

## 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**

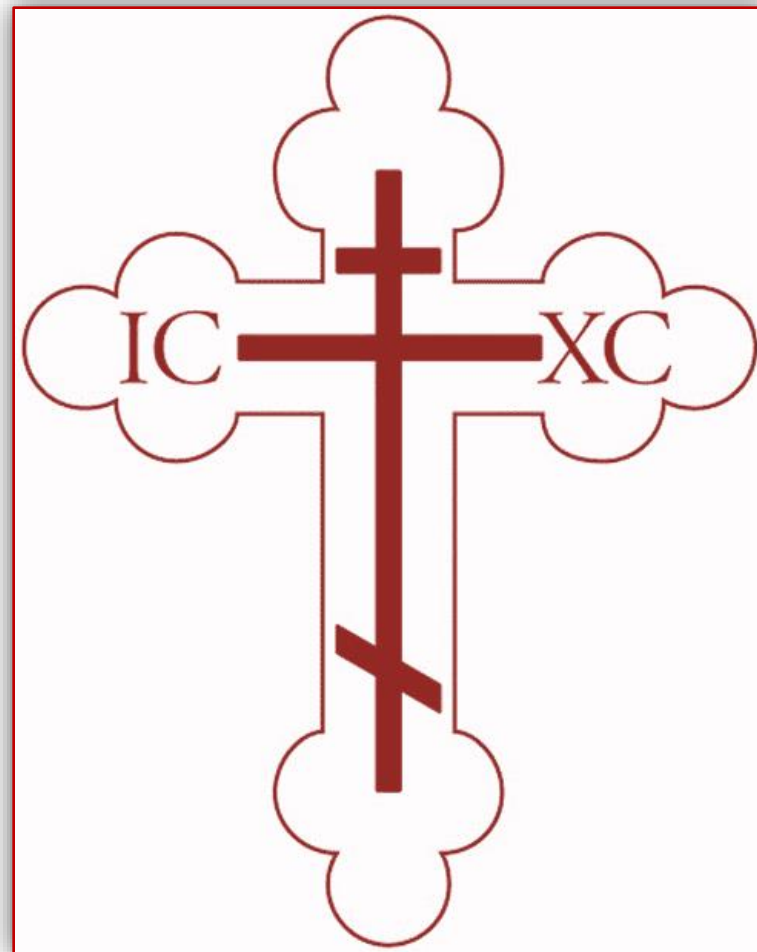
**Church/Bookstore: 310-391-9911 To Leave a Message: 310-849-9451**

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

***All Donations are Tax Deductible***

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

**Church Bulletin & Announcements  
January 13-20, 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.

**ONLINE GIFTSTORE:** Visit our *new* online store: [orthodoxgiftstore.com](http://orthodoxgiftstore.com).

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & CLASSES: January 13-20, 2025

<b>Monday, January 13</b>	
<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Vespers ( <i>Circumcision of our Lord; St. Basil the Great</i> )
<b>Tuesday, January 14</b>	( <i>Circumcision of our Lord; St. Basil the Great +379</i> )
<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> Live on Facebook
<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Vigil ( <i>St. Seraphim of Sarov +1833</i> )
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 15</b>	Fast-Free ( <i>St. Seraphim of Sarov +1833</i> )
<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> Live on Facebook
<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Studies in the Faith, Taught by Fr. John</b> “ ”
<b>Thursday, January 16</b>	
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Akathist to St. Marcarius the Great
<b>Friday, January 17</b>	Fast-Free ( <i>Royal Hours for Theophany</i> )
<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	<b>ROYAL HOURS OF THEOPHANY</b>
<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Vespers ( <i>St. Patapius of Thebes 7<sup>th</sup> C.</i> ) Live on Facebook
<b>Saturday, January 18</b>	<i>Saturday before Theophany</i> (Fast—Oil & Wine Permitted)
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> Live on Facebook
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>VIGIL FOR THEOPHANY</b> “ ”

<b>Sunday, January 19</b>	<b>THEOPHANY: BAPTISM OF JESUS CHRIST</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Baptisms!!</b>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> Live on Facebook
	Tone 5 Epistle: Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7 Gospel: Mat. 3:13-18
<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>BLESSING OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN</b> ( <i>South of the Venice Pier, at the south end of the parking lot</i> ), followed by meal at the church
<b>2:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Great Vespers (St. John the Baptist)</b> Live on Facebook

<b>Monday, January 20</b>	( <i>Synaxis of St. John the Forerunner &amp; Baptist of Christ</i> )
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **“STUDIES IN THE FAITH” CLASSES RESUMES JAN. 15, 2025**
- ❖ **THEOPHANY SCHEDULE (See Above)**
- ❖ **11:30 a.m. WATER BLESSING AT THE PACIFIC OCEAN**, (Take Washington Blvd. to the ocean), **12:30 p.m.—End of Liturgy & Agape Meal** (12:30 is the Approximate Time), **2:30 p.m.—Vigil** (*Synaxis of the Forerunner of Christ: Saint John the Baptist +28*)
- ❖ **PRAYER FOR LOS ANGELES FIRES** (Courtesy of St. Sophia Cathedral, to donate online: <https://saintsophia.org/fire/>)  
 Heavenly King, Almighty God, we come to You, the all-loving and merciful one, asking for Your mercy and protection. We pray that You extinguish all fires, calm their fury, and remove all threats. Guard and preserve us all, along with the animals, plants, and the beauty of creation that You have entrusted to our care. As Your Word reminds us, “all creation groans” under the weight of this world’s struggles, and we turn to You for healing and restoration.  
 Please console and grant understanding to those whose homes are threatened or may have been destroyed, and those whose lives have been impacted. Comfort them in their grief and uncertainty, provide for their needs, and surround them with a community of love and support to help rebuild their lives.  
 We ask You to strengthen and guide the firefighters, first responders, and all those who are working tirelessly to combat these fires and protect communities. Grant them courage, endurance, and safety as they carry out their vital work.  
 We place our trust in Your loving care, for You are the Father of all mercy and the source of every blessing, and we humbly seek Your grace and peace during this time.  
 Through the prayers of the most holy Theotokos, the Mother of God, and all Your saints, Amen.
- ❖ **ELECTRONIC WAYS TO DONATE TO OUR 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.tithely/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>