

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!)

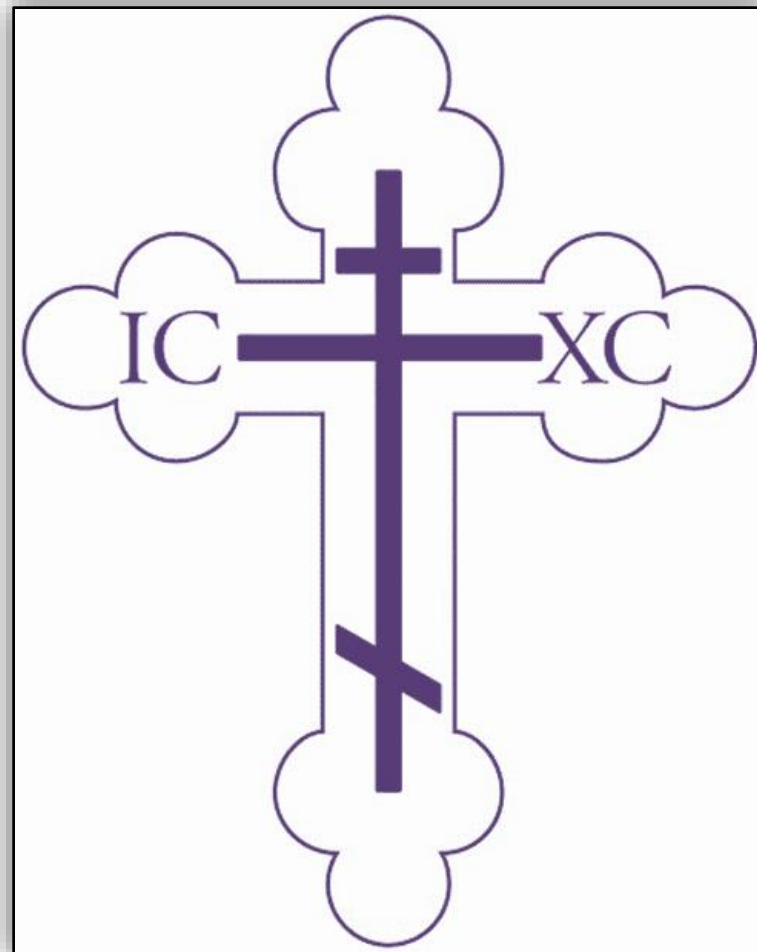
**Joy of All Who Sorrow (OCA) & Archangel Michael Orthodox Bookstore
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JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

Church Bulletin & Announcements
April 1-13, 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: April 1-13, 2025

Tuesday, April 1	Strict Lenten Fast	
	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89363517686?pwd=rLdScCGxsZCbdJPDvT3ybX0sQNEZ5y.1	
7:00 p.m.	Reader’s Class Via Zoom (Link Above)	
Wednesday, April 2	Lenten Fast, Oil & Wine Permitted	
7:00 a.m.	Presanctified Liturgy	Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m.	GREAT CANON OF ST. ANDREW	“ “
Thursday, April 3	Happy Birthday, Father John!	
6:00 p.m.	Akathist to “Joy of All Who Sorrow”	
Friday, April 4	Lenten Fast, Oil & Wine Permitted	
7:00 a.m.	Presanctified Liturgy	Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m.	Matins for Akathist Saturday	“ “
Saturday, April 5	Saturday of the Akathist (Lenten Triodion)	
8:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Live on Facebook
5:00 p.m.	Vigil (Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt)	“ “
Sunday, April 6	St. Mary of Egypt (5th Sunday of Lent)	
10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Live on Facebook
	Tone 8 Epistle: Heb. 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	
2:00 p.m.	ANNUNCIATION VIGIL (Great Feast)	

Tuesday, April 7

ANNUNCIATION OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS

7:00 a.m.

Vespertal Divine Liturgy

Live on Facebook

Tuesday, April 8

Lenten Fast, Oil & Wine Permitted

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

7:00 p.m.

Reader’s Class Via Zoom (Link Above)

Wednesday, April 9

Strict Lenten Fast

6:30 p.m.

Presanctified Liturgy

Live on Facebook

7:45 p.m.

“Studies in the Faith” Class

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Thursday, April 10

Strict Lenten Fast

6:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF UNCTION (Annual Lenten Event)

Friday, April 11

Strict Lenten Fast

7:00 a.m.

Presanctified Liturgy

Live on Facebook

6:00 p.m.

Lazarus Saturday Matins

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Saturday, April 12

LAZARUS SATURDAY

8:30 a.m.

Divine Liturgy

Live on Facebook

5:00 p.m.

Vigil (Palm Sunday—Great Feast)

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Sunday, April 13

PALM SUNDAY—ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

10:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy

Live on Facebook

Epistle: Phil. 4:4-9 **Gospel:** John 12:1-18

6:30 p.m.

Bridegroom Matins Service & 1st Hour

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **PICK UP A COPY OF OUR HOLY WEEK & PASCHA SCHEDULE** Available at the Entrance Table adjacent to the Bookstore
- ❖ **CANON OF ST. ANDREW OF CRETE: Wed., April 2, 6:00 p.m.** On this evening we pray Matins with the complete Canon of St. Andrew of Crete and the reading of the life of St. Mary of Egypt.
- ❖ **FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION: Vigil: 2:00 pm, Sunday, April 6; Vespertal Liturgy: 7:00 am, Monday, April 7**
- ❖ **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>