

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].

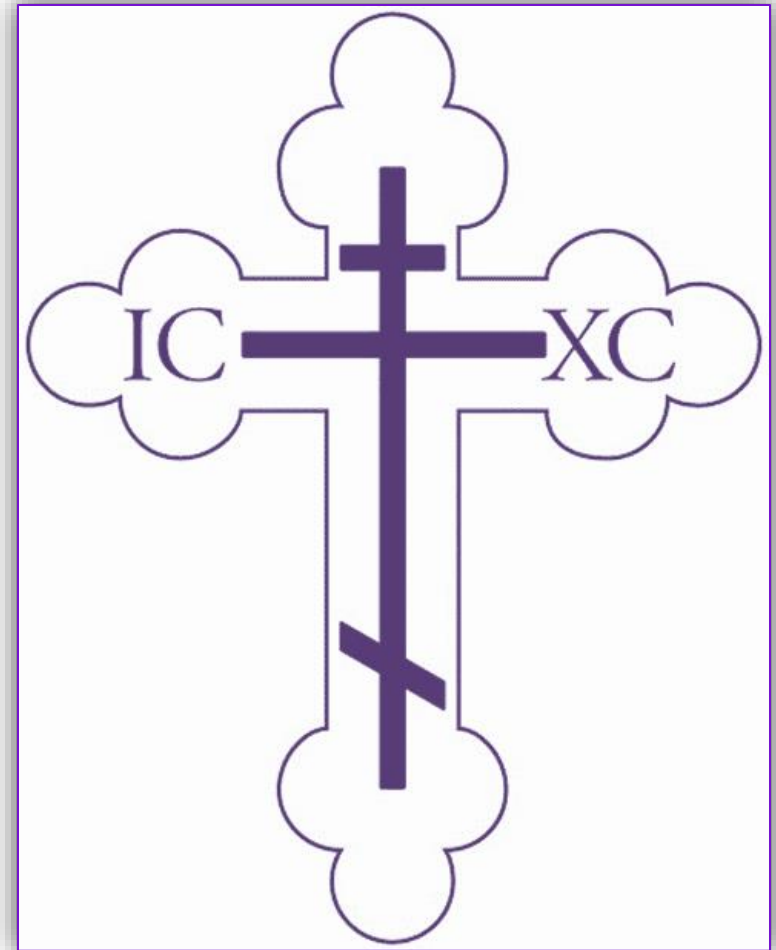
You will find us on Facebook @JoyOrthodoxLA. Please “like” and “follow” to view our many live-streamed services and classes. We also have a YouTube page where you will find various postings. Simply **Subscribe** and click on the bell to receive notices of video postings.:
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JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

Church Bulletin & Announcements
November 27 – December 10, 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

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 27-December 10

Monday, November 27 *Apostle Philip +1st Century*
7:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook

Tuesday, November 28 **The Nativity Fast Begins—Strict Fast Today**
8:00 a.m. Matins Live on Facebook

Wednesday, Nov. 29 *Apostle and Evangelist Matthew—Fish Permitted Today*
7:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m. Vespers (*St. Gregory*) “ ”
6:30 p.m. Akathist to St. Nicholas the Wonderworker “ ”
7:00 p.m. **“Studies in the Faith” Class Tonight, taught by Fr. John**

Thursday, November 30 **Nativity Fast—Oil & Wine Permitted**
6:00 p.m. Compline Live on Facebook

Friday, December 1 **Strict Nativity Fast**
6:00 p.m. Vespers (*St. Philaret of Moscow*) Live on Facebook

Saturday, December 2 **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. **Christmas Choir practice (for caroling)**
5:00 p.m. **Resurrection Vigil** “ ”

Sunday, December 3 **Nativity Fast—Fish, Oil & Wine Permitted**
10:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook
Tone 1 Epistle: Eph 5:8-19 **Gospel:** Luke 12:16-21
1:00 p.m. **Christmas Choir practice (for caroling)**
6:00 p.m. **VIGIL: ENTRY OF THE THEOTOKOS (Gr. Feast)**

Monday, December 4 **GREAT FEAST: ENTRY OF THE THEOTOKOS**
7:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook

Tuesday-Thursday: TOMASIS OUT OF TOWN

Wednesday, December 6 **Strict Nativity Fast**
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers (*Gr. Martyr Catherine*) Live on Facebook
7:00 p.m. **“Studies in the Faith” Class Tonight, taught by Kyle**

Thursday, December 7 **Nativity Fast (St. Catherine the Great)**
6:30 a.m. **Matins for Great Martyr Catherine**
6:00 p.m. Compline

Friday, December 8 **Nativity Fast—Oil & Wine Permitted**
6:00 p.m. Vespers (*Hieromartyr Clement*) Live on Facebook

Saturday, December 9 **CHRISTMAS CONCERT & BOAT PARADE TODAY!**
7:00 a.m. Matins, & Hours Live on Facebook
8:30 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** “ ”
2:00 a.m. **Great Vespers** “ ”
3:30 p.m. **CONCERT, ST. NICK & FLAMENCO PERFORMANCE!**

Sunday, December 10 **Nativity Fast—Fish, Oil & Wine Permitted**
8:00 a.m. Resurrection Matins Live on Facebook
10:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** “ ”
Tone 2 Epistle: Eph. 7:10-17 **Gospel:** Luke 13:10-17
2:00 p.m. **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING VIA ZOOM**

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 expect a visit from St. Nicholas. *What the Dickens!* will also be singing at the Marina Del Rey Boat that same night.
- ❖ **OUR NATIVITY (CHRISTMAS) SERVICES, JANUARY 5-7, 2024:** This year, the Nativity Royal Hours and Typica will start at 8am on Friday, Jan. 5. Also, on Friday at 6pm, we will pray the Forefeast Compline. Then on Saturday morning, January 6, at 7am, we will pray the Matins of the Forefeast, followed by the Divine Liturgy at 8:30am. On Saturday night, January 6, we will begin the Nativity Vigil at 10pm, to be immediately followed by Divine Liturgy starting at approximately 12 Midnight. After these services, we will have our annual potluck feast upstairs in the wee hours of the night (at approximately 2:00 a.m.). *Everyone is encouraged to bring a potluck dish to our scrumptious feast!* Please note that there will be no 10am service on January 7, 2024.
- ❖ **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* in both sources (Zelle still has us in “Culver City”).