

## 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, *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!)

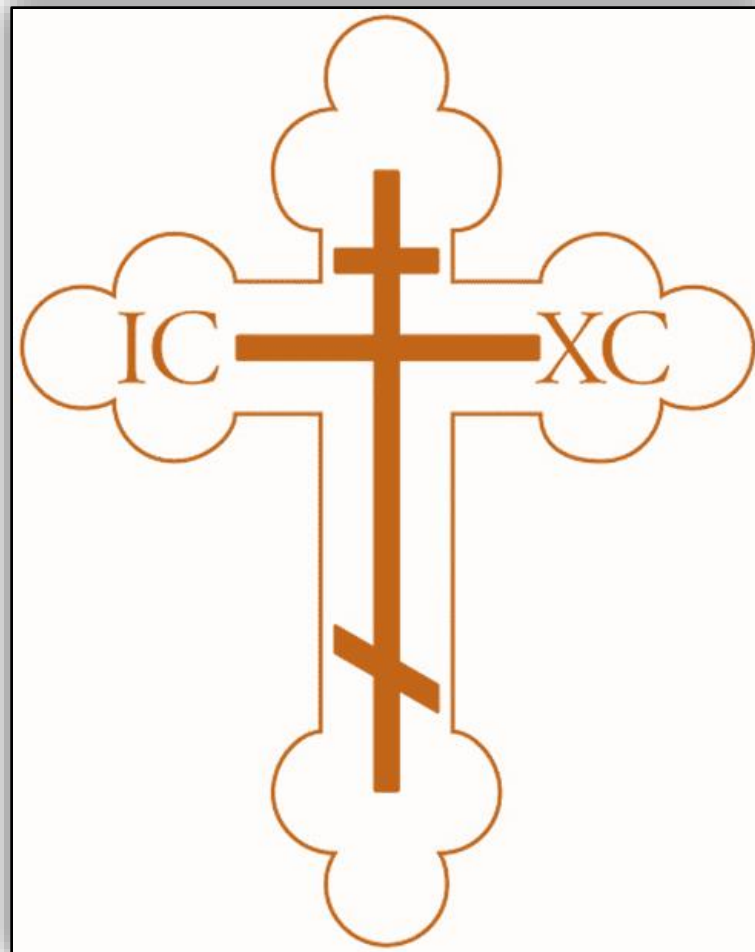
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## JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

**Church Bulletin & Announcements  
March 3-16, 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](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: March 3-16, 2025

<b>Monday, March 3</b>	<b>Canon of St. Andrew Tonight—Strict Lenten Fast</b>	
7:00 a.m.	Matins for Clean Monday	Live on Facebook
6:30 p.m.	Compline with Canon of St. Andrew	“ “
<b>Tuesday, March 4</b>	<b>Canon of St. Andrew Tonight—Strict Lenten Fast</b>	
7:00 a.m.	Matins for Clean Tuesday	Live on Facebook
6:30 p.m.	Compline with Canon of St. Andrew	“ “
<b>Wednesday, March 5</b>	<b>Canon of St. Andrew Tonight—Strict Lenten Fast</b>	
7:00 a.m.	Presanctified Liturgy	Live on Facebook
6:30 p.m.	Compline with Canon of St. Andrew	“ “
8:00 p.m.	<b>“Studies in the Faith” Class (Short)</b>	“ “
<b>Thursday, March 6</b>	<b>Canon of St. Andrew Tonight—Strict Lenten Fast</b>	
7:00 a.m.	Matins for Clean Thursday	Live on Facebook
6:30 p.m.	Compline with Canon of St. Andrew	“ “
<b>Friday, March 7</b>	<b>Strict Lenten Fast</b>	
7:00 a.m.	Presanctified Liturgy	Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m.	Compline	“ “

<b>Saturday, March 8</b>	<b>Saturday of Great Martyr Theodore the Recruit</b>	
8:30 a.m.	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	Live on Facebook
5:00 p.m.	Vigil ( <i>Sunday of Orthodoxy</i> )	“ “
<b>Sunday, March 9</b>	<b>Sunday of Orthodoxy (First Sunday of Great Lent)</b>	
10:00 a.m.	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	Live on Facebook
	<b>Tone 4 Epistle:</b> Heb. 11:24-12:2 <b>Gospel:</b> John 1:43-51	
<b>Tuesday, March 11</b>	<b>Strict Lenten Fast</b>	
6:00 p.m.	Compline	Live on Facebook
	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89363517686?pwd=rLdScCGxsZCbJPDvT3ybX0sQNEZ5y.1">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89363517686?pwd=rLdScCGxsZCbJPDvT3ybX0sQNEZ5y.1</a>	
7:00 p.m.	<b>Reader’s Class Via Zoom (Link Above)</b>	
<b>Wednesday, March 12</b>	<b>Strict Lenten Fast</b>	
6:30 p.m.	<b>Presanctified Liturgy</b>	Live on Facebook
7:30 p.m.	<b>“Studies in the Faith” Class</b>	“ “
<b>Thursday, March 13</b>	<b>Strict Lenten Fast</b>	
6:00 p.m.	Compline	Live on Facebook
<b>Friday, March 14</b>	<b>Strict Lenten Fast</b>	
7:00 a.m.	<b>Presanctified Liturgy</b>	Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m.	Compline	“ “
<b>Saturday, March 15</b>	<b>Commemoration of the Departed</b>	
8:30 a.m.	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	Live on Facebook
5:00 p.m.	Vigil ( <i>Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas</i> )	“ “
<b>Sunday, March 16</b>	<b>St. Gregory Palamas (Second Sunday of Great Lent)</b>	
10:00 a.m.	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	Live on Facebook
	<b>Tone 5 Epistle:</b> Heb. 1:10-2:3 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 2:1-12	

### ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY (March 9):** After Liturgy, on the First Sunday of Great Lent, as each of us holds an icon we process outside and around the church to proclaim the triumph of Orthodoxy. All Orthodox Churches in the world joyfully commemorate three events on this day: First, the victory of the Resurrection of Christ; second, the day of the final victory of Orthodoxy as the true faith over all the heresies (through the entering of icons once again into the church after 100+ years of being banned); third, we celebrate the growth of Orthodoxy throughout the world, and especially in the United States. See: [Sunday of Orthodoxy - Orthodox Church in America](http://SundayofOrthodoxy-OrthodoxChurchinAmerica)
- ❖ **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM THE LOS ANGELES FIRES (to donate online, please visit:** <https://saintsophia.org/fire/> Let us continue to pray for those affected by the Southern California fires. 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>