

## 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!)

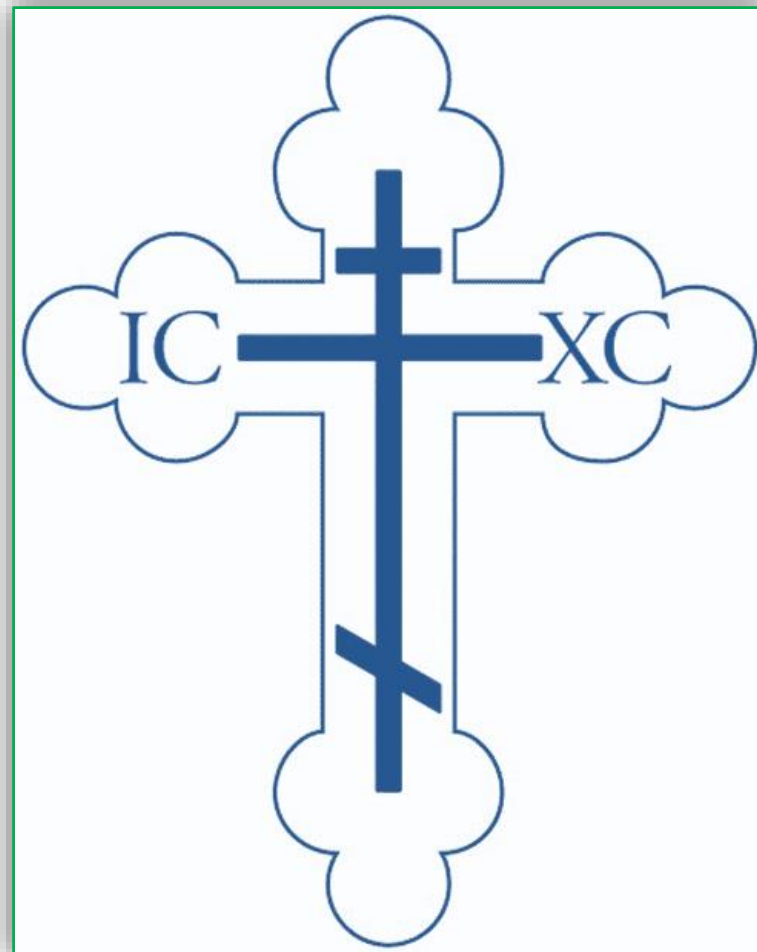
**Joy of All Who Sorrow (OCA) & Archangel Michael Orthodox Bookstore  
4161 Lincoln Blvd, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292**

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

***All Donations are Tax Deductible***

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

**Church Bulletin & Announcements  
January 28-February 3, 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: Jan. 28-Feb. 3, 2025

**Tuesday, January 28**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89363517686?pwd=rLdScCGxsZCbdJPDvT3ybX0sQNEZ5y.1>

**7:00 p.m.** **Reader’s Class Via Zoom (Link Above)**

**Wednesday, January 29** Strict Fast Day

**6:00 p.m.** Vespers (*St. Anthony the Great*) Live on Facebook

**6:30 p.m.** Akathist to St. Nicholas “ ”

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

**Thursday, January 30** *St. Anthony the Great +356*

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

**6:30 p.m.** Akathist to St. Marcarius the Great

**Friday, January 31** Strict Fast Day

**4:00 p.m.** Father John’s Office Hours

**6:00 p.m.** Vespers (*St. Macarius the Great*) Live on Facebook

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

**Saturday, February 1** *Saint Macarius the Great of Egypt +390*

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

**5:00 p.m.** Resurrection Vigil “ ”

<b>Sunday, February 2</b>	<i>Zaccheus Sunday</i> — <b><u>CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING</u></b>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> Live on Facebook
	<b>Tone 7 Epistle:</b> 1 Tim. 4:9-15 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 9:1-10
<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>ANNUAL MEETING</b> (Upstairs in Hall, during Brunch)
<b>2:30 p.m.</b>	Vespers ( <i>Approx. Time: St. Maximus Confessor</i> )

**Monday, February 3** *Saint Maximus the Confessor +662*

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

❖ **CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING—ALL ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND**

Each year, the Joy of All Who Sorrow Parish gathers for the Annual Meeting of the Members, wherein we elect officers and Parish Council members of the church, and we approve the 2025 church budget. *Since it is the year 2025, we will select the lay representative to attend the OCA tri-annual All American Council, which will include this year’s Diocesan Assembly.* At this meeting we will hear reports from all officers, and department heads for the 2024 calendar year. Father John is requesting that everyone in the church attend this especially important event.

❖ **PRAYER 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>