

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].

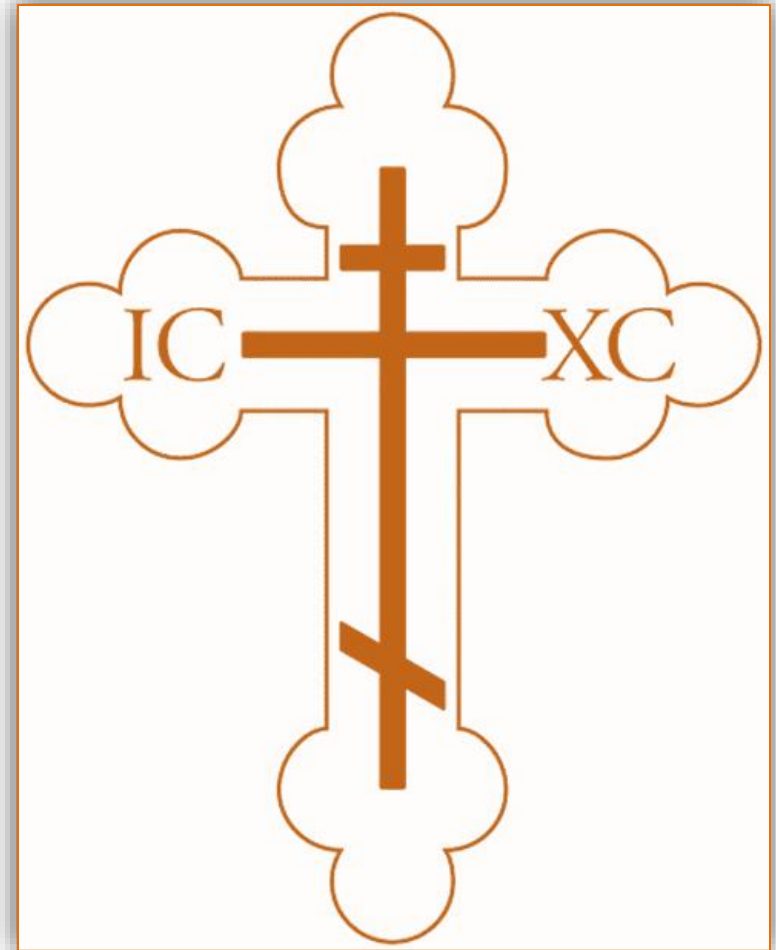
You will find us on Facebook @JoyOrthodoxLA. Please “like” and “follow” to view our many live-streamed services and classes. We also have a YouTube page where you will find various postings. Simply **Subscribe** and click on the bell to receive notices of video postings.:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3Az7XYmlHUIbiDY-AomD_A

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
November 13-26, 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.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 Wed.-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: November 13-26, 2023

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| Monday, November 13 | <i>Apostle Stachys & Companions +1st Century</i> | |
| Tuesday, November 14 | <i>Saints Cosmos & Damian +3rd Century</i> | |
| 8:00 a.m. | Matins | Live on Facebook |
| Wednesday, Nov. 15 | Strict Fast Day | |
| 6:00 p.m. | Vespers (<i>Of the Sign Icon</i>) | Live on Facebook |
| 6:30 p.m. | Akathist to St. Nicholas the Wonderworker | " " |
| 7:00 p.m. | <u>"Studies in the Faith" Class Tonight, taught by Fr. John</u> | |
| Thursday, November 16 | <i>Icon of the Theotokos: "Of the Sign"</i> | |
| 7:00 a.m. | <u>Divine Liturgy</u> | Live on Facebook |
| 6:00 p.m. | Compline | " " |
| Friday, November 17 | Strict Fast Day | |
| 6:00 p.m. | Vespers (<i>Martyrs Galacteon & Episteme</i>) | Live on Facebook |
| Saturday, November 18 | <i>Martyrs Galacteon and His Wife Episteme +253</i> | |
| 7:00 a.m. | Matins & Hours | Live on Facebook |
| 8:30 a.m. | <u>Divine Liturgy</u> | " " |
| 3:30 p.m. | <u>Christmas Choir practice (for caroling)</u> | |
| 5:00 p.m. | <u>Resurrection Vigil</u> | " " |
| Sunday, November 19 | <i>St. Barlaam of Khutyn +1192</i> | |
| 10:00 a.m. | <u>Divine Liturgy</u> | Live on Facebook |
| | Tone 7 Epistle: Eph 2:14-22 Gospel: Luke 12:8-12 | |
| 1:00 p.m. | <u>Christmas Choir practice (for caroling)</u> | |
| 2:00 p.m. | <u>Parish Council Meeting via Zoom</u> | |

Monday, November 20

6:00 p.m.

VIGIL

Live on Facebook

Tuesday, November 21

6:00 a.m.

ARCHANGEL MICHAEL & ALL THE BODILESS HOSTS

Divine Liturgy

Live on Facebook

Wednesday, Nov. 22 – Nov. 25, Tomasis Out of Town—BOOKSTORE CLOSED

Thursday, November 23 A BLESSED THANKSGIVING TO ALL!!

Saturday, November 25

Bookstore Reopens Today

8:00 a.m.

Matins, Hours, and Typica

Live on Facebook

3:30 p.m.

Christmas Choir practice (for caroling)

5:00 p.m.

Resurrection Vigil

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Sunday, November 26

St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople +407

10:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy

Live on Facebook

Tone 8 Epistle: Eph. 4:1-6 Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

1:00 p.m.

Christmas Choir practice (for caroling)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9:** Please join us for the annual "What the Dickens!" Christmas concert, and for a special Flamenco dancing demonstration and instruction. Refreshments will be served and possibly even a visit from St. Nicholas. After the gathering, we can all walk to the Marina Del Rey "Holiday Boat Parade" at Chase Park in the Marina. All are welcome! *What the Dickens!* will also be singing at the boat show.
- ❖ **CHRISTMAS CAROL AND CONCERT PRACTICE:** Provided at Church by our Music Director, Steven Ridgill. For more info, call/text him at (310) 684-9430.
- ❖ **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).
- ❖ **TO MAKE A CONFESSION APPOINTMENT:** Father John will hear confessions on Saturday evenings during his Wednesday and Friday office hours (from 4 to 7 p.m.) and during the Saturday evening Vigil. If you would like to make a special appointment for a confession, please call or text Father John at 310-749-0524.