

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!)

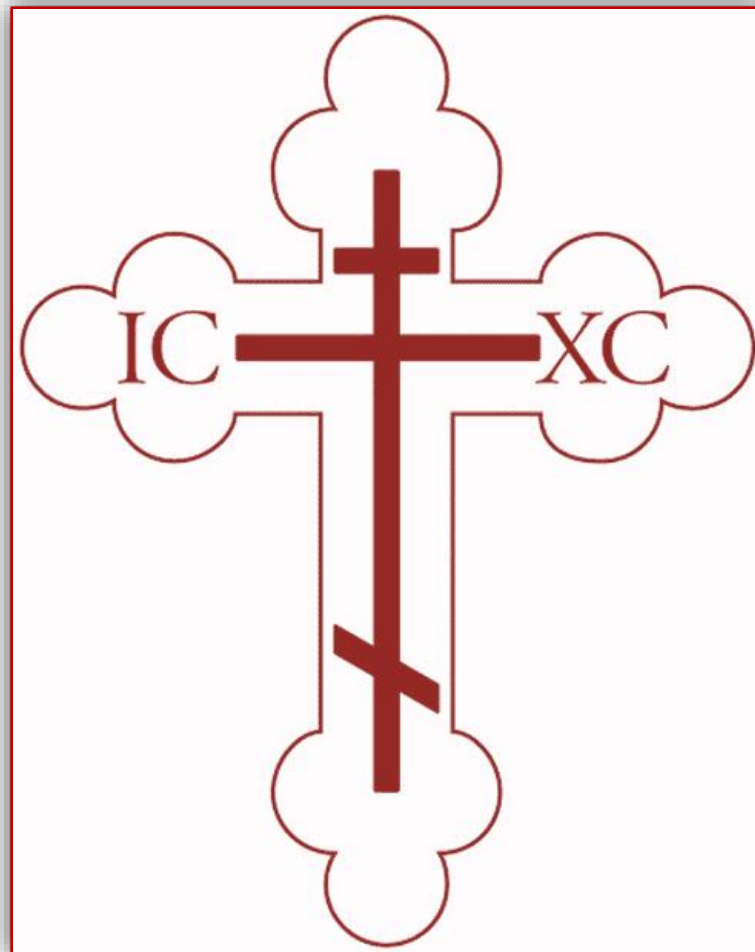
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JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

**Church Bulletin & Announcements
February 4-16, 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: February 4-16, 2025

Tuesday, February 4

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

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

Wednesday, February 5 Strict Fast Day

6:00 p.m. Vespers (*Saint Xenia +1803*) Live on Facebook

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

7:00 p.m. “Studies in the Faith” Class, Rdr. Steven “ ”

Thursday, February 6 *Saint Xenia of St. Petersburg +1803*

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

6:00 p.m. Vespers (*St. Gregory the Theologian*) “ ”

Friday, February 7 Fast Day—Fish, Oil & Wine Permitted (*St. Gregory +389*)

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

6:00 p.m. Vespers (*St. Xenophon & Family*) Live on Facebook

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

Saturday, February 8 *Saint Xenophon and Family, 5th Century*

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

5:00 p.m. Resurrection Vigil “ ”

Sunday, February 9

10:00 a.m.

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

Divine Liturgy

Live on Facebook

Tone 8 Epistle: II Tim. 3:10-25 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14

Tues.-Thurs., Feb. 11-13, FATHER JOHN attending Mission Deanery Retreat

Thursday, February 13

6:30 p.m.

Akathist

Friday, February 14

6:00 p.m.

GREAT FEAST VIGIL TONIGHT

Vigil for the Meeting of the Lord

Live on Facebook

Saturday, February 15

8:30 a.m.

THE MEETING OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE

Divine Liturgy

Live on Facebook

5:00 p.m.

Resurrection Vigil

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Sunday, February 16

10:00 a.m.

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Divine Liturgy

Live on Facebook

Tone 1 Epistle: I Cor. 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **THE GREAT FEAST OF “The Meeting of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ in the Temple,” Feb. 14 & 15:** This is one of the 12 Great Feasts of the year. The Church instructs all Orthodox Christians to attend these Vigils and Liturgies in order to learn about the life of our Lord and His mother, and to partake of the grace that He gives so freely to all.
- ❖ **THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9-15—FAST FREE**
Every year, following the *Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee*, the church prescribes a fast-free week. This is to honor the humility of the publican/tax collector. Christ conveys the story in a parable: “And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast saying, ‘God be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified... for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” (Lk. 18:13-14) We strive to be humble for the Lord.
- ❖ **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM THE LOS ANGELES FIRES (to donate online, please visit: <https://saintsophia.org/fire/>)** Our prayers for those affected by Southern California fires should continue daily for many months. Dear Lord, bless the suffering in our cities!
- ❖ **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.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>