

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!)

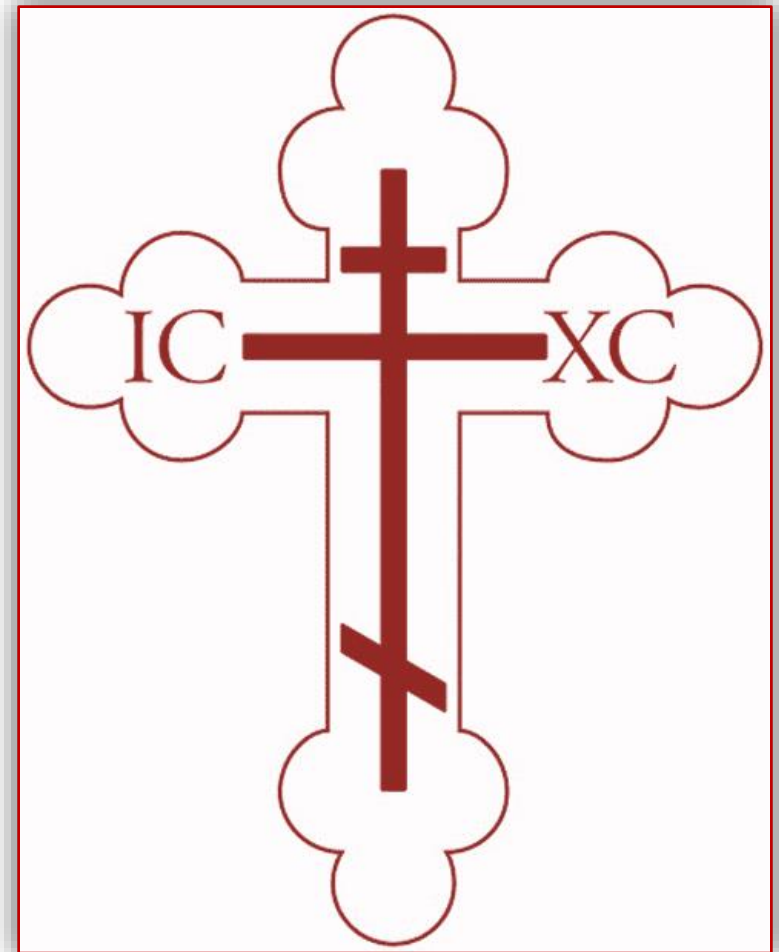
**Joy of All Who Sorrow (OCA) & Archangel Michael Orthodox Bookstore
4161 Lincoln Blvd, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292**

**Church/Bookstore: 310-391-9911 To Leave a Message: 310-849-9451
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JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

**Church Bulletin & Announcements
May 27-June 8, 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/@jovorthodoxla>

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.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & CLASSES: May 27-June 8, 2025

Tuesday, May 27	<i>Apostle James Zebedee +44</i>
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89363517686?pwd=rLdScCGxsZCbdJPDvT3ybX0sQNEZ5y.1	
7:00 p.m.	<u>Reader's Class Via Zoom (Link Above)</u>
Wednesday, May 28	Fast Day—Fish, Oil & Wine Permitted
7:00 a.m.	Matins (<i>Apodosis of Pascha</i>) Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m.	Vigil for Ascension (Great Feast) “ ”
Thursday, May 29	THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
7:00 a.m.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u> Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m.	Akathist to “Joy of All Who Sorrow”
Friday, May 30	Fast Day—Fish, Oil, & Winer Permitted
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>Martyr Theodus</i>) Live on Facebook
Saturday, May 31	<i>The Saturday After Ascension</i>
8:30 a.m.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u> Live on Facebook
5:00 p.m.	Resurrection Vigil (<i>Samaritan Woman</i>) “ ”
Sunday, June 1	SUNDAY OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL
10:00 a.m.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u> Live on Facebook
	Tone 6 Epistle: Acts 20:16-36 Gospel: John 17:1-13

Monday, June 2

6:00 p.m. Vespers: (*Sts. Constantine & Helen*) Live on Facebook

Tuesday, June 3

Sts. Constantine & Helen; Vladimir Mother of God

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

Wednesday, June 4

Fast Day—Oil & Wine Permitted

NO “STUDIES IS THE FAITH” CLASS TONIGHT

Thursday, June 5

6:00 p.m. Akathist to “Joy of All Who Sorrow”

Friday, June 6

Fast Day—Fish, Oil & Wine Permitted

6:00 p.m. Vespers (*3rd Finding, St. John*) Live on Facebook

Saturday, June 7

Third Finding of the Head of St. John the Baptist

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

10:00 a.m. *Panikhida for “Commemoration of the Departed”*

5:00 p.m. **HOLY PENTECOST VIGIL** “ ”

Sunday, June 8

HOLY PENTECOST—HOLY SPIRIT DESCENDS

10:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook

Epistle: Acts 2:1-11 Gospel: John 7:37-52, 8:12

12:00 Noon **PENTECOST “KNEELING VESPERS” SERVICE**

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/@jovorthodoxla>
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.
- ❖ **UPCOMING GREAT FEAST: HOLY PENTECOST:**
Vigil on Saturday, June 7, at 5:00 p.m.
Divine Liturgy on Sunday, June 8, at 10:00 a.m.
Gr. Vespers on Sunday, June 8, at 1:30 p.m.
Divine Liturgy on Day of the Holy Spirit Monday, June 9, at 7:00 a.m.
Gr. Vespers on Monday, June 9, at 6:00 p.m.
Divine Liturgy on Pentecost Tuesday, June 10, at 7:00 a.m.
- ❖ **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>