

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 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!)

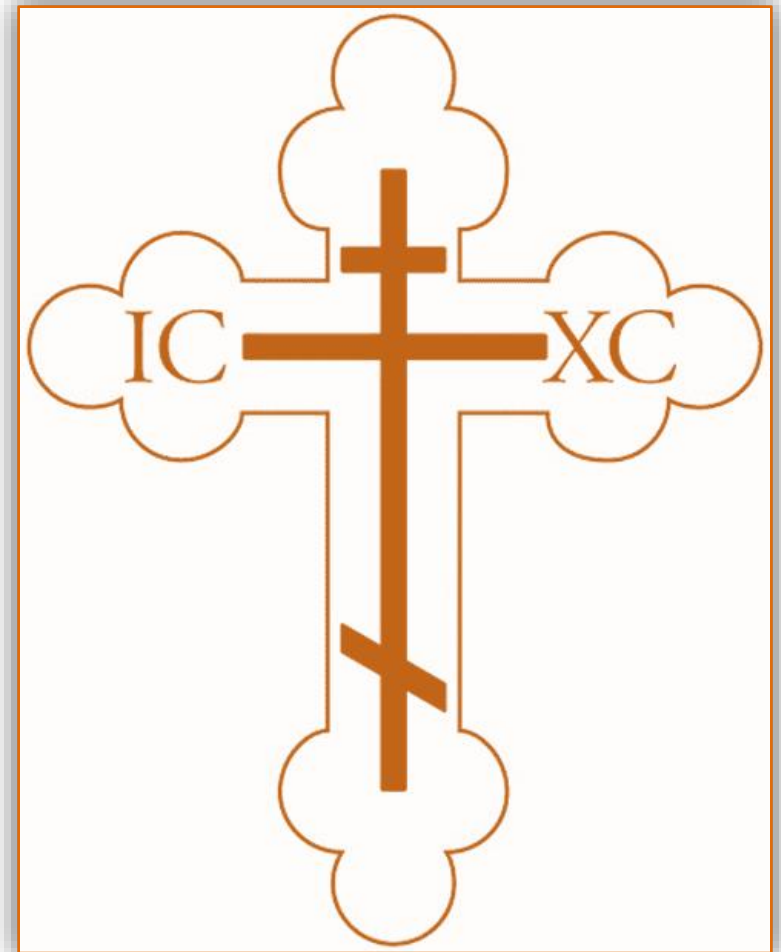
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JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

***Revised Church Bulletin & Announcements
October 1-12, 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 GIFT STORE: Visit our *extensive* online store: orthodoxgiftstore.com.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & CLASSES: October 1-12, 2025

Wednesday, October 1	Strict Fast Day (No meat/fish, dairy, or eggs)
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>Afterfeast of the Exaltation</i>) Live on Facebook
6:30 p.m.	Akathist to St. Nicholas the Wonderworker " "
7:00 p.m.	Studies in the Faith Class (<i>The Creed, Part 1</i>) " "
Thursday, October 2	
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>Afterfeast of the Exaltation</i>) Live on Facebook
Friday, October 3	Fast Day—Oil & Wine Permitted Today
4:00 p.m.	Father John's Office Hours
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>Apodosis of the Exaltation of the Cross</i>)
Saturday, October 4	<i>Apodosis: Exaltation of the Precious Cross of the Lord</i>
8:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook
5:00 p.m.	Vigil for the Resurrection of Christ " "
Sunday, October 5	<i>Holy Apostle Quadratus of the Seventy +c.130</i>
10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook
	Tone 8 Epistle: II Cor. 6:16-7:1 Gospel: Luke 5:1-11
Monday, October 6	<i>Conception of St. John the Baptist; Hawaiian Iveron Icon</i>
7:00 a.m.	Matins (<i>Conception of St. John, Forerunner & Baptist</i>)
Tuesday, October 7	
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>St. Sergius of Radonezh +1392</i>) Live on Facebook

Wednesday, October 8	Fast Day—Fish, Oil & Wine Permitted Today
7:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy (<i>St. Sergius of Radonezh</i>) C
4:00 p.m.	Vigil (<i>St. John the Theologian +2nd C</i>) Live on Facebook
7:00 p.m.	Studies in the Faith Class: "The Creed, Part 2"
Thursday, October 9	<i>Holy Apostle & Evangelist John the Theologian +2nd C</i>
7:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m.	Akathist to <i>Joy of All Who Sorrow</i>
Friday, October 10	Fast Day—Oil & Wine Permitted Today
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>St. Chariton the Confessor +350</i>) Live on Facebook
Saturday, October 11	MOVIE SCREENING 7pm: "AMERICAN ORTHODOX"
8:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook
5:00 p.m.	Resurrection Vespers " "
7:00 p.m.	"American Orthodoxy" Screening in Church
	(presented in person by writer/producer/filmmaker John Hammond)
Sunday, October 12	<i>Afterfeast of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross</i>
8:00 a.m.	Matins (<i>Finding Relics of St. John of San Francisco</i>)
10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy (Abbot Dionisie Serving) Live on Facebook
	Tone 1 Epistle: II Cor 9:6-11 Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **BOOKSTORE PRE-CHRISTMAS SALE: October 8-19, 2025**
Yes, it is time again to stock up on personal and gift items from the bookstore during this annual event! (In-store only sales)
- ❖ **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. The shifts we work are for 3 hours only, per week or bi-weekly. Matushka Deborah will personally train each volunteer.
- ❖ **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>
- ❖ **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>