

## 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.:

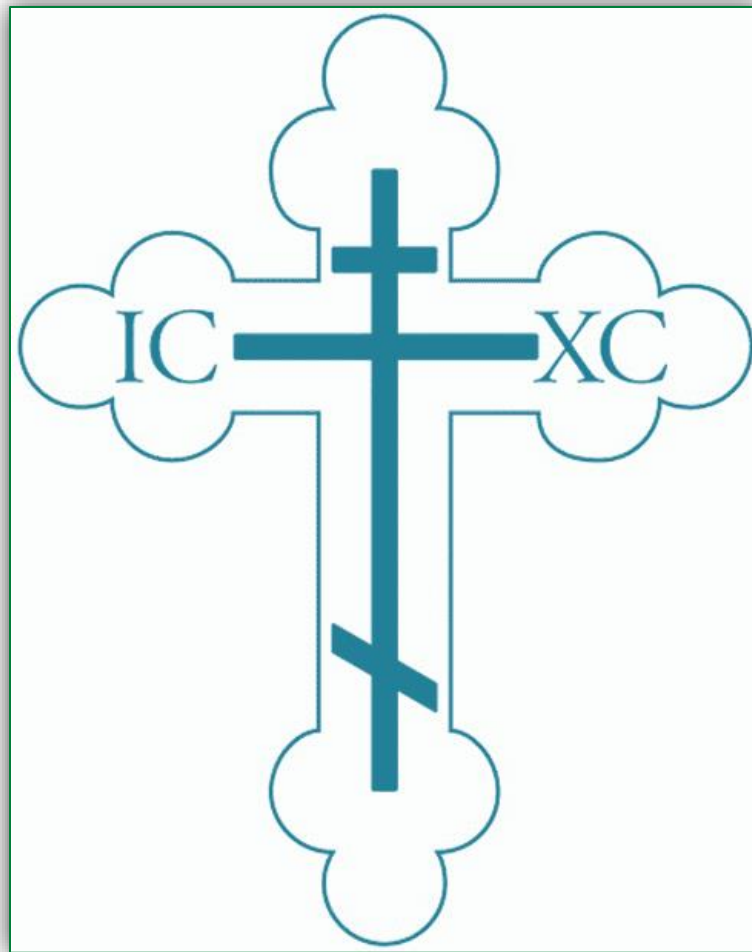
**All of the classes offered, and homilies (sermons) given during Divine Liturgies, will appear on YouTube at “Joy of All Who Sorrow Orthodox Church”:**  
<http://www.youtube.com/@joyofallwhosorrow00> (Please Subscribe to our channel!)

Joy of All Who Sorrow (OCA) & Archangel Michael Orthodox Bookstore  
4161 Lincoln Blvd, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292  
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## JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

Church Bulletin & Announcements  
January 14-27, 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.

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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 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: Jan. 14-27, 2024**

<b>Sunday, January 14</b>	<i>Circumcision of our Lord Jesus Christ</i>
9:00 a.m.	<b>Baptisms (Thomas &amp; Emiline)</b>
10:00 a.m.	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> <span style="float: right;">Live on Facebook</span>
	Tone 7 Epistle: II Tim. 4:5-8 Gospel: Mark 1:1-8
12:30 p.m.	<b>VIGIL—St. Seraphim of Sarov &amp; St. Juliana</b> “ ”
<b>Monday, January 15</b>	<i>St. Seraphim of Sarov +1833, St. Juliana of Lazarevo +1604</i>
7:00 a.m.	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> <span style="float: right;">Live on Facebook</span>
<b>Wednesday, January 17</b>	Fast-Free Today
6:00 p.m.	Vespers ( <i>Forefeast of Theophany</i> ) <span style="float: right;">Live on Facebook</span>
6:30 p.m.	Akathist to St. Nicholas the Wonderworker “ ”
7:00 p.m.	<b>“Studies in the Faith” Class Tonight, taught by Kyle P.</b>
<b>Thursday, January 18</b>	<i>Royal Hours &amp; Eve of Theophany—Fast Day, Oil &amp; Wine</i>
7:00 a.m.	<b>Royal Hours &amp; Vespertal Divine Liturgy</b> <span style="float: right;">Facebook Live</span>
(Approx) 9:00 a.m.	<b>Indoor (Church) Blessing of the Waters</b> “ ”
6:00 p.m.	<b>THEOPHANY VIGIL</b> “ ”
<b>Friday, January 19</b>	<i>Holy Theophany</i>
7:00 a.m.	<b>Divine Liturgy for Theophany</b> <span style="float: right;">Live on Facebook</span>
(Approx) 9:00 a.m.	<b>Blessing of the Pacific Ocean (<i>just south of the Venice Pier</i>)</b>
6:00 p.m.	Vespers ( <i>St. John the Forerunner</i> ) <span style="float: right;">Live on Facebook</span>
6:30 p.m.	Akathist to Great Martyr Catherine “ ”

<b>Saturday, January 20</b>	<i>Synaxis of St. John the Forerunning and Baptist of Christ</i>
7:00 a.m.	<b>Matins</b> <span style="float: right;">Live on Facebook</span>
8:30 a.m.	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> “ ”
5:00 p.m.	Resurrection Vigil “ ”
<b>Sunday, January 21</b>	<b>ANNUAL MEETING TODAY!</b>
10:00 a.m.	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> <span style="float: right;">Live on Facebook</span>
	Tone 8 Epistle: Eph. 4:7-13 Gospel: Mat. 4:12-17
11:30 a.m.	<b>Annual Meeting (During Brunch, Upstairs)</b>
<b>Monday, January 22</b>	<i>Afterfeast of Theophany</i>
6:00 p.m.	Vespers ( <i>St. Gregory, St. Theophan</i> ) <span style="float: right;">Facebook Live</span>
<b>Tuesday, January 23</b>	<i>St. Gregory of Nyssa +395; St. Theophan the Recluse +1894</i>
7:00 a.m.	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> <span style="float: right;">Live on Facebook</span>
<b>Wednesday, January 24</b>	Fast Day—Oil & Wine Permitted
6:30 a.m.	<b>St. Macarius Monastery Divine Liturgy</b>
6:00 p.m.	Vespers ( <i>VM Tatiana+226; St. Sava +1237</i> ) <span style="float: right;">Live on Facebook</span>
6:30 p.m.	Akathist to St. Nicholas the Wonderworker “ ”
7:00 p.m.	<b>“Studies in the Faith” Class Tonight, taught by Fr. John</b>
<b>Thursday, January 25</b>	<i>Virgin-Martyr Tatiana of Rome +226; St. Sava I +1237</i>
7:00 a.m.	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> <span style="float: right;">Live on Facebook</span>
6:15 p.m.	Akathist to St. Marcarius “ ”
<b>Friday, January 26</b>	Strict Fast Day
6:30 a.m.	<b>St. Macarius Monastery Divine Liturgy</b>
5:45 p.m.	Vespers ( <i>Apodosis of Theophany</i> ) <span style="float: right;">Live on Facebook</span>
6:15 p.m.	Akathist to St. Catherine “ ”
<b>Saturday, January 27</b>	<i>Apodosis of Theophany</i>
7:00 a.m.	Matins & Hours <span style="float: right;">Live on Facebook</span>
8:30 a.m.	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> “ ”
5:00 p.m.	<b>Resurrection Vigil</b>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ❖ **THEOPHANY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY, JANUARY 18 & 19:**  
This year we will celebrate the Eve of Theophany on Thursday with the morning (7am) Royal Hours and Vespertal Divine Liturgy, followed by the indoor church Blessing of the Waters (approx. 9am). On Friday, we will have the 7am Theophany Divine Liturgy, followed by the Blessing of the Pacific Ocean (approx.. 9am), just south of the Venice Pier at the end of Washington Blvd.
- ❖ **CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING:** Father is asking everyone to attend this very important event for the Church. All of the departments will be making reports, including the Rector and Treasurer Reports, Technology, Hospitality, Bookstore, etc. The meeting will take place during brunch upstairs on Sunday, January 21.
- ❖ **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>.