

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!)

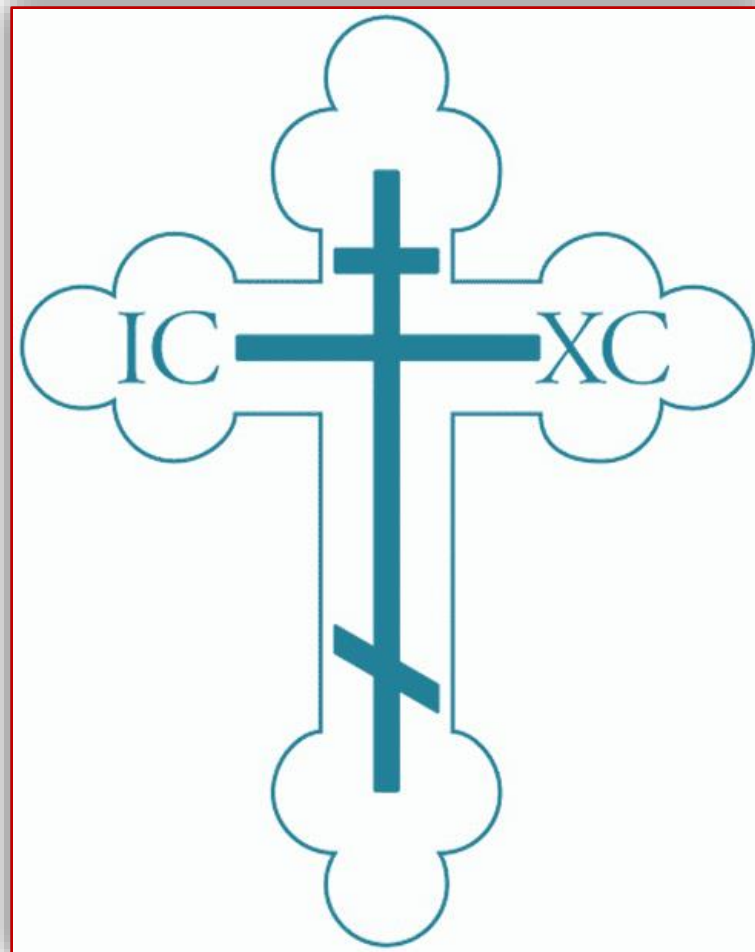
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JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

Church Bulletin & Announcements
February 18-23, 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 18-23, 2025

Tuesday, February 18

6:00 p.m. Vespers (*St. Photios the Great +891t*) Live on Facebook

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

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

Wed., February 19

Strict Fast Day

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

6:00 p.m. Vespers (*Saint Parthenius 4th C.*) “ ”

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

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

Thursday, February 20

Saint Parthenius

6:00 p.m. Vespers (*Apodosis & St. Theodore*) Live on Facebook

Friday, February 21

Fast Day—Oil & Wine Permitted (*Apodosis of the Feast*)

6:00 p.m. Vespers/Matins (*Memorial Saturday*) Live on Facebook

Saturday, February 22

Commemoration of the Departed

8:30 a.m.

Divine Liturgy

Live on Facebook

10:00 a.m.

Panikhida for the Departed

5:00 p.m.

Resurrection Vigil (*Dread Judgment*)

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Sunday, February 23

Meatfare Sunday—Sunday of the Dread Judgment

10:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy

Live on Facebook

Tone 2 Epistle: I Cor 8:8-9:2 **Gospel:** Mat. 25:31-46

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON, to keep in mind the week of Feb. 16, 2025:** The Sunday after the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee is the Sunday of the Prodigal Son. This parable of God’s forgiveness calls us to “come to ourselves” as did the prodigal son, to see ourselves as being “in a far country” far from the Father’s house, and to make the journey of return to God. We are given every assurance by the Master that our heavenly Father will receive us with joy and gladness. We must only “arise and go,” confessing our self-inflicted and sinful separation from that “home” where we truly belong (Luke 15:11-24).

After the Polyeleion at Matins, we first hear the lenten hymn “By the Waters of Babylon.” It will be sung for the next two Sundays before Lent begins, and it serves to reinforce the theme of exile in today’s Gospel. Starting on Monday, the weekday readings summarize the events of Holy Week. On Monday we read Saint Mark’s account of the Entry into Jerusalem. On Tuesday we read how Judas went to the chief priests and offered to betray the Lord. On the night before His death Christ tells His disciples that one of them will betray Him. He also predicts that they will desert Him, and that Peter will deny Him three times. On Wednesday the Gospel describes how Judas betrayed the Savior with a kiss. Thursday’s Gospel tells how Jesus was questioned by Pilate. On Friday we read the narrative of Christ’s crucifixion and death.

[\[Sunday of the Prodigal Son - Orthodox Church in America\]](#)

- ❖ **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.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>