

## 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].

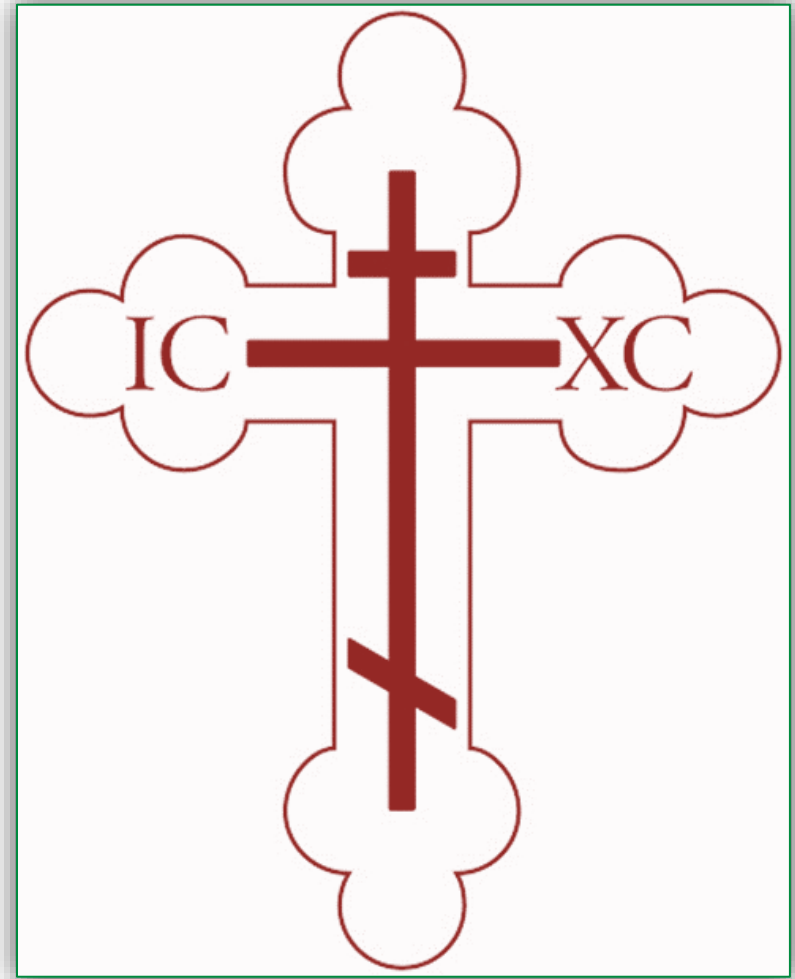
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**Joy of All Who Sorrow (OCA) & Archangel Michael Orthodox Bookstore**  
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## JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

**Church Bulletin & Announcements**  
**January 1-14, 2023**



# 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](http://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: January 1-14, 2023

<b>Sunday, January 1</b>	<i>Sunday of the Holy Forefathers,</i> Fish, Oil & Wine Permitted	
10:00 a.m.	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	Live on Facebook
	<b>Tone 4 Epistle:</b> Heb 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40 <b>Gospel:</b> Mat 1:1-25	
1:00 p.m.	Vespers ( <i>St. John of Kronstadt</i> )	
<b>Monday, January 2</b>	<i>St. John of Kronstadt,</i> Fish, Oil, Wine Permitted	
7:00 a.m.	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m.	Vespers ( <i>St. Peter Metropolitan of Kiev +1326</i> )	" "
<b>Tuesday, January 3</b>	Nativity Fast—Oil & Wine Permitted	
6:00 a.m.	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> ( <i>St. Peter of Kiev</i> )	Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m.	Vespers ( <i>Gr. Martyr Anastasia +304</i> )	" "
<b>Wednesday, January 4</b>	Strict Nativity Fast Day	
7:00 a.m.	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m.	Vespers ( <i>Forefeast of Nativity</i> )	" "
6:30 p.m.	Akathist to St. Nicholas	" "
7:00 p.m.	“Studies in the Faith” Class (Fr. John Tomasi)	" "
<b>Thursday, January 5</b>	Nativity Fast—Oil & Wine Permitted	
6:00 p.m.	Vespers ( <i>Forefeast; Martyr Eugenia</i> )	Live on Facebook
<b>Friday, January 6</b>	*Nativity Fast, until Potluck Feast	
7:00 a.m.	<b>Nativity Royal Hours</b>	Live on Facebook
9:00 a.m.	<b>Vesperal Divine Liturgy</b>	" "
10:00 P.M..	<b>Nativity Vigil, followed by Divine Liturgy</b>	" "

1:30 a.m.

**\*Scrumptious Potluck Feast Upstairs!**

*Please feel free to bring your favorite non-fasting food!*

**Saturday, January 7**

12:00 a.m.

**NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (CHRISTMAS DAY!)**

Divine Liturgy (continued from January 6<sup>th</sup> 10pm Vigil)

4:00pm—10:00pm

**OPEN HOUSE AT THE TOMASI RESIDENCE!**

5:00pm—6:00pm

**Resurrection & 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of Nativity Vespers at Church**

**Sunday, January 8**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Day of Nativity & Synaxis of the Theotokos**

8:00 a.m.

**Matins**

Live on Facebook

10:00 a.m.

**Divine Liturgy**

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**Tone 5 Epistle:** Gal 1:11-19 **Gospel:** Mat 2:13-23

Vespers (*3<sup>rd</sup> Day of Nativity & Protomartyr Stephen*)

1:00 p.m.

**Monday, January 9**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Day of Nativity & Protomartyr Stephen**

6:00 a.m.

**Divine Liturgy**

Live on Facebook

**Wednesday, January 11**

Fast-Free Week

6:00 p.m.

Vespers (*Afterfeast, Virgin Martyr Anysia*)

Live on Facebook

6:30 p.m.

Akathist to St. Nicholas

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7:00 p.m.

“Studies in the Faith” Class (Fr. John Tomasi)

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**Thursday, January 12**

6:00 p.m.

Vespers (*Apodosis of Nativity*)

Live on Facebook

6:30 p.m.

Akathist to the Mother of God

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**Friday, January 13**

Fast-Free Week

7:00 a.m.

**Divine Liturgy** (*Apodosis of Nativity*)

Live on Facebook

6:00 p.m.

Vespers (*Circumcision of Christ; St. Basil*)

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**Saturday, January 14**

*Circumcision of our Lord; St. Basil and Great*

7:00 a.m.

Matins & Hours

Live on Facebook

8:30 a.m.

**Divine Liturgy**

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5:00 p.m.

**Resurrection Vigil & St. Seraphim of Sarov**

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## 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 6<sup>th</sup>** with Divine Liturgy starting at approximately 12 Midnight (a.m.) on January 7<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ **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 for information & directions.
- ❖ **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.