

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!)

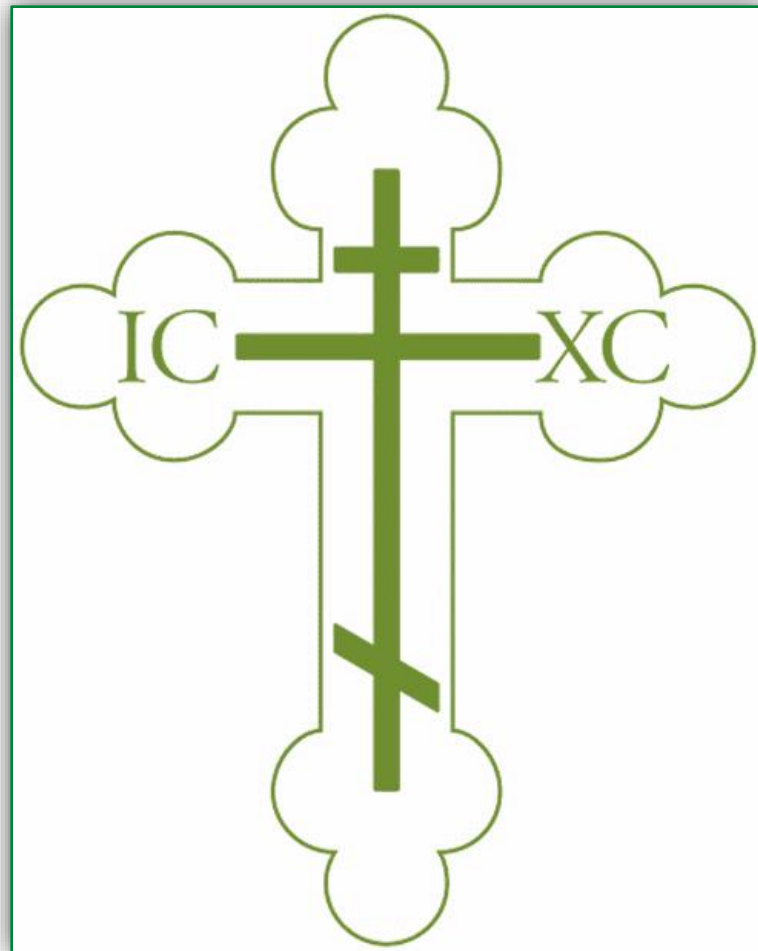
**Joy of All Who Sorrow (OCA) & Archangel Michael Orthodox Bookstore
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JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

Church Bulletin & Announcements
July 7-20, 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 7-20, 2025

Monday, July 7 Apostles' Fast—Fish, Oil & Wine Permitted
7:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** (*Nativity, St. John Baptist*) Live on Facebook

Wednesday, July 9 **“MAN OF GOD” Talk by Yelena Popovic & Screening**
6:00 p.m. Vespers (*St. Sampson +530*) Live on Facebook
7:00 p.m. **Talk by Yelena Popovic** “ “
7:45 p.m. **Screening of “Man of God” by Yelena Popovic**

Thursday, July 10 Apostles Fast—Oil & Wine Permitted
6:00 p.m. Gr. Vespers (*Sts. Sergius & Herman*) Live on Facebook

Friday, July 11 Sts. Sergius & Herman, Wonderworkers of Valaam +1353
7:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m. **VIGIL: Holy Apostles Peter & Paul** “ “

Saturday, July 12 **HOLY APOSTLES PETER & PAUL**
8:30 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook
3:30 p.m. **Choir Practice**
5:00 p.m. Resurrection Vigil “ “

Sunday, July 13 **SYNAXIS OF THE 12 APOSTLES**
10:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook
Tone 4 Epistle: Rom. 10:1-10 Gospel: Mat. 8:28-9:1

NOTE: Monday, July 14-Saturday, July 19, Father John & Kyle will be in Phoenix, AZ, for the OCA's 21st All American Council

Wednesday, July 16 Fast Day—Oil & Wine Permitted
6:00 p.m. Akathist to St. Nicholas the Wonderworker

Thursday, July 17 *St. Andrew of Crete; Holy Royal Martyrs of Russia +1918*
6:00 p.m. Akathist

Friday, July 18 *Nun-Martyrs Elizabeth & Barbara of Russia +1918*
6:00 p.m. Akathist

Saturday, July 19 *St. Sisoies the Great +429*
8:30 a.m. **Matins** Live on Facebook
5:00 p.m. Resurrection Vigil “ “

Sunday, July 20 *Blachernae Icon of the Mother of God*
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 9 at 7:00 P.M.—YELENA POPOVIC'S TALK & SCREENING:** Writer and director of the popular film “Man of God,” Yelena Popovic will provide a talk about her experiences in making the film as well as her insights into the growth of Orthodoxy in America and throughout the world. The screening of “Man of God” will follow Yelena’s talk. **Free parking is available on Lincoln Blvd. after 6 pm.** (Stream the film on Amazon Prime.)
- ❖ **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!
- ❖ **26TH ANNIVERSARY BOOKSTORE SALE—JULY 2-13, 2025!** We are celebrating the 26th Anniversary of Archangel Michael Orthodox Bookstore with 10% off all hand-painted icons, 20% off all books, and 25% off *everything else in the store*. This is a great time to stock up of items for yourself and others you would like to give gifts to of a religious nature. Note the new “Chronicles of Narnia” sets, which make wonderful gifts for young readers.
- ❖ **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>