

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 numerous 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!)

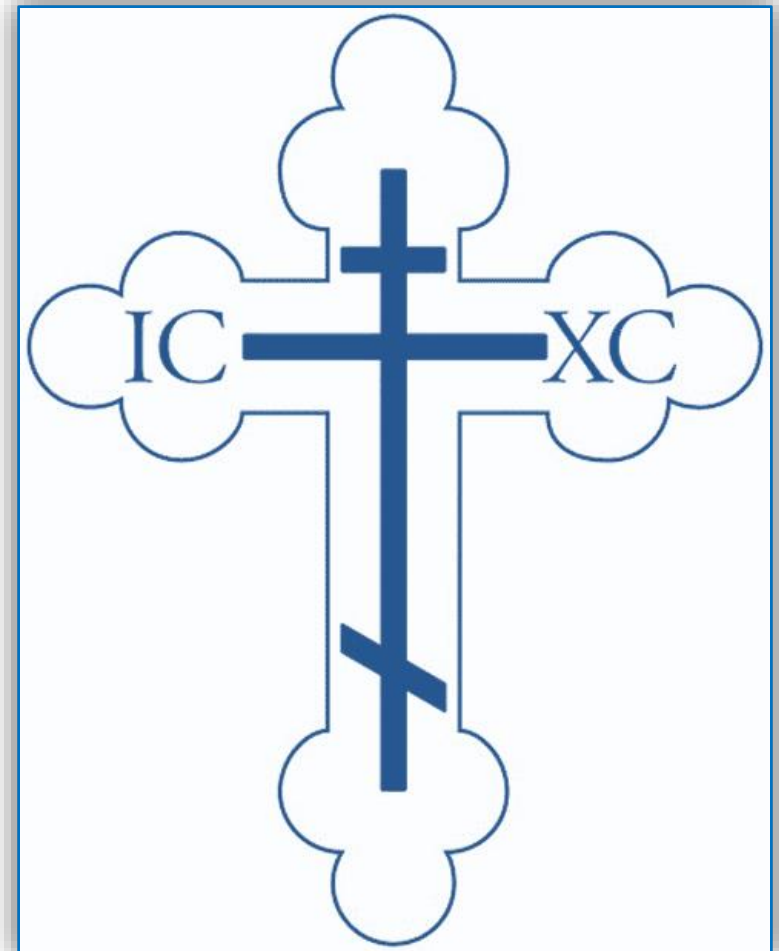
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JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

Church Bulletin & Announcements
September 17-28, 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.

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.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & CLASSES: September 17-28, 2025

Wednesday, Sept. 17 Fast Day—Oil & Wine Permitted
6:00 p.m. Vespers (*Sts. Zachariah & Elizabeth + 1st C.*) Live on Facebook
6:30 p.m. Akathist to St. Nicholas the Wonderworker “ ”
7:00 p.m. **Studies in the Faith Class (Matushka Deborah)** “ ”

Thursday, September 18
6:00 p.m. Vespers (*Archangel Michael Miracle*) Live on Facebook

Friday, September 19 Strict Fast Day (No meat/fish, dairy, or eggs)
6:00 p.m. Vespers (*Forefeast Nativity of the Theotokos*) Live on Facebook

Saturday, Sept. 20 *Forefeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos*
8:30 a.m. Matins, Hours & Typica Live on Facebook
5:00 p.m. **Vigil for the Nativity of the Theotokos** “ ”

Sunday, September 21 **GREAT FEAST: NATIVITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD**
10:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy (Abbot Dionisie Serving)** Live on Facebook
Tone 6 Epistle: II Cor. 4:6-15 Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Wednesday, Sept 24 Fast Day—Oil & Wine Permitted Today
6:00 p.m. Vespers (*Apodosis of Nativity*) Live on Facebook
6:30 p.m. Akathist to St. Nicholas the Wonderworker “ ”
7:00 p.m. **Studies in the Faith Class (Catechist Kyle)** “ ”

Thursday, Sept. 25 *Apodosis of the Nativity of the Theotokos*

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

Friday, September 26 Fast Day—Oil & Wine Permitted Today

6:00 p.m. **Gr. Vespers (Exaltation of the Cross)** Live on Facebook

Saturday, September 27 **GREAT FEAST: EXALTATION OF THE CROSS**

8:30 a.m. **Divine Liturgy (Abbot Dionisie Serving)** Live on Facebook

5:00 p.m. Resurrection Vigil “ ”

Sunday, September 28 *Afterfeast of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross*

10:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy (Abbot Dionisie Serving)** Live on Facebook

Tone 7 Epistle: II Cor 6:1-10 Gospel: Matt 25:14-30

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **FATHER JOHN'S TRIP TO MT. ATHOS: SEPTEMBER 17-30, 2025**
While Fr. John will be in Mt. Athos, we will be observing two great feasts (see below under “Upcoming Feasts”). Fr. Dionisie, Abbott of Resurrection Monastery in Temecula, will be serving Liturgies here on those two days, along with Sunday, Sept. 28. This is very kind of Fr. Dionisie to serve our parish in this way. Please plan to attend these services in Fr. John's absence.
- ❖ **UPCOMING GREAT FEASTS OF THE CHURCH IN SEPTEMBER:**
September 21: *Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos*
Vigil: Sat., Sept 20 at 5pm, and **Liturgy** Sept. 21 at 10:00am
September 28: *Exaltation of the Precious Cross of Our Lord*
Vigil: Fri., Sept. 26 at 6pm, and **Liturgy** Sept. 27 at 8:30am
- ❖ **BOOKSTORE VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY NEEDED!**
Please help us keep our bookstore doors open. Ask Matushka Deborah for details. Feel free to call/text her at 310-849-9451.
- ❖ **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!
- ❖ **SPECIAL SCREENING, 7pm, OCT. 11, “AMERICAN ORTHODOX”**
We are proud to announce that immediately following Saturday Vigil on October 11, 2025, filmmaker **John Hammond** will visit *Joy of All Who Sorrow* to show his acclaimed film “American Orthodox.” All are invited to attend this very special event.
- ❖ **ELECTRONIC WAYS TO DONATE TO THE CHURCH:** See our new QR Codes in the church and bookstore! For *no-fee* Zelle instructions, visit: <https://www.zellepay.com/how-it-works>. To use your Ralph's rewards, see: <https://www.ralphs.com/i/community/community-contribution-program>