

## 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.:

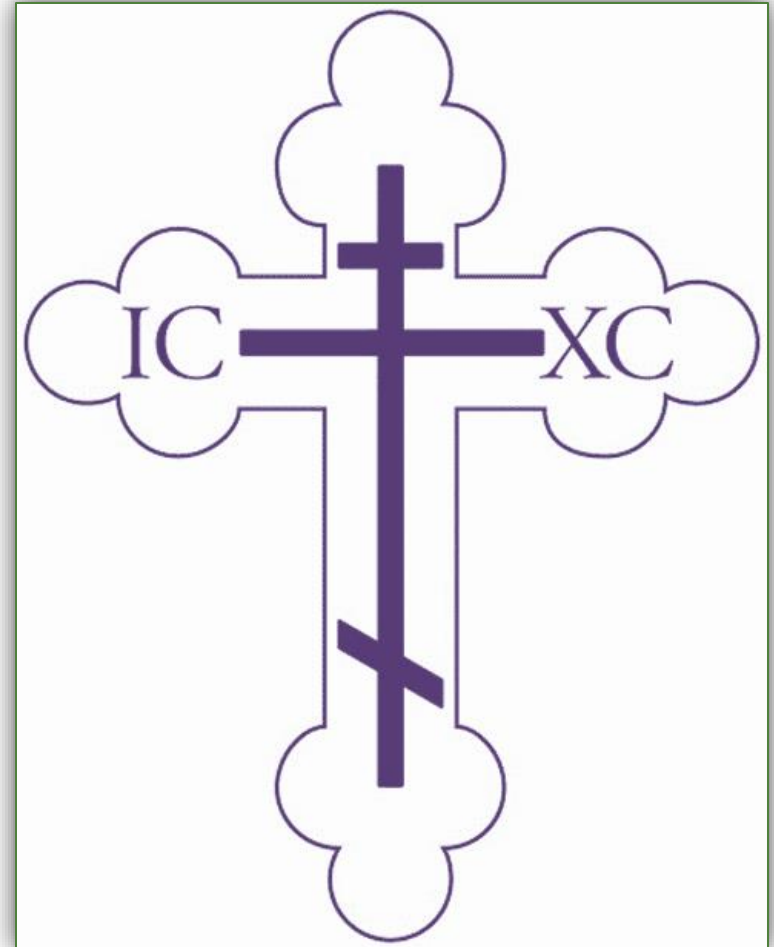
**All of the classes offered, and homilies (sermons) given during Divine Liturgies will appear on YouTube at “Joy of All Who Sorrow Orthodox Church”:**  
**<http://www.youtube.com/@joyofallwhosorrow00>** (Please Subscribe to our channel!)

**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**

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# JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

**Church Bulletin & Announcements**  
**August 13-25, 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: August 13-25, 2024

**CLEANING CREWS NEEDED MONDAY AND TUESDAY, August 12 and 13, TO PREPARE FOR ARCHBISHOP VISIT THIS WEEKEND: Please see Checklist at Church and/or contact Maximus at 323.970.8356**

**Tuesday, August 13** *Forefeast of the Procession of the Cross*  
**6:00 p.m.** Vespers (*Cross Procession*) Live on Facebook  
**7:00 p.m.** Rdr. Steven Rubrics Class, call 310.684.9430 for Zoom Link

**Wednesday, August 14 DORMITION FAST BEGINS TODAY**

**7:00 a.m.** **Divine Liturgy** (*Cross Procession*) Live on Facebook  
**6:00 p.m.** Vespers (*Protomartyr Steven*) “ “  
**6:30 p.m.** Akathist to St. Nicholas “ “  
**7:00 p.m.** **“Movie Night” in the Church Hall (Upstairs)**

**Thursday, August 15** *Strict Dormition Fast (Protomartyr Archdeacon Steven)*  
**7:00 a.m.** **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook  
**6:30 p.m.** Akathist to St. Macarius “ “

**Friday, August 16** *Strict Dormition Fast*  
**6:00 p.m.** Vespers (*Holy 7 Youths of Ephesus*) Live on Facebook  
**6:30 p.m.** Akathist to St. Catherine the Great “ “

**Saturday, August 17** **ARCHBISHOP BENJAMIN VISIT:**  
**Saturday 5pm Vigil & Sunday 10am Divine Liturgy**  
**8:30 a.m.** **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook  
**5:00 p.m.** Vigil (*Transfiguration Forefeast*) “ “

**Sunday, August 18** **ARCHBISHOP BENJAMIN VISIT TODAY 10AM**  
**10:00 a.m.** **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook  
**Tone 7 Epistle:** 1 Cor. 1:10-18 **Gospel:** Mat. 14:114-22  
**6:00 p.m.** **VIGIL: TRANSFIGURATION** Live on Facebook  
**Monday, August 19** **TRANSFIGURATION** (Fish, Oil & Wine Permitted)  
**7:00 a.m.** **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook

**Tuesday, August 20** *Strict Dormition Fast*  
**7:00 p.m.** Rdr. Steven Rubrics Class, call 310.684.9430 for Zoom Link

**Wednesday, August 21** *Dormition Fast—Oil & Wine Permitted*  
**6:00 p.m.** Vespers (*Holy Apostle Matthias*) Live on Facebook  
**6:30 p.m.** Akathist to St. Nicholas “ “  
**7:00 p.m.** **“Movie Night” in the Church Hall (Upstairs)**

**Thursday, August 22** *Dormition Fast—Oil & Wine Permitted*  
**7:00 a.m.** **Divine Liturgy** (*Apostle Matthias*) Live on Facebook  
**6:30 p.m.** Akathist to St. Macarius “ “

**Friday, August 23** *Dormition Strict Fast*  
**6:00 p.m.** Vespers (*Transfiguration Afterfeast*) Live on Facebook  
**6:30 p.m.** Akathist to St. Catherine the Great “ “

**Saturday, August 24** *Dormition Fast—Oil & Wine Permitted*  
**8:30 a.m.** **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook  
**5:00 p.m.** Vigil (*Martyrs Photius & Anicetas*) “ “

**Sunday, August 25** *Strict Dormition Fast*  
**10:00 a.m.** **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook  
**Tone 8 Epistle:** 1 Cor 3:9-17 **Gospel:** Mat 14:22-34

**TODAY FATHER JOHN WILL BE THE SPEAKER AT THE 4pm FRIEND’S GATHERING AT ST. BARBARA MONASTERY, SANTA PAULA**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **ARCHBISHOP BENJAMIN VISIT AUGUST 17-18, 2024:**  
 We are happy to announce that our Diocesan Archbishop Benjamin will be visiting Joy of All Who Sorrow here in Marina Del Rey for the Vigil on Saturday, August 17, at 5pm, and for Divine Liturgy on Sunday, August 18.
- ❖ **POTLUCK SUNDAY BRUNCH FOR ARCHPASTORAL VISIT:**  
 Let’s all be involved in providing a special brunch for our beloved Archbishop Benjamin! Please contact Carey at 310.425.4055 for suggestions of what to bring and to sign up. (Fish, oil & wine permitted.)
- ❖ **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).