

## 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, California.

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.:

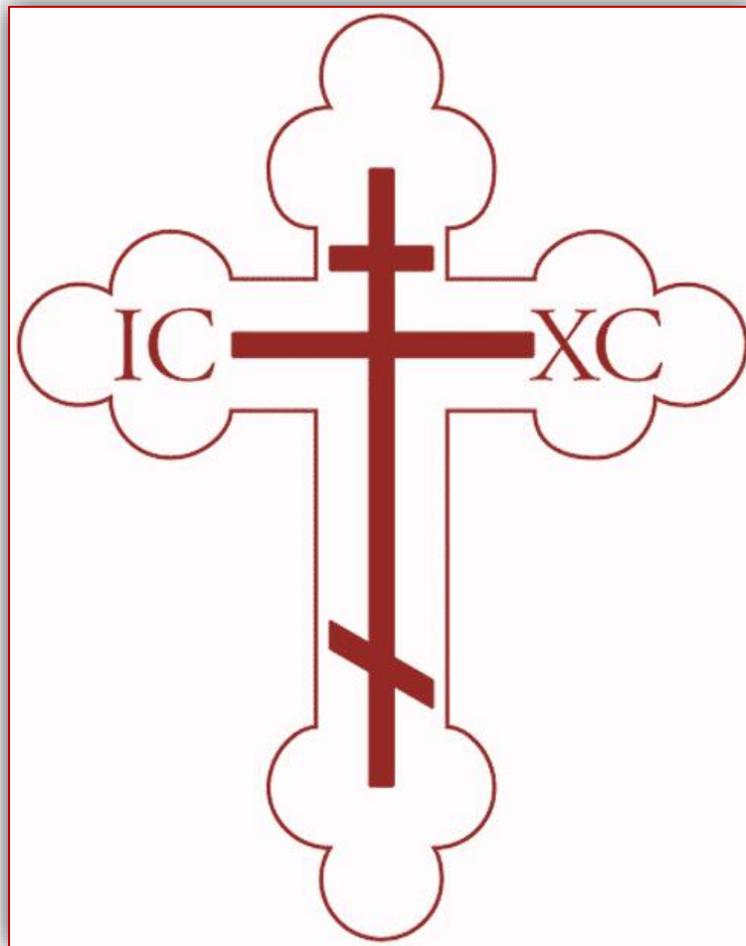
**All of the classes offered, and homilies (sermons) given during Divine Liturgies will appear on YouTube** at “Joy of All Who Sorrow Orthodox Church”:  
**<http://www.youtube.com/@joyofallwhosorrow00>** (Please Subscribe to our channel!)

Joy of All Who Sorrow (OCA) & Archangel Michael Orthodox Bookstore  
4161 Lincoln Blvd, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292  
Church/Bookstore: 310-391-9911 To Leave a Message: 310-849-9451  
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## JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

**Church Bulletin & Announcements**  
**April 22-May 5 (Pascha/Easter!), 2024**



**WELCOME!**

**FACE MASKS:** All are welcomed to wear face masks at our worship services if that makes them 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](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.

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

**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. Ask choir members or altar servers for assistance.

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & CLASSES: April 22-May 5, 2024

<b>Monday, April 22</b>	Lenten Fast (no meat, fish, dairy, eggs, or olive oil)	
<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Akathist to St. Moses the Ethiopian	Live on Facebook
<b>Tuesday, April 23</b>	Lenten Fast (no meat, fish, dairy, eggs, or olive oil)	
<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Matins & Hours	Live on Facebook
<b>Wednesday, April 24</b>	Lenten Fast (no meat, fish, dairy, eggs, or olive oil)	
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b><u>Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts</u></b>	Live on Facebook
<b>7:45 p.m.</b>	<b><i>Studies in the Faith Class Tonight</i></b>	“ “
<b>Thursday, April 25</b>	Lenten Fast (no meat, fish, dairy, eggs, or olive oil)	
<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b><u>SACRAMENT OF HOLY UNCTION</u></b>	
<b>Friday, April 26</b>	Lenten Fast (no meat, fish, dairy, eggs, or olive oil)	
<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	<b><u>Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts</u></b>	Live on Facebook
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Akathist to Great Martyr Catherine	“ “
<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Small Compline	“ “
<b>Saturday, April 27</b>	<b><i>Lazarus Saturday (Christ raising Lazarus from Death)</i></b>	
<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Matins & Hours	Live on Facebook
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b><u>Divine Liturgy</u></b>	“ “
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b><u>PALM SUNDAY VIGIL</u></b>	“ “

<b>Sunday, April 28</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY (Fish Permitted Today)</b>	
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b><u>Divine Liturgy</u></b>	Live on Facebook
	Epistle: Phil. 4:4-9    Gospel: John 12:1-18	
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Bridegroom Matins &amp; 1<sup>st</sup> Hour</b>	Live on Facebook

### **Monday, April 29, 2024, through Wednesday, May 1, 2024 (HOLY WEEK)**

<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	<b><u>Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts</u></b>	Live on Facebook
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Bridegroom Matins &amp; 1<sup>st</sup> Hour</b>	“ “
<b>Thursday, May 2</b>	<b>(HOLY WEEK) Lenten Fast (Oil &amp; Wine Permitted)</b>	
<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> Hours and Typica	Live on Facebook
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b><u>Mystical Supper Divine Liturgy</u></b>	“ “
<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Matins Service of the <u>12 Gospels</u></b>	“ “
<b>Friday, May 3</b>	<b>(HOLY WEEK) Lenten Fast: No Food before Vespers</b>	
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Royal Hours</b>	Live on Facebook
<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Vespers (Snacks on hand after vespers)</b>	“ “
<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	<b><u>Matins with Lamentations (Christ's Burial)</u></b>	“ “

<b>Saturday, May 4</b>	<b><i>Holy and Great Saturday (Strict Lenten Fast)</i></b>	
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>BAPTISMS</b>	
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b><u>Vespertal Divine Liturgy</u></b>	Live on Facebook
<b>9:00 p.m.</b>	Reading of the <i>Acts of the Apostles</i> & Confessions	
<b>11:15 p.m.</b>	Blessing of Pascha Baskets	
<b>11:20 p.m.</b>	<b>Paschal Midnight Office</b>	Live on Facebook
<b>12:00 a.m.</b>	<b>PASCHAL PROCESSION</b>	
<b>12:30 a.m.</b>	<b><u>PASCHAL MATINS &amp; DIVINE LITURGY</u></b> “ “	
<b>2:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Feasting in Church Hall!! (Bring your favorite Potluck)</b>	
<b>Sunday, May 5</b>	<b><u>PASCHA: The Bright Resurrection of Christ!</u></b>	
<b>12:00 noon</b>	Agape Vespers	Live on Facebook
<b>1:00-5:00 p.m.</b>	<b><u>Annual Pascha Picnic in Mar Vista Park (see below)</u></b>	

### ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **6-DAY ICON PAINTING WORKSHOP: July 22-27, 2024 (Mon.-Sat.)**  
Learn to paint a traditional Byzantine icon with Theodore Papadopoulos. Course fee: \$780. Materials included. Contact Sophia at (310) 968-3913
- ❖ **PASCHA PICNIC (EASTER SUNDAY): MAY 5, 1:00-5:00 p.m.**  
**At Mar Vista Recreation Center, 11430 Woodbine St., Los Angeles, CA 90066, just south of the north parking lot.** Parking is also available on the streets located north of the park. The picnic will start immediately after the *Agape Vespers*. Please come with your family and friends. Feel free to bring potluck picnic goodies, including main courses, salads, and desserts! The church will provide hotdogs, hamburgers, buns, relish, plates, etc.