

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.:

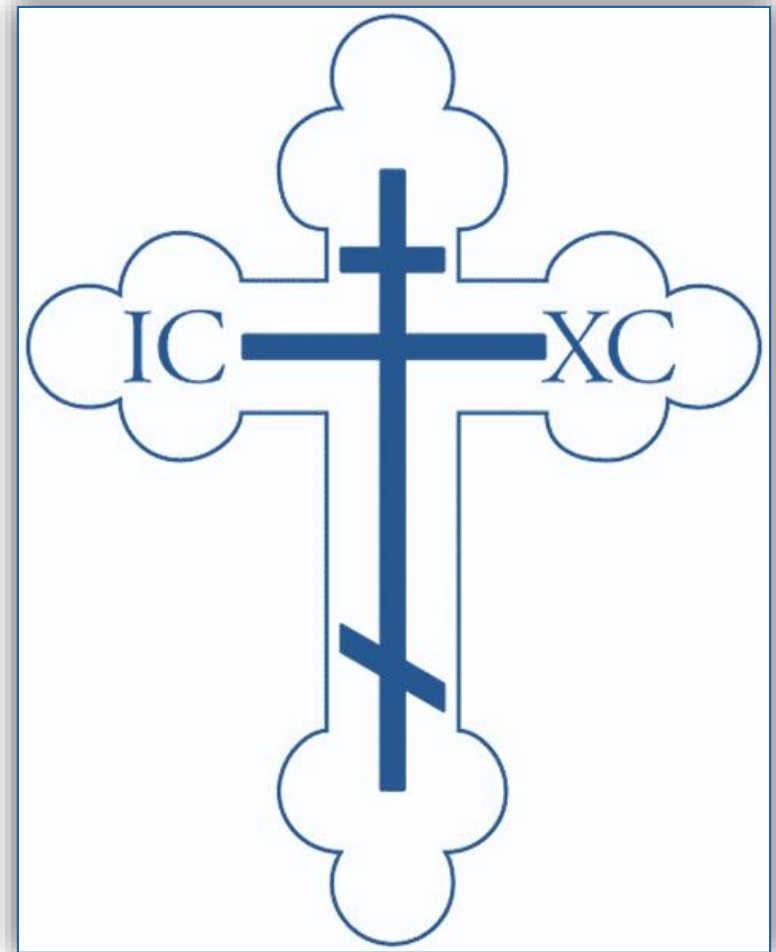
[All of the classes offered, and homilies \(sermons\) given during Divine Liturgies, will appear on YouTube at “Joy of All Who Sorrow Orthodox Church”:](#)
<http://www.youtube.com/@joyofallwhosorrow00> (Please Subscribe to our channel!)

Joy of All Who Sorrow (OCA) & Archangel Michael Orthodox Bookstore
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JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

Church Bulletin & Announcements
February 12-25, 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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<http://www.youtube.com/@joyofallwhosorrow00> (Please Subscribe to our channel!)

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: February 12-25, 2024

Monday, February 12	<i>Synaxis of the Three Holy Hierarchs</i>	
7:00 p.m.	Divine Liturgy	Live on Facebook
6:30 p.m.	Akathist to St. Moses the Black	" "
Tuesday, February 13		
7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice	
Wednesday, February 14	<u>VIGIL TONIGHT: THE MEETING OF THE LORD</u>	
6:00 p.m.	VIGIL: Gr. Feast: Meeting of the Lord	Live on Facebook
Thursday, February 15	<u>MEETING OF THE LORD-Nuns from Belarus Attending</u>	
7:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Live on Facebook
6:30 p.m.	Akathist to St. Marcarius	" "
Friday, February 16	Strict Fast Day	
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>St. Isidore +436</i>)	Live on Facebook
6:30 p.m.	Akathist to Great Martyr Catherine	" "
Saturday, February 17	<i>Afterfeast of the Meeting of the Lord</i>	
7:00 a.m.	Matins & Hours	Live on Facebook
8:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	" "
5:00 p.m.	Resurrection Vigil	" "
Sunday, February 18	<u>ABBESS SILOUANA TALK TODAY (Zaccheus Sunday)</u>	
10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Live on Facebook
	Tone 4 Epistle: 1 Tim. 4:9-15 Gospel: Luke 19:1-10	

Monday, February 19	Have a Blessed Presidents' Day Holiday	
6:00 p.m.	Akathist to St. Moses the Black	Live on Facebook
Tuesday, February 20		
7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice	
Wednesday, February 21	Strict Fast Day	
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>Apodosis of the Feast</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</u>	
Thursday, February 22	<i>Apodosis of the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord</i>	
7:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Live on Facebook
6:30 p.m.	Akathist to St. Marcarius	" "
Friday, February 23	Strict Fast Day	
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>Hieromartyr Blaise +4th C</i>)	Live on Facebook
6:30 p.m.	Akathist to St. Catherine	" "
Saturday, February 24	<i>Hieromartyr Blaise, with 2 youths and 7 women martyrs +316</i>	
7:00 a.m.	Matins & Hours	Live on Facebook
8:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	" "
5:00 p.m.	Resurrection Vigil	" "
Sunday, February 25	<i>Sunday of the Publican & the Pharisee (Begin Triodion)</i>	
10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Live on Facebook
	Tone 5 Epistle: 11 Tim. 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14	
4:00 p.m.	<u>FR. JOHN TO SPEAK AT ST. BARBARA MONASTERY</u>	

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **FEBRUARY 15, 2024 (THURSDAY)—Visit From The Nuns At St. Elisabeth Convent, Belarus:** The sisters will visit us on the *Great Feast of the Meeting of the Lord*. They will bring special items from their convent to sell to help raise funds for their monastery. We have known these sisters for several years and they have visited us at Joy of All Who Sorrow several times.
- ❖ **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024—Our dear Mother Silouana from St. Macarius Monastery in Montclair, CA, (OCA), will give a talk following the regular Sunday Service.** We will be taking a special collection for the sisters to help with their immediate need to relocate the monastery in Southern California. Their present location will be no longer available as of February, 2024. Mother Silouana will be sharing her depth of spirituality and love.
- ❖ **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024—FATHER JOHN WILL BE SPEAKING at the “FRIENDS’ GATHERING” at St. Barbara Monastery, at 15799 Ojai Road, Santa Paula, CA, 93060, at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited!**
- ❖ **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 Tithe.ly: <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”).