

## 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.:

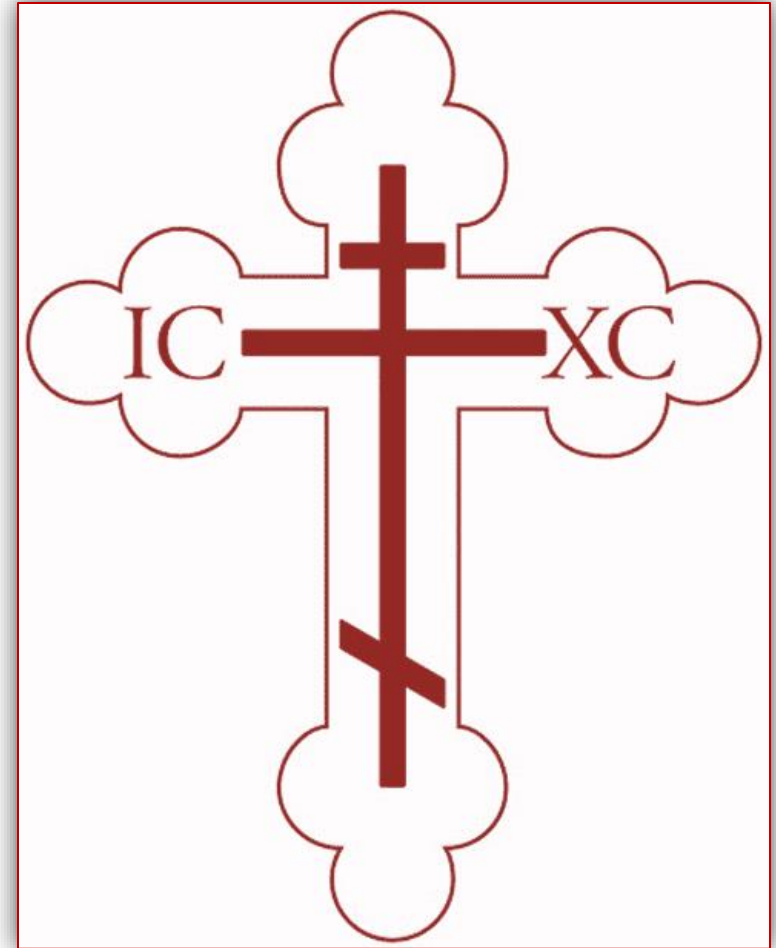
**All of the classes offered, and homilies (sermons) given during Divine Liturgies will appear on YouTube** at “Joy of All Who Sorrow Orthodox Church”:  
**<http://www.youtube.com/@joyofallwhosorrow00>** (Please Subscribe to our channel!)

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  
**[www.joyofallwhosorrow.org](http://www.joyofallwhosorrow.org)** // **[facebook@JoyOrthodoxLA](https://www.facebook.com/JoyOrthodoxLA)**

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## JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

**Church Bulletin & Announcements**  
**June 26 through July 7, 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.**

**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: June 26-July 7, 2024

<b>Wednesday, June 26</b>	<b><i>Fast-Free Week of Pentecost</i></b>	
6:30 p.m.	Akathist to St. Nicholas Wonderworker	Live on Facebook
7:00 p.m.	<b>“Movie Night” in the Church Hall (Upstairs)</b>	
<b>Thursday, June 27</b>		
6:30 p.m.	Akathist to St. Moses the Ethiopian	Live on Facebook
<b>Friday, June 28</b>	<b><i>Fast-Free Week of Pentecost</i></b>	
6:00 p.m.	Vespers	Live on Facebook
6:30 p.m.	Akathist to St. Catherine the Great	“ “
<b>Saturday, June 29</b>	<i>Apodosis of Pentecost</i>	
8:30 a.m.	Matins & Hours	Live on Facebook
5:00 p.m.	<b>Vigil (Sunday of All Saints)</b>	“ “
<b>Sunday, June 30</b>	<b><i>Sunday of All Saints</i></b>	
10:00 a.m.	<b><u>Divine Liturgy</u></b>	Live on Facebook
	<b>Tone 8 Epistle: Heb 11:33-12:22 Gospel: John 7:37-8:12</b>	
<b>Monday, July 1</b>	<b><u>Begin Apostles’ Fast</u></b>	
6:00 p.m.	<b><u>Vigil (St. John of San Francisco)</u></b>	Live on Facebook
<b>Tuesday, July 2</b>	Apostles’ Fast: Fish, Oil & Wine Permitted Today	
7:00 a.m.	<b><u>Divine Liturgy (St. John Maximovich)</u></b>	Live on Facebook

<b>Wednesday, July 3</b>	Strict Fast Day	
6:30 p.m.	Akathist to St. Nicholas Wonderworker	Live on Facebook
7:00 p.m.	<b>“Movie Night” in the Church Hall (Upstairs)</b>	
<b>Thursday, July 4</b>	<b>Happy Independence Day! (Bookstore Closed)</b>	
<b>Friday, July 5</b>	Strict Fast Day	
4:00 p.m.	Father John’s Office Hours: 4-6pm	
6:00 p.m.	Vespers	Live on Facebook
6:30 p.m.	Akathist to St. Catherine the Great	“ “
<b>Saturday, July 6</b>		
8:30 a.m.	<b><u>Divine Liturgy</u></b>	Live on Facebook
5:00 p.m.	Vigil ( <i>Resurrection &amp; Nativity St. John Baptist</i> )	“ “
<b>Sunday, July 7</b>	<b><i>Nativity of St. John, Forerunner &amp; Baptist of Christ!</i></b>	
10:00 a.m.	<b><u>Divine Liturgy</u></b>	Live on Facebook
	<b>Tone 1 Epistle: Rom. 5:1-10 Gospel: Mat. 4:18-23</b>	

### ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **ICON PAINTING WORKSHOP, Monday, July 22- Saturday, July 27:** Time is running out to learn how to paint in 6 days a traditional Byzantine Icon, at the expert hand of Theodoros Papadopoulos from Greece. The Cost of \$780 covers the materials, including gesso board, pigments, brushes, etc. For more information, either call or text Sophia at 310-968-3913.
- ❖ **POTLUCK SUNDAY BRUNCH, EVERY SUNDAY:** For those who can, please bring a dish to share for our Sunday Agape Meals, which take place after Divine Liturgy on Sundays. It’s a wonderful time to visit with our parish community members. We do not have a stove upstairs, so if you bring something hot, it is best to try to wrap it up to keep it warm.
- ❖ **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 (possibly still listed in Culver City).
- ❖ **IF YOU USE A RALPHS REWARD CARD,** you can raise money for our parish. Just visit the link below, and it will show you how to register your card so that a small percentage of the money you spend at Ralphs will be directed to the Joy of All Who Sorrow Church:

<https://www.ralphs.com/i/community/community-contribution-program>

Perhaps you know someone who might like to support our church. Please let them know so that they, too, can sign up. For help with signing up with this “Ralph’s Community Contribution Program,” simply call 1-800-443-4438. Thanks for your help!