

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!)

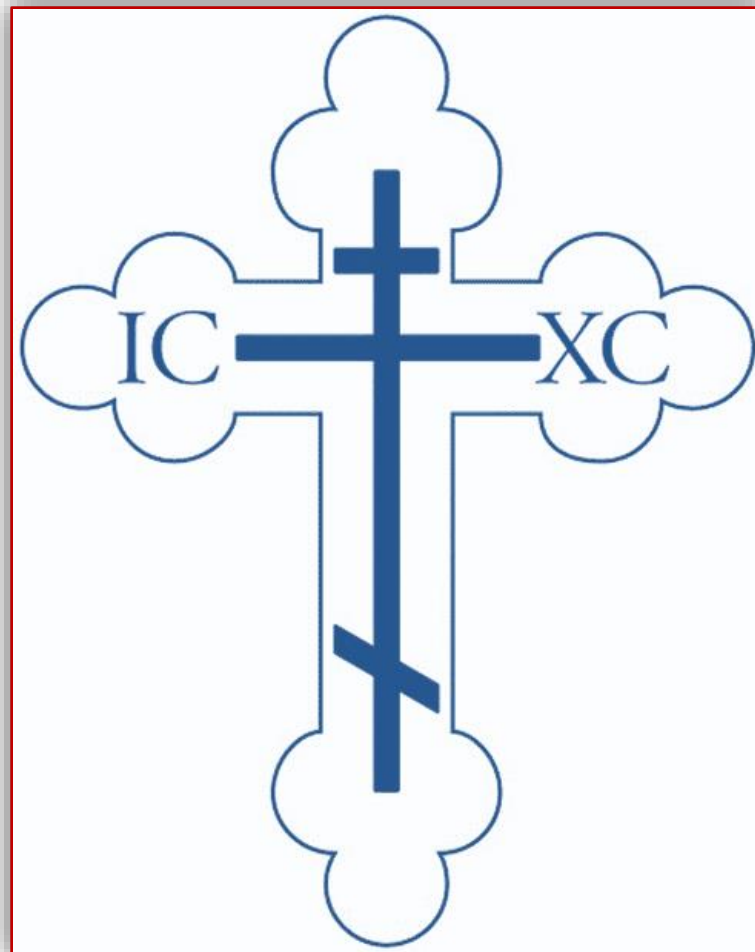
**Joy of All Who Sorrow (OCA) & Archangel Michael Orthodox Bookstore
4161 Lincoln Blvd, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292**

**Church/Bookstore: 310-391-9911 To Leave a Message: 310-849-9451
www.joyofallwhosorrow.org // facebook@JoyOrthodoxLA**

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JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

**Church Bulletin & Announcements
January 21-27, 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

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.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & CLASSES: January 21-27 2025

Tuesday, January 21		
7:00 a.m.	Reader’s Class (via Zoom by Reader Steven)	
Wednesday, Jan. 22	Fast Day—Oil & Wine Permitted	
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>St. Gregory; St. Theophan</i>)	Live on Facebook
6:30 p.m.	Akathist to St. Nicholas	“ ”
7:00 p.m.	“Studies in the Faith” Class	“ ”
Thursday, January 23	<i>St. Gregory of Nyssa; St. Theophan the Recluse</i>	
7:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Live on Facebook
6:30 p.m.	Akathist to St. Marcarius the Great	
Friday, January 24	Fast Day—Oil & Wine Permitted	
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>St. Tatiana; St. Sava</i>)	Live on Facebook
Saturday, January 25	ITALIAN DINNER TONIGHT: 5:00 pm & 7:30 pm	
8:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Live on Facebook
2:00 p.m.	Resurrection Vigil	“ ”

Sunday, January 26	<i>Sunday After Theophany</i>	
10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Live on Facebook
	Tone 6 Epistle: Eph. 4:7-13 Gospel: Mat. 4:12-17	
2:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>Apodosis of Theophany; St. Nina of Georgia</i>)	
Monday, January 27	<i>Apodosis of Theophany; St. Nina of Georgia</i>	
7:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Live on Facebook

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **“ITALIAN DINNER FUNDRAISER” on Saturday, January 25, 2025**
 The Dinner has been rescheduled for Saturday, January 25. Please contact Matushka Deborah at 310-849-9451 to reserve seating for either the 5:00 pm or 7:30 p.m. event. Suggested donation: \$30 for adults, \$15 for ages 6-12, Under 5 free.
- ❖ **PRAAYER FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM THE LOS ANGELES FIRE(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.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>