

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 classes resuming in September) see:

“Joy of All Who Sorrow Orthodox Church,”

<http://www.youtube.com/@joyofallwhosorrow00> (Please Subscribe to our channel!)

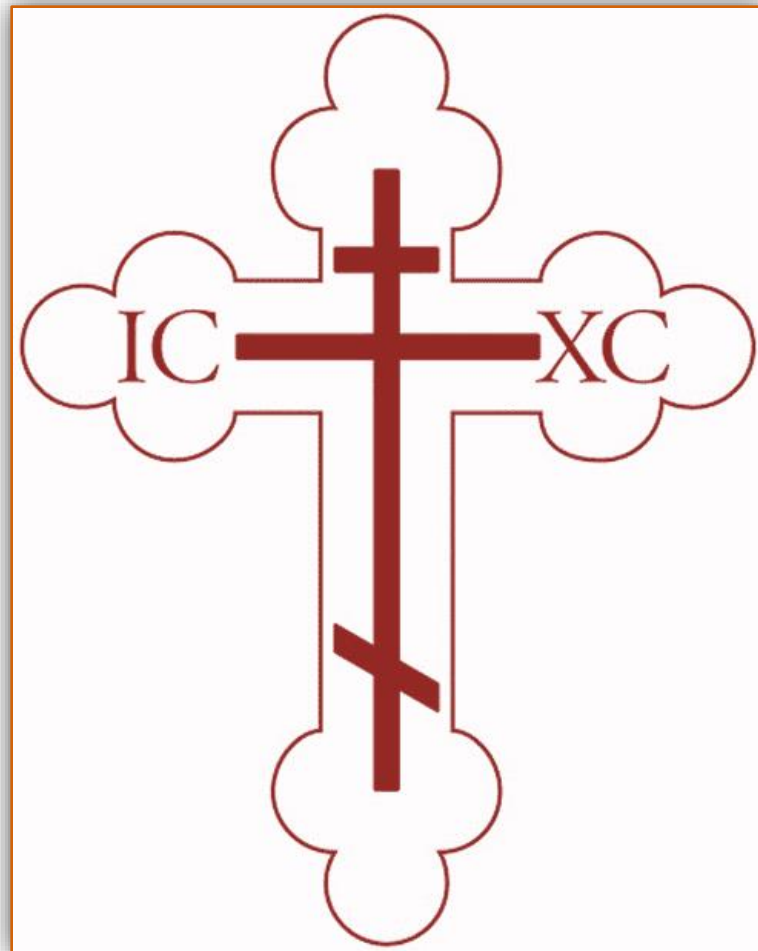
**Joy of All Who Sorrow (OCA) & Archangel Michael Orthodox Bookstore
4161 Lincoln Blvd, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292**

**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
July 21-August 3, 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: July 21-Aug. 3, 2025

Monday-Saturday, July 21-26: ICON WORKSHOP

Wednesday, July 23	“SAINT PAISIOS, Episode 1” Screening Tonight
6:30 p.m.	Akathist to St. Nicholas Live on Facebook
7:00 p.m.	Screening: <i>From Farasa to Heaven</i> (Internationally Acclaimed Greek Television Series)

Thursday, July 24	
6:00 p.m.	Akathist
Friday, July 25	Strict Fast Day
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>Archangel Gabriel</i>) Live on Facebook
Saturday, July 26	<i>Synaxis of Archangel Gabriel</i>
8:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook
3:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
5:00 p.m.	Resurrection Vigil “ ”
Sunday, July 27	<i>Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils</i>
10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook Tone 6 Epistle: Rom. 15:1-7 Gospel: Mat. 9:27-35
12:30 p.m.	Great Vespers (<i>Gr. Prince Vladimir</i>) Live on Facebook

Monday, July 28	<i>Holy Equal to the Apostles Great Prince Vladimir +1015</i>
7:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook
Tuesday, July 29	
6:00 p.m.	Vigil (<i>Gr. Martyr Marina</i>) Live on Facebook
Wednesday, July 30	Strict Fast Day
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>Martyrs Emilian & Hyacinth</i>) Live on Facebook
6:30 p.m.	Akathist to St. Nicholas “ ”
Thursday, July 31	<i>St. Andrew of Crete; Holy Royal Martyrs of Russia +1918</i>
6:00 p.m.	Vigil (St. Seraphim of Sarov) Live on Facebook
Friday, August 1	<i>Relics of St. Seraphim of Sarov—Fish Permitted Today</i>
7:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>Prophet Elijah/Elias 9th C. BC</i>) “ ”
Saturday, August 2	<i>The Prophet of God Elijah (Elias) the Tishbite +9th C. BC</i>
8:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook
5:00 p.m.	Resurrection Vigil “ ”
Sunday, August 3	<i>Prophet Ezekiel +6th C. BC</i>
10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook Tone 5 Epistle: Rom. 12:6-14 Gospel: Matt. 9:1-8

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **JULY 23 at 7:00 P.M.— SCREENING: “SAINT PAISIOS, EPISODE 1:**
Join us as we watch Episode 1 of the critically acclaimed “Saint Paisios, *From Farasa to Heaven*” Greek Television Series, , **Free parking is available on Lincoln Blvd. after 6 pm.**
- ❖ **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 FEASTS OF THE CHURCH IN AUGUST:**
August 19: Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ
Vigil: Monday, Aug. 18 at 6pm, and **Liturgy** Aug 19 at 7am
August 28: Dormition of our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos
Vigil: Wed., Aug. 27 at 6pm, and **Liturgy** Aug 28 at 7am
- ❖ **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>