

## 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].

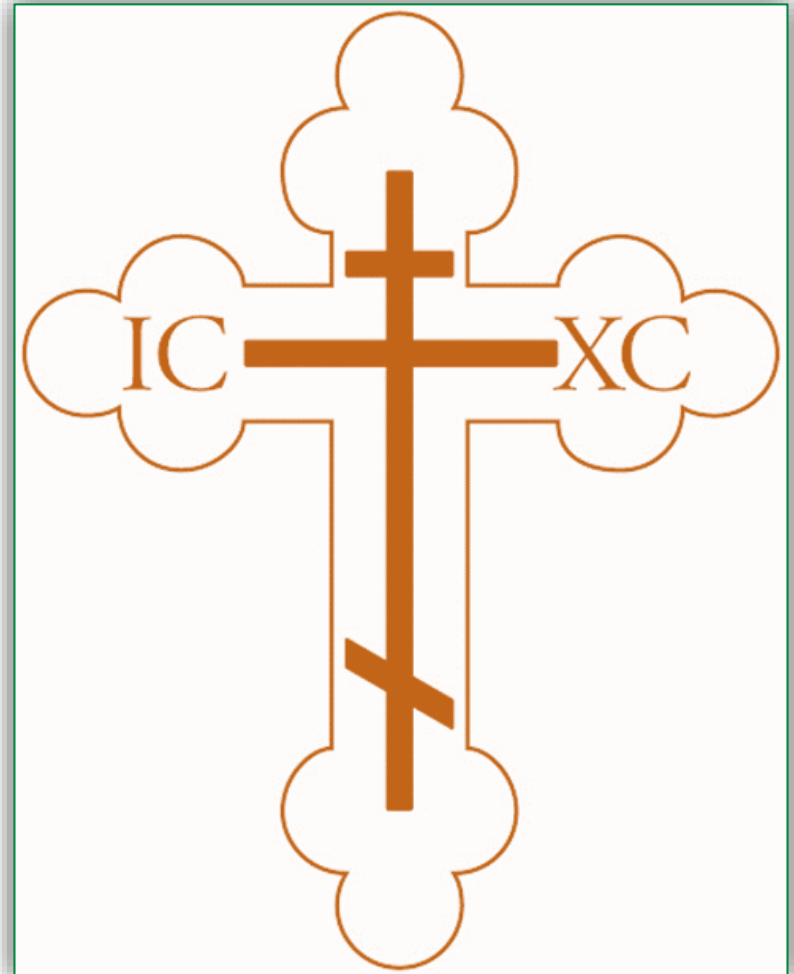
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## JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

**Church Bulletin & Announcements**  
**January 15-28, 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, 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and on Sundays until 2:00 p.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 15-28, 2023**

**Sunday, January 15** **CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING; St. Seraphim of Sarov**  
**10:00 a.m.** **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook  
 Tone 6 Epistle: II Tim. 4:5-8 Gospel: Mark 1:1-8  
**11:00 a.m.** **Church Annual Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 17** *Forefeast of Theophany*  
**8:00 a.m.** **Matins** (*Synaxis of 70 Apostles*) Live on Facebook

**Wednesday, January 18** *Royal Hours Today, and Indoor Blessing of the Waters*  
**7:00 a.m.** **ROYAL HOURS & Vesperal Liturgy** Live on Facebook  
**9:00 a.m.** **Indoor Blessing of the Waters** “ ”  
**6:00 p.m.** **THEOPHANY VIGIL** “ ”

**Thursday, January 19** **THEOPHANY: THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST**  
**7:00 a.m.** **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook  
**\*9:00 a.m.** **BLESSING OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN (Approx. Time)**  
**6:00 p.m.** *Vespers* (*Synaxis of St. John the Baptist*)

**Friday, January 20** Fast Day—Oil & Wine Permitted  
**7:00 a.m.** **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook  
**6:00 p.m.** *Vespers* (*Afterfeast; St. Domnica*) “ ”

**Saturday, January 21** *Afterfeast of Theophany*  
**7:00 a.m.** Matins & Hours Live on Facebook  
**8:30 a.m.** **Divine Liturgy** “ ”  
**5:00 p.m.** **Resurrection Vigil & St. Sunday after Theophany** “ ”

**Sunday, January 22** *The Sunday After Theophany*  
**10:00 a.m.** **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook  
 Tone 7 Epistle: Eph. 4:7-13 Gospel: Mat. 4:12-17  
**1:00 p.m.** *Vespers* (*St. Gregory of Nyssa; St. Theophan the Recluse*)

**Monday, January 23** *St. Gregory of Nyssa +395; St. Theophan the Recluse +1894*  
**7:00 a.m.** **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook

**Tuesday, January 24** *Afterfeast of Theophany*  
**6:00 p.m.** *Vespers* (*St. Tatiana of Rome; St. Sava*) Live on Facebook

**Wednesday, January 25** Fast Day—Oil & Wine Permitted  
**7:00 a.m.** **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook  
**6:00 p.m.** *Vespers* (*Afterfeast; Martyr Hermylus*) “ ”  
**6:30 p.m.** Akathist to St. Nicholas “ ”  
**7:00 p.m.** **“Studies in the Faith” Class (Fr. John Tomasi)** “ ”

**Thursday, January 26**  
**6:00 p.m.** *Vespers* (*Apodosis of Theophany*) Live on Facebook  
**6:30 p.m.** Akathist to the Mother of God “ ”

**Friday, January 27** Fast Day—Fish, Oil & Wine Permitted (*Sts. Sava & Nina*)  
**8:00 a.m.** **Matins** (*Apodosis; St. Sava; St. Nina*) Live on Facebook  
**6:00 p.m.** *Vespers* (*St. Paul of Thebes*) “ ”

**Saturday, January 28** *Saint Paul of Thebes, Egypt +341*  
**7:00 a.m.** Matins & Hours Live on Facebook  
**8:30 a.m.** **Divine Liturgy** “ ”  
**5:00 p.m.** **Resurrection Vigil & Zacchaeus Sunday** “ ”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ❖ **\*THEOPHANY—Pacific Ocean Blessing, Thurs., 9am (approx. time), just south of the Venice Pier, at the west end of Washington Blvd.**  
 Theophany is the Feast which reveals the Most Holy Trinity to the world through the Baptism of the Lord (Mt.3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22). God the Father spoke from Heaven about the Son, the Son was baptized by Saint John the Forerunner, and the Holy Spirit descended upon the Son in the form of a dove. From ancient times this Feast was called the Day of Illumination and the Feast of Lights, since God is Light and has appeared to illumine “those who sat in darkness.” (Mat 4:16) The origin of the Feast of Theophany goes back to Apostolic times. [https://www.oca.org ] “Theophany” literally translates as *Manifestation of God*.
- ❖ **GREAT LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 27, 2023:** Just a reminder to everyone to mark your calendars. **Forgiveness Sunday will be on February 26.**
- ❖ **TO MAKE A CONFESSION APPOINTMENT:** Fr. John will hear confessions on Fridays from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and during the Vigil on Saturday evenings. To make special arrangements for other times, please call Father at 310-749-0524.