

**Friday, December 2** Nativity Strict Fast Day  
**6:00 p.m.** Vespers (*St.Gregory+816; St Proclus+447*) Live on Facebook  
**6:30 p.m.** Akathist to the Mother of God " "

**Saturday, December 3** Nativity Fast—Fish, Oil, & Wine Permitted  
**7:00 a.m.** Matins & Hours Live on Facebook  
**8:30 a.m.** **Divine Liturgy** " "  
**3:30 p.m.** **Choir Practice** " "  
**5:00 p.m.** **Resurrection & Entry of Theotokos Vigil** " "

**Sunday, December 4** **GREAT FEAST: ENTRY OF THE THEOTOKOS**  
**10:00 a.m.** **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook  
**Tone 8 Epistle:** Eph. 4:1-6 **Gospel:** Luke 12:16-21

**Monday, December 5** Nativity Strict Fast Day  
**6:30 p.m.** Akathist Live on Facebook

**Tuesday, December 6** Nativity Strict Fast Day  
**6:30 a.m.** **Monastery of St. Macarius Divine Liturgy-Montclair, CA**  
**6:00 p.m.** Vespers (*Great Martyr Catherine*) Live on Facebook  
**6:30 p.m.** Akathist " "

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ❖ **NATIVITY FAST BEGINS NOVEMBER 28:** Please refer to the calendar for which days allow for wine & oil, and/or fish.
- ❖ **DECEMBER WHAT THE DICKEN! CONCERT & BOAT PARADE**  
 Mark your calendars. Our Annual Dickens! Concert will take place at 3pm on Saturday, Dec. 10, followed by a brisk walk to the waterfront at Chase Park in Marina Del Rey to see the annual Christmas Lights Boat Show. The *Dickens!* singers will sing for the crowd! Parking should remain in our lot due to traffic jams on the roads. The main viewing area for the parade is about 1 mile from the Church, . Be sure to dress warmly!
- ❖ **TO MAKE A CONFESSION:** Father is available on Fridays 4-7pm to hear confessions. To make other arrangements, call him at 310-749-0524.