

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* [Matt. 17:20].

You can find us on **Facebook@JoyOrthodoxLA**. Please “like” and “follow” to view our many live-streamed services. We also have a YouTube page where you will find all classes and 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
March 11-24, 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 on Facebook. Feel free to *like* and *follow* Joy of All Who Sorrow Orthodox Church, Marina Del Rey, 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

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.

DURING GREAT LENT: *The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts* will take place on Wednesday evenings, starting at 6:30pm, and on Friday mornings at 7:00am.

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: March 11-24, 2024

Monday, March 11	6:30 p.m.	Akathist to St. Moses the Black	Live on Facebook
Wed., March 13	6:00 p.m.	<u>Cheese-Fare Week</u> (<i>Fish, dairy, oil, wine, but no meat</i>) Vespers (<i>St. Cassian +435</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, taught by Fr. John</u>	
Thursday, March 14	7:00 a.m.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u>	Live on Facebook
	6:30 p.m.	Akathist to St. Marcarius	“ “
Friday, March 15	6:00 p.m.	<u>Cheese-Fare Week</u> (<i>Fish, dairy, oil, wine, but no meat</i>) Vespers (<i>Commemoration of all Ascetics</i>)	Live on Facebook
	6:30 p.m.	Akathist to Great Martyr Catherine	“ “
Saturday, March 16	8:00 a.m.	<u>Commemoration of All Ascetics: Cheesefare Saturday</u> Matins & Hours	Live on Facebook
	8:30 a.m.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u>	“ “
	5:00 p.m.	Resurrection Vigil	“ “

Sunday, March 17	<u>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY (Lenten Triodion)</u>
10:00 a.m.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u> Live on Facebook
	Tone: 8 Epistle: Rom. 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Mat. 6:14-21
11:30 p.m.	*Forgiveness Sunday <i>Vespers of Forgiveness</i>
12:30 p.m.	**Blini Fundraising Meal—Suggested Donation: \$8.00

Monday, March 18	7:00 a.m.	<u>GREAT LENT BEGINS—Strict Lenten Fast all Week</u> Matins for Clean Monday	Live on Facebook
	6:30 p.m.	Compline w/Canon of St. Andrew of Crete	“ “
Tuesday, March 19		<i>Strict Lenten Fast</i>	
	7:00 a.m.	Matins for Clean Tuesday	Live on Facebook
	6:30 p.m.	Compline w/Canon of St. Andrew of Crete	“ “
Wednesday, March 20		<i>Strict Lenten Fast</i>	
	7:00 a.m.	<u>Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts</u>	Live on Facebook
	6:30 p.m.	Compline w/Canon of St. Andrew of Crete	“ “
Thursday, March 21		<i>Strict Lenten Fast</i>	
	7:00 a.m.	Matins for Clean Thursday	Live on Facebook
	6:30 p.m.	Compline w/Canon of St. Andrew of Crete	“ “
Friday, March 22		<i>Strict Lenten Fast (No Presanctified Liturgy Today)</i>	
	7:00 a.m.	Lenten Hours and Typica	Live on Facebook
	6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>40 Martyrs of Sebaste +320</i>)	“ “
	6:30 p.m.	Akathist to St. Catherine	“ “
Saturday, March 23		<i>Saturday of St. Theodore the Recruit & 40 Martyrs Sebaste</i>	
	7:00 a.m.	Matins, Hours, and Typica	Live on Facebook
	5:00 p.m.	<i>Sunday of Orthodoxy Vigil</i>	“ “
Sunday, March 24		<u>Archbishop Benjamin Serving—Sunday of Orthodoxy</u>	
	10:00 a.m.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u>	Live on Facebook
		Tone 1 Epistle: Heb. 11:24-26 Gospel: John 1:43-51	

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024—Archbishop Benjamin Visit:**
On Sunday of Orthodoxy, we will be blessed to welcome His Eminence for Divine Liturgy and a potluck brunch to follow the traditional procession. Please bring your favorite icon for this event, and a Lenten dish to share!
- ❖ ***SUNDAY, MARCH 17—Forgiveness Sunday.** Immediately following the Divine Liturgy, we will pray the Forgiveness Vespers Service, during which all attendees pray and form a line to beg forgiveness of each other.
We ask: *Forgive me a sinner!* Response: *God forgives; forgive me a sinner!*
- ❖ ****ALSO ON SUNDAY, MARCH 17—Blini Fundraising Brunch.** After Forgiveness Vespers, we will gather upstairs for our annual Blini Brunch. Everyone is invited! Suggested Donation: \$8.00; Children under 6 are free.
- ❖ **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 *Joy of All Who Sorrow Orthodox Church* in both sources.