

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!)

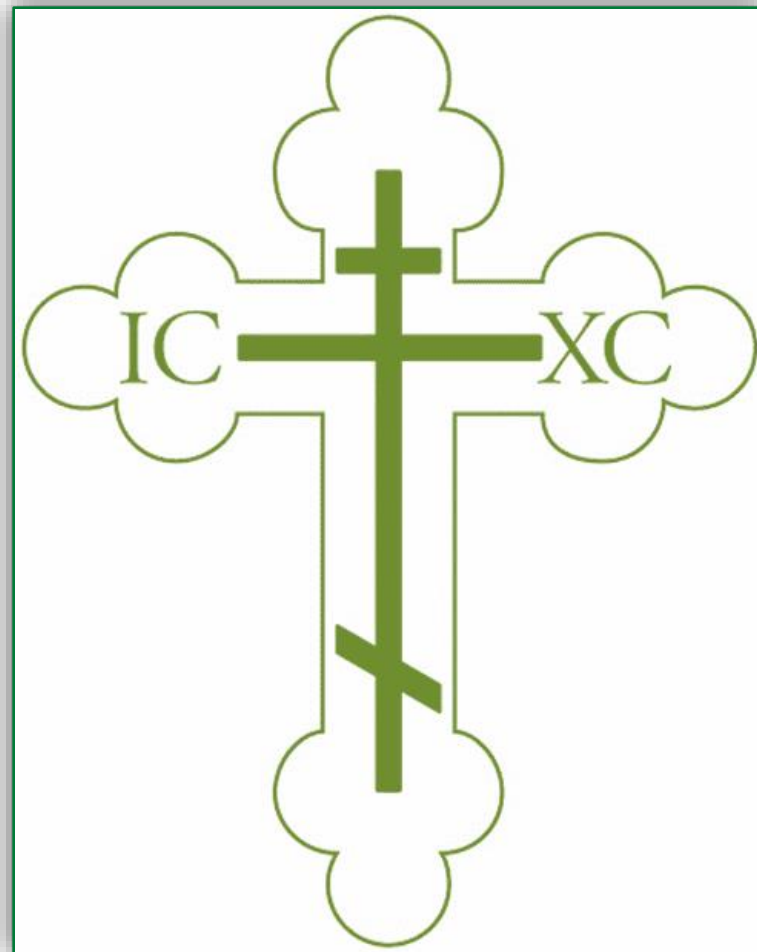
**Joy of All Who Sorrow (OCA) & Archangel Michael Orthodox Bookstore
4161 Lincoln Blvd, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292**

**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
November 18 – December 1, 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: Nov. 18 – Dec. 1, 2024

Monday, November 18

5:30 p.m. eCommerce Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, November 19

7:00 p.m. Rdr Steven “Reader’s Class”—Zoom Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89363517686?pwd=rLdScCGxsZChdJPDvT3ybX0sQNEZ5y.1>

Wednesday, Nov. 20

Strict Fast Day

5:00 p.m. Vigil: *Synaxis of Archangel Michael* Live on Facebook

7:00 p.m. *Studies in the Faith, Taught by Fr. John* “ ”

Thursday, Nov. 21

Archangel Michael & the Other Bodiless Powers

7:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook

6:00 p.m. Vigil: “Quick to Hear” *Theotokos Icon* “ ”

Friday, November 22

Fast Day—Oil & Wine Permitted (“Quick to Hear”)

7:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook

6:00 p.m. Vespers (*Erastus, Apostle of the 70, 1st C*) “ ”

6:30 p.m. Akathist to St. Catherine the Great “ ”

Saturday, November 23

8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook

5:00 p.m. Resurrection Vigil “ ”

Sunday, November 24 *Great Martyr Menas of Egypt +304*

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook

Tone 5 Epistle: Gal. 6:11-18 Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

FR. JOHN OUT OF TOWN NOVEMBER 25-30, 2024

Tuesday, November 26

7:00 p.m. Rdr Steven “Reader’s Class”—Zoom Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89363517686?pwd=rLdScCGxsZChdJPDvT3ybX0sQNEZ5y.1>

Wed., November 27

Fast Day—Oil & Wine Permitted

(No “Studies in the Faith” Class Tonight)

Thursday, November 28

A BLESSED THANKSGIVING TO ALL!!

(Bookstore Closed Today)

Friday, November 29

Nativity Fast—Oil & Wine Permitted (*Apostle Matthew*)

6:00 p.m. Vespers (*St. Gregory of Neocesarea +266*) Live on Facebook

6:30 p.m. Akathist to St. Catherine the Great “ ”

Saturday, November 30

Nativity Fast—Fish, Oil & Wine Permitted

8:30 a.m. Matins, Hours, & Typica Live on Facebook

5:00 p.m. Resurrection Vigil “ ”

Sunday, December 1

Nativity Fast—Fish, Oil & Wine Permitted

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook

Tone 6 Epistle: Eph. 2:4-10 Gospel: Luke 12:16-21

2:00 p.m. Book Study “The Spiritual Life” at Church & via Zoom

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT—SATURDAY, DEC. 14:** This year’s 3:00 p.m. concert will celebrate the wondrous Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, with a special emphasis on 10th C. St. (Good King) Wenceslas, a charitable and loved noble, whose life is celebrated in both Eastern and Western Christianity. The entertainment will include singing, flamenco dancing, and musical instrument interludes. Following the concert and after refreshments, many attendees will walk 1 mile to Chace Park to carol at the annual Marina Del Rey “Holiday Boat Parade,” which starts at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ **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>