

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].

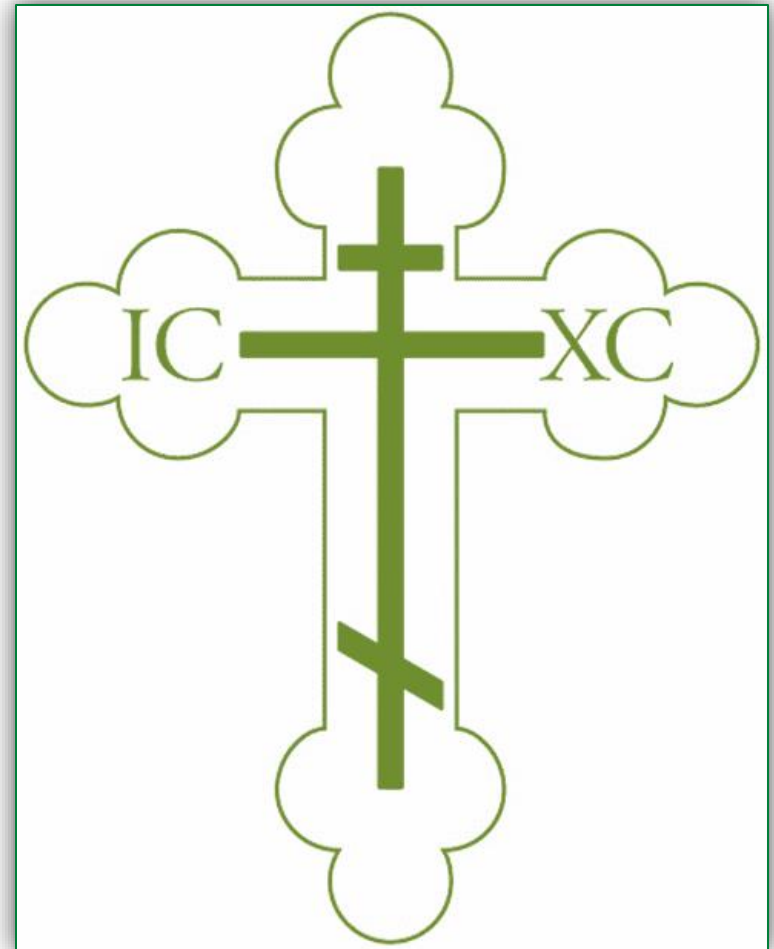
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JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

Church Bulletin & Announcements
December 12-25, 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: December 12-25, 2023

Tuesday, December 12	Nativity Fast—Oil & Wine Permitted	
6:00 p.m.	Vigil (<i>St. Andrew 1st Called</i> +82)	Live on Facebook
Wednesday, December 13	Apostle Andrew, the 1st Called +82—Fish Permitted Today	
7:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>Prophet Naham 7th C. B.C.</i>)	“ “
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, December 14	Nativity Fast—Oil & Wine Permitted	
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>Prophet Habakuk 7th C. B.C.</i>)	Live on Facebook
Friday, December 15	Strict Nativity Fast	
7:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>Prophet Zephaniah +605 B.C.</i>)	“ “
Saturday, December 16	Nativity Fast—Fish, Oil & Wine Permitted	
7:00 a.m.	Matins & Hours	Live on Facebook
8:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	“ “
3:00 p.m.	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Via Zoom	
5:00 p.m.	Resurrection Vigil	“ “
Sunday, December 17	Gr. Martyr Barbara +306 & St. John of Damascus +777	
10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Live on Facebook
	Tone 3 Epistle: Col. 1:12-18 Gospel: Luke 17:12-19	
12:30 p.m.	Vespers (<i>St. Sabbas +532</i>)	Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m.	CHRISTMAS CAROLING: at CANDY CANE LANE	
	(Meet at Church at 5:45p.m. to Caravan)	

Monday, December 18	Nativity Fast—Oil & Wine Permitted (<i>St. Sabbas +532</i>)	
7:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Live on Facebook
6:00 a.m.	VIGIL FOR ST. NICHOLAS +342	
Tuesday, December 19	ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA +342—Fish, Oil & Wine Day	
7:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Live on Facebook

Wednesday, December 20	Strict Nativity Fast (<i>Fr. John out of town</i>)	
6:00 p.m.	Great Vespers (<i>Gr. Martyr Catherine</i>)	Live on Facebook
6:30 p.m.	Akathist to St. Nicholas the Wonderworker	“ “
7:00 p.m.	“Studies in the Faith” Class: Kyle & Matushka	“ “
Thursday, December 21	Nativity Fast—Oil & Wine Permitted (<i>Fr. John out of town</i>)	
6:00 p.m.	Compline	
Friday, December 22	Nativity Fast—Oil & Wine Permitted (<i>Fr. John out of town</i>)	
8:00 a.m.	Matins (<i>Conception of the Theotokos</i>)	Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>Martyr Menas & Companions +313</i>)	“ “
Saturday, December 23		
8:00 a.m.	Matins, Hours & Typica	Live on Facebook
5:00 p.m.	Resurrection Vigil	“ “
Sunday, December 24	9:00 a.m. Baptisms Today! Milena’s Grandsons	
9:00 a.m.	BAPTISMS	
10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Live on Facebook
	Tone 4 Epistle: Col. 3:4-11 Gospel: Luke 14:16-24	
1:00 p.m.	VIGIL: ST. HERMAN OF ALASKA	Live on Facebook
Monday, December 25	St. Herman of Alaska/Western Christmas—Fish Permitted	
9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Live on Facebook

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **DECEMBER 24 BAPTISMS: Milena’s 2 Grandsons from Colorado**
All are invited! Milena will provide a great meal after Divine Liturgy
- ❖ **OUR NATIVITY (CHRISTMAS) SERVICES, JANUARY 5-7, 2024:** This year, the Nativity Royal Hours and Typica will start at 8am on Friday, Jan. 5. 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”).