

## 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!)

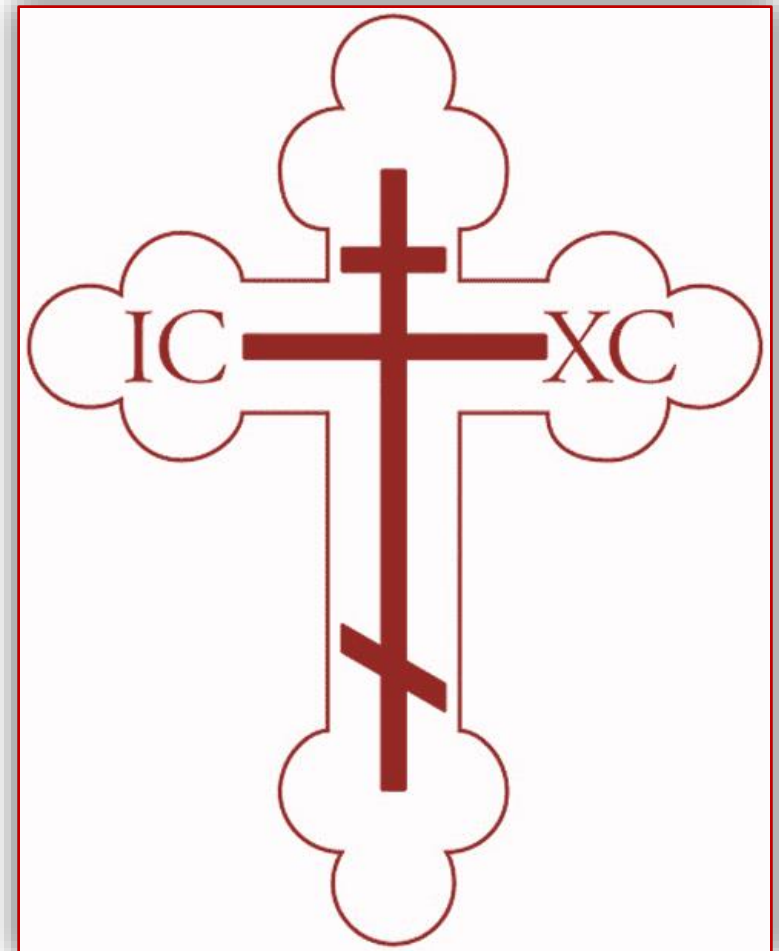
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## JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

**Church Bulletin & Announcements  
April 29-May 11, 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 classes, homilies (sermons), and links to our websites and social media platforms can be accessed here: <https://link.space/@joyorthodoxla>

**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 *extensive* online store: [orthodoxgiftstore.com](http://orthodoxgiftstore.com).

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & CLASSES: April 29-May 11, 2025

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| <b>Tuesday, April 29</b>  | <b>Radonitsa—(Day of Rejoicing)</b>  |
| <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89363517686?pwd=rLdScCGxsZCbdJPDvT3ybX0sQNEZ5y.1">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89363517686?pwd=rLdScCGxsZCbdJPDvT3ybX0sQNEZ5y.1</a> |  |
| <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Reader's Class Via Zoom (Link Above)</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday, April 30</b>  | Fast Day—Oil & Wine Permitted  |
| <b>6:00 p.m.</b>  | Vespers ( <i>St. John of Decapolis</i> +850) Live on Facebook  |
| <b>6:30 p.m.</b>  | Akathist to St. Nicholas " "   |
| <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>"Studies in the Faith" Class—<u>Live-streamed</u></b> on Facebook, YouTube and "X." (See Announcement link below) |
| <b>Thursday, May 1</b>  |  |
| <b>6:00 p.m.</b>  | Vespers ( <i>St. Matrona the Blind</i> +1952) Live on Facebook   |
| <b>Friday, May 2</b>  | Fast Day—Fish, Oil, & Winer Permitted  |
| <b>7:00 a.m.</b>  | <b>Divine Liturgy</b> Live on Facebook   |
| <b>6:00 p.m.</b>  | Vespers ( <i>Of the 70: Bishop Zacchaeus</i> ) " "   |
| <b>Saturday, May 3</b>  | <i>Zacchaeus of the 70, Bishop and Former Publican</i> +1 <sup>st</sup> C.   |
| <b>8:30 a.m.</b>  | <b>Divine Liturgy</b> Live on Facebook   |
| <b>5:00 p.m.</b>  | Resurrection Vigil " "   |
| <b>Sunday, May 4</b>  | <b>SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN</b>   |
| <b>10:00 a.m.</b>   | <b>Divine Liturgy</b> Live on Facebook   |
|   | <b>Tone 2 Epistle:</b> Acts 6:1-7 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 15:43-16:8   |

### Fr. John Out of Town: Monday, May 5 through Thursday, May 8

(Please Contact Matushka at 310-849-9451 if need be.)

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| <b>Monday, May 6</b>  |  |
| <b>6:00 p.m.</b>  | Vigil: Saint George (Reader's Service) Live on Facebook  |
| <b>Tuesday, May 6</b>   | <b>Great Martyr George +303</b>  |
| <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89363517686?pwd=rLdScCGxsZCbdJPDvT3ybX0sQNEZ5y.1">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89363517686?pwd=rLdScCGxsZCbdJPDvT3ybX0sQNEZ5y.1</a> |  |
| <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Reader's Class Via Zoom (Link Above)</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday, May 7</b>   | Fast Day, Oil & Wine Permitted   |
| <b>6:00 p.m.</b>  | Gr. Vespers ( <i>Apostle Mark</i> +63) Live on Facebook  |
| <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>"Studies in the Faith" Class—<u>Live-streamed</u></b> on Facebook, YouTube and "X." (See Announcement link below) |
| <b>Thursday, May 8</b>  | <b>Holy Apostle Mark the Evangelist +63</b>  |
| <b>6:00 p.m.</b>  | Akathist to Joy of All Who Sorrow  |
| <b>Friday, May 9</b>  | Fast Day, Oil & Wine Permitted   |
| <b>6:00 p.m.</b>  | Vespers ( <i>Apostle Symeon</i> +107) Live on Facebook   |
| <b>Saturday, May 10</b>   |  |
| <b>8:30 a.m.</b>  | <b>Divine Liturgy</b> Live on Facebook   |
| <b>5:00 p.m.</b>  | Resurrection Vigil (Sunday of the Paralytic) " "   |
| <b>Sunday, May 11</b>   | <b>SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC</b>   |
| <b>10:00 a.m.</b>   | <b>Divine Liturgy</b> Live on Facebook   |
|   | <b>Tone 3 Epistle:</b> Acts 9:32-42 <b>Gospel:</b> John 5:1-15   |

### ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **NEW "CLEARINGHOUSE" ACCESS TO ALL CHURCH LINKS:** Thanks to our wonderful tech volunteer Nicholas, we now have a place where all of our links can be accessed: <https://link.space/@joyorthodoxla> From this link you will find the church website, calendar, online store, donating options, sign-ups, and our social media platforms, including: YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, and "X." Please follow/subscribe!
- ❖ **UPCOMING GREAT FEAST: THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD:** Vigil on Wednesday, May 28, at 6:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy on Thursday, May 29, at 7:00 a.m.
- ❖ **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM THE LOS ANGELES FIRES**—Dear Lord, bless the suffering in our cities!
- ❖ **ELECTRONIC WAYS TO DONATE TO THE 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>. To use your Ralph's rewards, visit <https://www.ralphs.com/i/community/community-contribution-program>