

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].

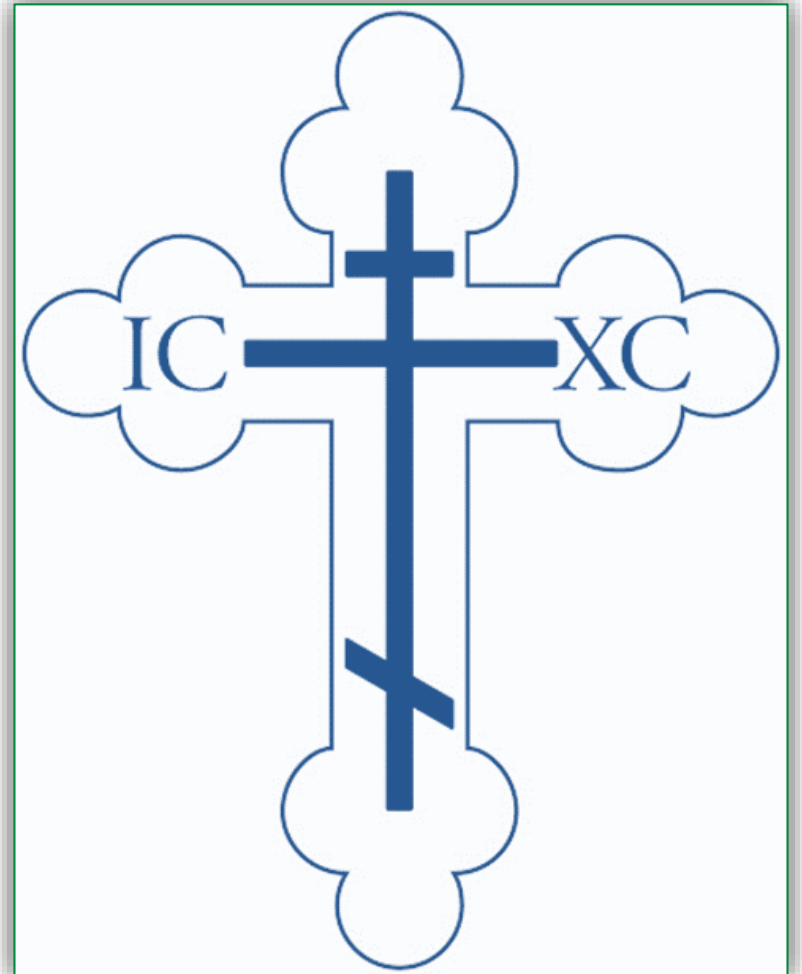
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JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

Church Bulletin & Announcements
December 19-31, 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 to *follow*: Facebook@ArchangelMichaelOrthodoxBookstore

Our Website: www.joyofallwhosorrow.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 servers for assistance.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & CLASSES: December 19-31, 2022

Monday, December 19	SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER	
7:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy (<i>St. Nicholas</i>)	Live on Facebook

Wednesday, December 21	Nativity Strict Fast Day	
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>Conception Theotokos</i>)	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 22	Conception of the Theotokos; Fish, Oil & Wine Permitted	
8:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>Martyr Minos & Companions</i>)	" "

Friday, December 23	Strict Nativity Fast Day	
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>St. Daniel, the Stylite</i>)	Live on Facebook
6:30 p.m.	Candy Cane Lane Caroling; meet at church for costumes and meet at Candy Cane Lane at 7:30pm	

Saturday, December 24	Nativity Fast—Fish, Oil, & Wine Permitted	
7:00 a.m.	Matins & Hours	Live on Facebook
8:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	" "
3:00 p.m.	Choir Practice	" "
5:00 p.m.	Resurrection & St. Herman Vigil	" "

Sunday, December 25	St Herman of Alaska, Fast: Fish, Oil & Wine Permitted	
8:00 a.m.	Resurrection Matins	Live on Facebook
10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
	Tone 3 Epistle: Col 3:4-11 Gospel: Luke 14:16-24	

Wednesday, December 28	Nativity Strict Fast Day	
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>Prophet Haggai</i>)	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 29	Nativity Fast—Oil & Wine Permitted	
7:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy (<i>Prophet Haggai</i>)	Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>Prophet Daniel & 3 Holy Youths</i>)	" "

Friday, December 30	Nativity Strict Fast Day	
7:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy (<i>Prophet Daniel & Youths</i>)	Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>St. Sebastian & Companions</i>)	" "
6:30 p.m.	Akathist to the Mother of God	" "

Saturday, December 31	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 Vigil	" "
8:00 p.m.	Parish Gathering in Hall (Call Milena if you plan to come)	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **OLD CALENDAR CHRISTMAS: Saturday, January 7, 2023**
Be sure to mark your calendars! Every year, we celebrate an **All-Night Vigil for Christmas, starting at 10:00 p.m. on Friday, January 6th** with Divine Liturgy starting at approximately 12 Midnight (a.m.) on January 7th. This year, January 6th lands on a Friday night, and after the Liturgy (approx. 1:30 a.m. on the 7th) we will have a potluck meal at the church to celebrate together this Great Feast.
- ❖ **NATIVITY OPEN HOUSE AT THE TOMASIS, Saturday, January 7, 4:00 – 10:00 p.m.** Refreshments will be served in the afternoon and into the evening. Please come! Call 310-849-9451 or 31—749-0524 for information and directions. The Saturday evening, January 7, (Resurrection) Vespers at the church will be from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The Resurrection Matins service will be on Sunday, January 8, starting at 8:00 a. m., followed by Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.
- ❖ **TO MAKE A CONFESSION APPOINTMENT:** Fr. John will hear confessions on Fridays from 4pm to 7pm, and during the vigil on Saturday nights. To make special arrangements, please call him at 310-749-0524.
- ❖ **CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING: Sunday, January 15, 2023:** following Divine Liturgy. Father John asks that everyone attend this special meeting. It is held once a year and involves electing new parish council members and officers, and also the approval of the budget for 2023.