

## 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.:

**For Fr. John’s Homilies and “Studies in the Faith” classes offered, see:**

**“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**

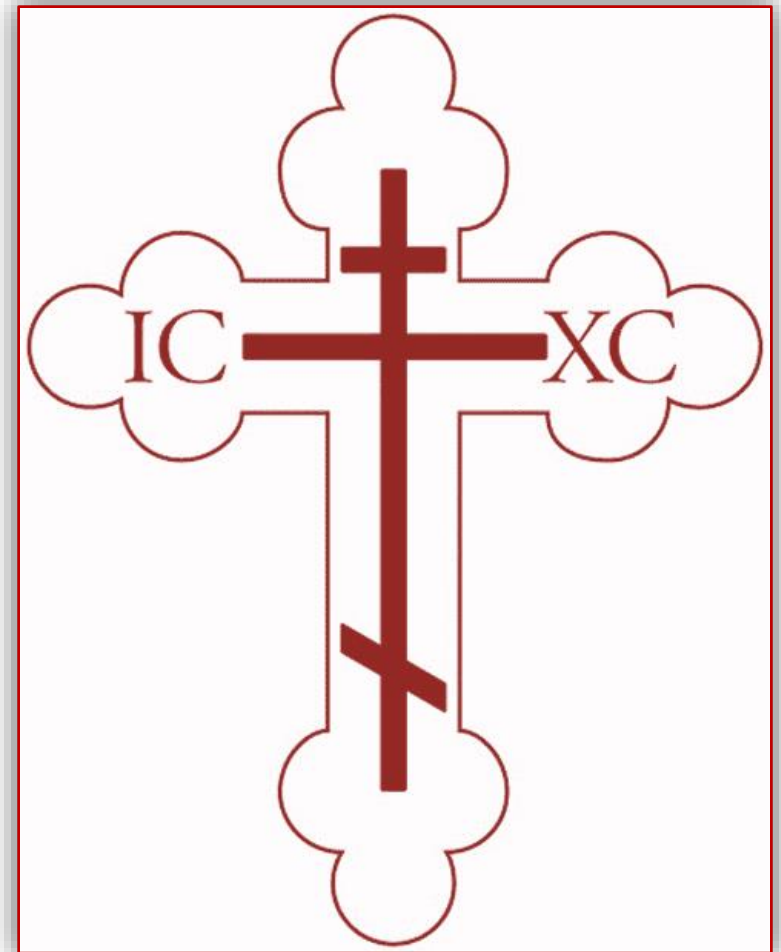
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## JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

### Church Bulletin & Announcements

December 30, 2024—January 12, 2025



## 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.

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!)

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.-Sat., 1:00 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: Dec, 30-Jan. 12, 2024-25

Monday, December 30	Nativity Fast—Oil & Wine Permitted
7:00 a.m.	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> ( <i>Prophet Daniel +600 B.C.</i> ) Live on Facebook
Tuesday, December 31	Nativity Fast—Oil & Wine Permitted
10pm to 1am	<b>New Year’s Gathering at Church</b> (contact Matushka Deborah at 310-849-9451 or Milena to RSVP)
Wed., January 1, 2025	Nativity Fast— <b>A BLESSED NEW YEAR’S CELEBRATION TO ALL!</b> (Bookstore Closed)
6:00 p.m.	Vespers ( <i>St. John of Kronstadt +1908</i> ) Live on Facebook
7:00 p.m.	<b>NO Studies in the Faith</b> (classes to resume Jan. 8, 2025)
Thursday, January 2	Nativity Fast—Oil & Wine Permitted
7:00 a.m.	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> ( <i>St. John of Kronstadt</i> ) Live on Facebook
6:30 p.m.	Akathist to St. Marcarius the Great
Friday, January 3	Strict Nativity Fast
6:00 p.m.	Vespers ( <i>Gr. Martyr Anastasia +304</i> ) Live on Facebook
6:30 p.m.	Akathist to Great Martyr Catherine “ ”
Saturday, January 4	Nativity Fast—Oil & Wine Permitted
8:30 a.m.	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> Live on Facebook
5:00 p.m.	Resurrection Vigil “ ”

Sunday, January 5 Oil & Wine Permitted (*Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ*)  
10:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook  
Tone 3 Epistle: Heb. 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40 Gospel: Mat. 1:1-25

Monday, January 6 **Nativity Fast—Oil & Wine Permitted (*Eve of Nativity*)**  
7:00 a.m. **Royal Hours of the Nativity of Christ**  
9:00 a.m. **Nativity St. Basil Vespertal Liturgy**  
10:00 p.m. **NATIVITY OF CHRIST VIGIL (Until 11:55 p.m.)**  
12:00 a.m. **NATIVITY OF CHRIST DIVINE LITURGY**  
1:30 a.m. **Potluck no-fast Feasting in Church Hall (approx. time)**

Tuesday, January 7 **CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!!**  
(see above for after-midnight times)  
6:00 p.m. **VESPERS (*Synaxis of the Theotokos*)**  
4 p.m. to 10 p.m. **Open House at the Tomasis** (call Matushka for directions: 310-849-9451)

Wednesday, January 8 **2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF NATIVITY—*Synaxis of the Theotokos***  
7:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook  
6:00 p.m. **Vespers: The 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of Nativity (*Protomartyr Steven*)**  
6:30 p.m. Akathist to St. Nicholas  
7:00 p.m. **STUDIES IN THE FAITH CLASSES RESUME!**

Thursday, January 9 **3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF NATIVITY—*Protomartyr Steven +34***  
7:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook  
6:30 p.m. Akathist to St. Macarius the Great

Friday, January 10 Fast-Free Period  
6:00 p.m. Vespers (*Holy 14,000 Innocents 1<sup>st</sup> C.*) Live on Facebook

Saturday, January 11 **ANNUAL ITALIAN NIGHT DINNER FUNDRAISER**  
(To RSVP, call/text Matushka Deborah at 310-849-9451 by January 6, 2025)  
8:30 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook  
2:00 p.m. Resurrection Vigil “ ”  
5:00 p.m. **1<sup>st</sup> Seating—Italian Night Dinner in Church Hall**  
7:30 p.m. **2<sup>nd</sup> Seating—(In Church Hall, upstairs)**

Sunday, January 12 (*Righteous Joseph, King David, & St. James*)  
10:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook  
Tone 4 Epistle: Gal. 1:11-19 Gospel: Mat. 2:13-23  
2:00 p.m. **Parish Council Meeting via Zoom**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **ELECTRONIC WAYS TO DONATE TO THE CHURCH:** See our new QR Codes in the church and bookstore! For *no-fee* Zelle instructions, go to: <https://www.zellepay.com/how-it-works> and for Tithely: <https://get.tithe.ly/start>. (Our church may be still listed as Culver City).