

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!)

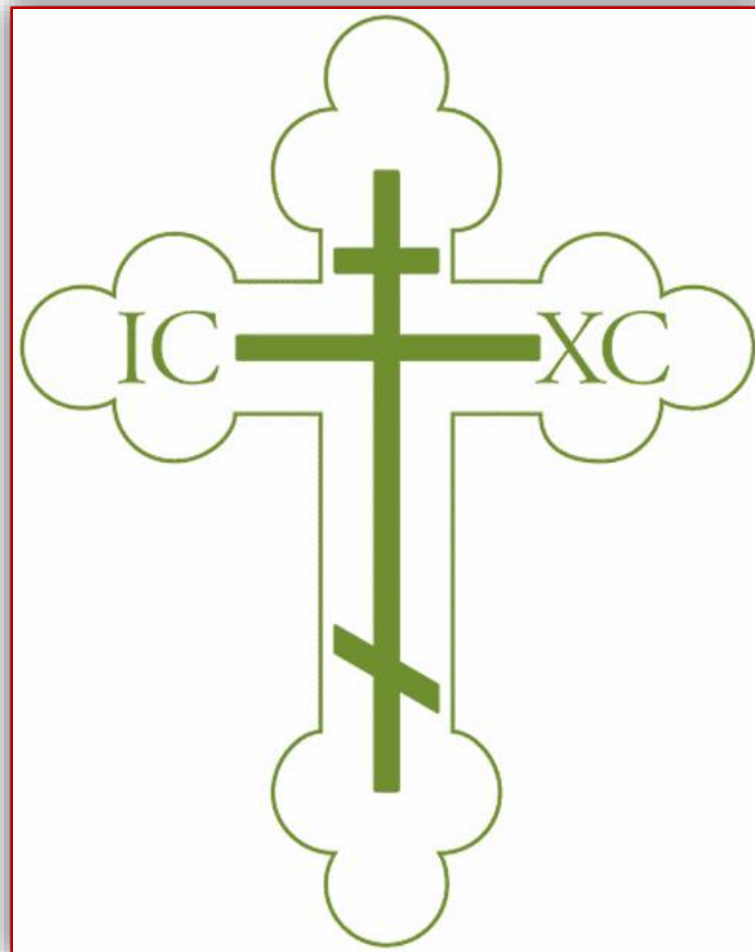
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JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

**Church Bulletin & Announcements
December 16-29, 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.

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

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: December 16-29, 2024

Monday, December 16	Strict Nativity Fast	
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>St. John Damascene & Great Martyr Barbara</i>)	
Tuesday, December 17	Nativity Fast—Fish, Oil & Wine Permitted (<i>St. John Damascene +777 & Gr. Martyr Barbara +306</i>)	
7:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Live on Facebook
Wednesday, Dec. 18	Nativity Fast—Oil & Wine Permitted	
6:00 p.m.	VIGIL (<i>Saint Nicholas +342</i>)	Live on Facebook
7:00 p.m.	NO Studies in the Faith (classes to resume Jan. 8, 2025)	
Thursday, December 19	Nativity Fast—Fish, Oil & Wine Permitted (<i>SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER +342</i>)	
7:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Live on Facebook
6:30 p.m.	Akathist to St. Marcarius the Great	
Friday, December 20	Strict Nativity Fast	
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>St. Patapius of Thebes 7th C.</i>)	Live on Facebook
Saturday, December 21	Nativity Fast—Fish, Oil & Wine Permitted	
8:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Live on Facebook
5:00 p.m.	Resurrection Vigil	“ “

Sunday, December 22	Nativity Fast—Fish, Oil & Wine Permitted	
10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Live on Facebook
	Tone 1 Epistle: Eph. 5:8-19 Gospel: Luke 17:12-19	
2:00 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting, at Church & via Zoom	
Tuesday, December 24	Nativity Fast—Oil & Wine Permitted	
6:00 p.m.	Vigil (<i>St. Herman of Alaska +1836</i>)	
Wed., December 25	BLESSED NATIVITY TO ALL CELEBRATING TODAY! Nativity Fast—Fish, Oil & Wine [Bookstore Closed]	
8:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy (<i>St. Herman of Alaska</i>)	Live on Facebook
Thursday, December 26	Nativity Fast—Oil & Wine Permitted	
6:30 p.m.	Akathist to St. Macarius the Great	
Friday, December 27	Strict Nativity Fast	
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>Hieromartyr Eleutherius +126</i>)	Live on Facebook
6:30 p.m.	Akathist to St. Catherine the Great	“ “
Saturday, December 28		
8:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Live on Facebook
5:00 p.m.	Resurrection Vigil	“ “
Sunday, December 29	Nativity Fast—Fish, Oil & Wine Permitted	
10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Live on Facebook
	Tone 2 Epistle: Col. 3:4-11 Gospel: Luke 14:16-24	
1:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>Proph. Daniel & 3 Holy Youths</i>)	Live on Facebook

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **“STUDIES IN THE FAITH” CLASSES WILL RESUME JAN. 8, 2025**
- ❖ **CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE—JANUARY 6 & 7, 2025:**
The Nativity Vigil will begin at 10:00 p.m. on January 6, followed by Divine Liturgy at 12:00 Midnight (on the 7th), and a wondrous potluck feast upstairs after Liturgy. Be sure to bring your favorite non-fasting dish for all to share!
- ❖ **COMPLETE NATIVITY SCHEDULE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT CHURCH AND ONLINE**
- ❖ **POTLUCK SUNDAY BRUNCH, EVERY SUNDAY:** For those who can, please bring a dish to share for our Sunday Agape Meals
- ❖ **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). To use your Ralph’s purchases, visit <https://www.ralphs.com/i/community/community-contribution-program>