

## 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].

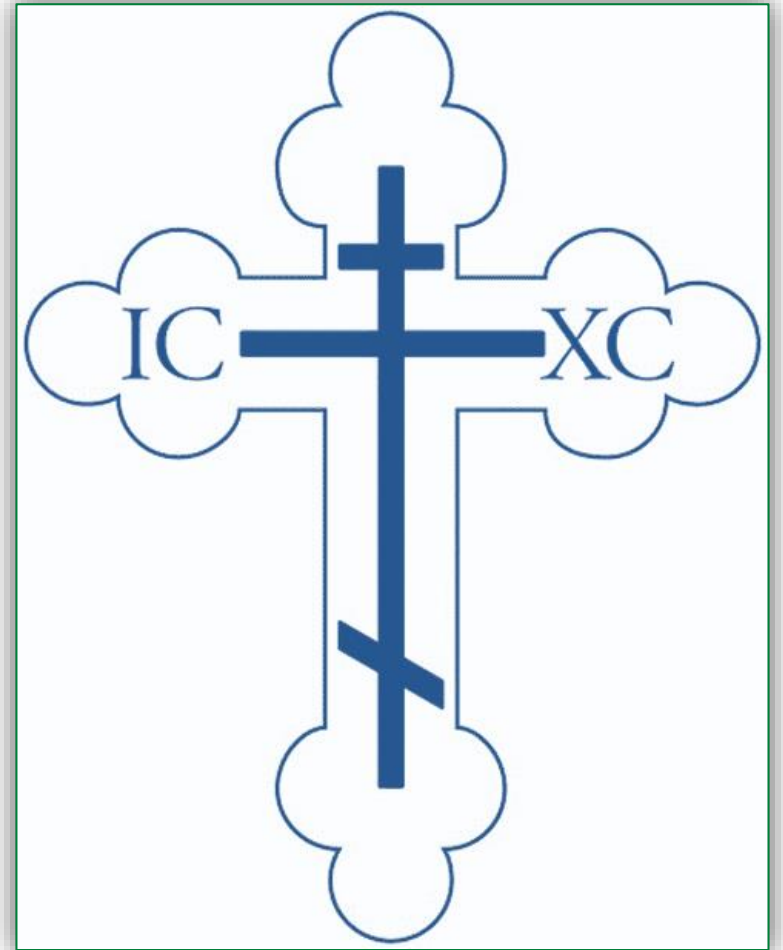
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**Joy of All Who Sorrow (OCA) & Archangel Michael Orthodox Bookstore**  
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[www.joyofallwhosorrow.org](http://www.joyofallwhosorrow.org)

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

**Church Bulletin & Announcements**  
**March 18-April 3, 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: March 18-April 3, 2023

<b>Saturday, March 18</b>	<i>Commemoration of the Departed</i>	
7:00 a.m.	Matins & Hours	Live on Facebook
8:30 a.m.	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	" "
10:00 a.m.	<b>Panikhida for the Departed</b>	" "
5:00 p.m.	<b>Resurrection Vigil &amp; Sunday of the Cross</b>	" "
<b>Sunday, March 19</b>	<i>Third Sunday of Great Lent: Veneration of the Precious Cross</i>	
10:00 a.m.	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	Live on Facebook
	<b>Tone:</b> 7 <b>Epistle:</b> Heb. 4:14-5:6 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 8:34-9:1	
<b>Tuesday, March 21</b>	Great Lent Fast, Oil & Wine Permitted ( <i>40 Martyrs Sebaste</i> )	
6:00 p.m.	<b>Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts</b>	Live on Facebook
<b>Wednesday, March 22</b>	Great Lent Strict Fast, No Meat, Dairy, Fish, Olive Oil	
7:00 a.m.	Matins	Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m.	<b>Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts</b>	" "
7:30 p.m.	<b>"Studies in the Faith" Class (Fr. John Tomasi)</b>	" "
<b>Thursday, March 23</b>	Great Lent Strict Fast, No Meat, Dairy, Fish, Olive Oil	
6:00 p.m.	Compline	Live on Facebook
<b>Friday, March 24</b>	Great Lent Strict Fast, No Meat, Dairy, Fish, Olive Oil	
7:00 a.m.	<b>Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts</b>	Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m.	Akathist to the Mother of God	" "
<b>Saturday, March 25</b>	<i>Commemoration of the Departed</i>	
7:00 a.m.	Matins & Hours	Live on Facebook
8:30 a.m.	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	" "
10:00 a.m.	<b>Panikhida for the Departed</b>	" "
5:00 p.m.	<b>Vigil: Sunday of St. John of the Ladder</b>	" "

**Sunday, March 26** *Fourth Sunday of Great Lent: St. John of the Ladder*  
**10:00 a.m.** **Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great** Live on Facebook  
**Tone:** 8 **Epistle:** Heb. 6:13-20 **Gospel:** Mark 9:17-31  
**Mon.-Tues., March 27-28** Great Lent Strict Fast, No Meat, Dairy, Fish, Olive Oil

<b>Wednesday, March 29</b>	<b>TONIGHT: CANON OF ST. ANDREW OF CRETE</b>
7:00 a.m.	<b>Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts</b> Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m.	<i>Canon of St. Andrew</i> (see Announcement below) " "

**Thursday, March 30** Great Lent Fast, Oil & Wine Permitted  
**6:00 p.m.** **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** Live on Facebook

**Friday, March 31** Great Lent Strict Fast, No Meat, Dairy, Fish, Olive Oil  
**7:00 a.m.** **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** Live on Facebook  
**6:00 p.m.** Akathist to the Mother of God " "

**Saturday, April 1** *Saturday of the Akathist*  
**7:00 a.m.** Matins & Hours Live on Facebook  
**8:30 a.m.** **Divine Liturgy** " "  
**5:00 p.m.** **Vigil: Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt** " "

**Sunday, April 2** *Fifth Sunday of Great Lent: St. Mary of Egypt*  
**10:00 a.m.** **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook  
**Tone:** 1 **Epistle:** Heb. 9:11-14 **Gospel:** Mark 10:32-45

**Monday, April 3** **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FATHER JOHN!**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **HOW TO SET UP DONATIONS USING "ZELLE" OR "TITHELY":** For no-fee Zelle instructions, go to: <https://www.zellepay.com/how-it-works> and for Tithely: <https://get.tithe.ly/start>. We are listed as *Joy of All Who Sorrow Orthodox Church* with both sources (Zelle still has us in "Culver City").
- ❖ **GREAT CANON OF ST. ANDREW OF CRETE, WED., MAR. 29, 6 P.M.** The annual Lenten Matins practice of reading the entire *Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete*, along with the reading of the life of St. Mary of Egypt, will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Wed., March 29, and will last approximately 3 ½ + hours.
- ❖ **IMPORTANT LENTEN & PASCHAL CALENDAR EVENTS:** This year, the *Annunciation* will be Thurs/Friday, April 6/7, *Palm Sunday* on April 9, *Holy Week* April 10-15, *Holy Saturday baptisms* on Saturday, April 15, followed later by the *Paschal services* beginning at 10:00 p.m. on Saturday night and ending with a scrumptious *potluck feast* at approximately 2:00 a.m. Sunday morning, April 16. Our *Annual Pascha Picnic* will take place at Veterans Park in Culver City, starting at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 16, and lasting until about 5:00 p.m. Be sure to mark your calendars!
- ❖ **TO MAKE A CONFESSION APPOINTMENT:** Father John will hear confessions during Saturday Vigils, or call Father at 310-749-0524 to set a time.