

## 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].

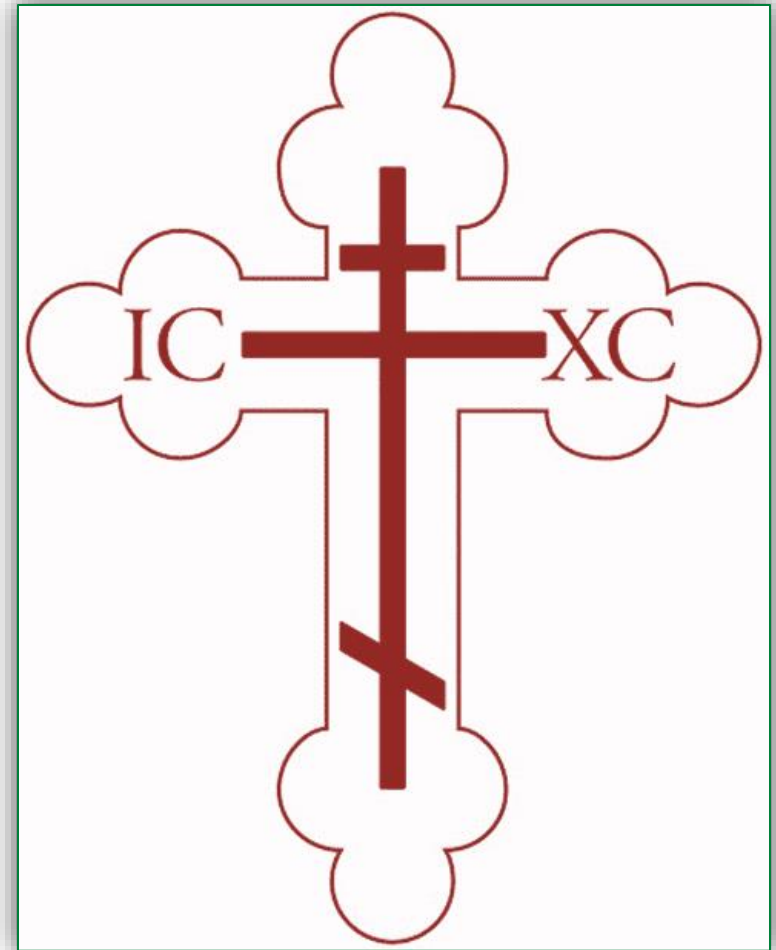
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[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3Az7XYmlHUIbiDY-AomD\\_A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3Az7XYmlHUIbiDY-AomD_A)

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

**Church Bulletin & Announcements  
December 27, 2023, through January 8, 2024**



**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. **All of the classes offered, and homilies (sermons) given during Divine Liturgies, will appear on YouTube at “Joy of All Who Sorrow Orthodox Church”:** <http://www.youtube.com/@joyofallwhosorrow00> (Please Subscribe to our channel!)

**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. (January 7: Exception)

**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: Dec. 27, 2023—Jan. 8, 2024**

<b>Wednesday, Dec. 27</b>	<b>Nativity Fast—Strict</b>	
<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Vespers ( <i>HM Eleutherius +126</i> )	Live on Facebook
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Akathist to St. Nicholas the Wonderworker	“ “
<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>“Studies in the Faith” Class Tonight, taught by Fr. John</b>	
<b>Thursday, December 28</b>	<b>Nativity Fast—Oil &amp; Wine Permitted</b>	
<b>6:15 p.m.</b>	Akathist to St. Marcarius	Live on Facebook
<b>Friday, December 29</b>	<b>Nativity Fast—Strict</b>	
<b>5:45 p.m.</b>	Vespers ( <i>Pr. Daniel &amp; 3 Youths, 6<sup>th</sup>c. B.C.</i> )	Live on Facebook
<b>6:15 p.m.</b>	Akathist to St. Catherine	“ “
<b>Saturday, December 30</b>	<b>Nativity Fast—Fish, Oil &amp; Wine Permitted</b>	
<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Matins & Hours	Live on Facebook
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	“ “
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Resurrection Vigil</b>	“ “
<b>Sunday, December 31</b>	<b>A BLESSED NEW YEAR’S EVE TO ALL!!</b>	
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	Live on Facebook
	Tone 5 Epistle: Heb 11:9-40 Gospel: Matt 1:1-25	
<b>Monday, Jan. 1, 2024</b>	<b>Nativity Fast—Strict</b>	
<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Gr. Vespers ( <i>St. John of Kronstadt +1908</i> )	Live on Facebook
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024</b>	<b>Nativity Fast—Oil &amp; Wine Permitted</b>	
<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	Live on Facebook

<b>Wednesday, January 3</b>	<b>Nativity Fast Strict</b>	
<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Vespers ( <i>Gr. Martyr Anastasia +304</i> )	Live on Facebook
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Akathist to St. Nicholas the Wonderworker	“ “
<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>“Studies in the Faith” Class Tonight, taught by Fr. John</b>	
<b>Thursday, January 4</b>	<b>Nativity Fast—Oil &amp; Wine Permitted</b>	
<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Vespers ( <i>Forefeast of Nativity</i> )	Live on Facebook
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Akathist to St. Marcarius	“ “
<b>Friday, January 5</b>	<b>Nativity Fast—Strict</b>	
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Royal Hours of Nativity</b>	Live on Facebook
<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Vespers ( <i>Forefeast of Nativity</i> )	“ “
<b>Saturday, January 6</b>	<b>Nativity Fast—Oil &amp; Wine Permitted</b>	
<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Matins ( <i>Forefeast of Nativity</i> )	Live on Facebook
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	“ “
<b>10:00 p.m.</b>	<b>NATIVITY OF CHRIST VIGIL</b>	“ “
<b>12:00 Midnight</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy of the Nativity</b>	“ “
<b>Sunday, January 7</b>	<b>A BLESSED NATIVITY TO ALL!!</b>	
<b>1:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Potluck Feast in the Church Hall (Bring your favorites!)</b>	
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Vespers ( <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Day of the Nativity: Holy Theotokos</i> )	
<b>4:00 to 10:00 p.m.</b>	<b>OPEN HOUSE AT THE TOMASIS (Call Matushka Deborah at 310-849-9451 for directions. Drop in any time between 4pm and 10pm!)</b>	
<b>Monday, January 8</b>	<b>(Synaxis of the Holy Theotokos)</b>	<b>Non-Fasting Week</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	Live on Facebook

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ❖ **OUR NATIVITY (CHRISTMAS) SERVICES, JANUARY 6-7, 2024** On Saturday morning from 7am to 11am we will have Matins & Liturgy. Saturday night, January 6, we will begin the Nativity Vigil at 10pm, to be immediately followed by Divine Liturgy at 12 Midnight. After these services, we will have our annual potluck feast upstairs in the wee hours of the night (at approximately 1:30 a.m.). *Everyone is encouraged to bring a potluck dish to our scrumptious feast!* Please note that the 10am service on Sun., January 7, 2024 will be Vespers.
- ❖ **ITALIAN NIGHT DINNER 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY!** *Our chef Philip Goodrich will provide gourmet lasagna, along with other amazing delectables. Please sign up with Matushka Deborah at 310-849-9451 (or sign up at church) for either the 5 pm or 7:30 pm seating. \$30 requested donation from adults, \$15 for children 6-12, free for children under 6*
- ❖ **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”).