

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].

To read more information about the Orthodox Faith, visit:
www.oca.org/Orthodoxy/the-Orthodox-Faith

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!)

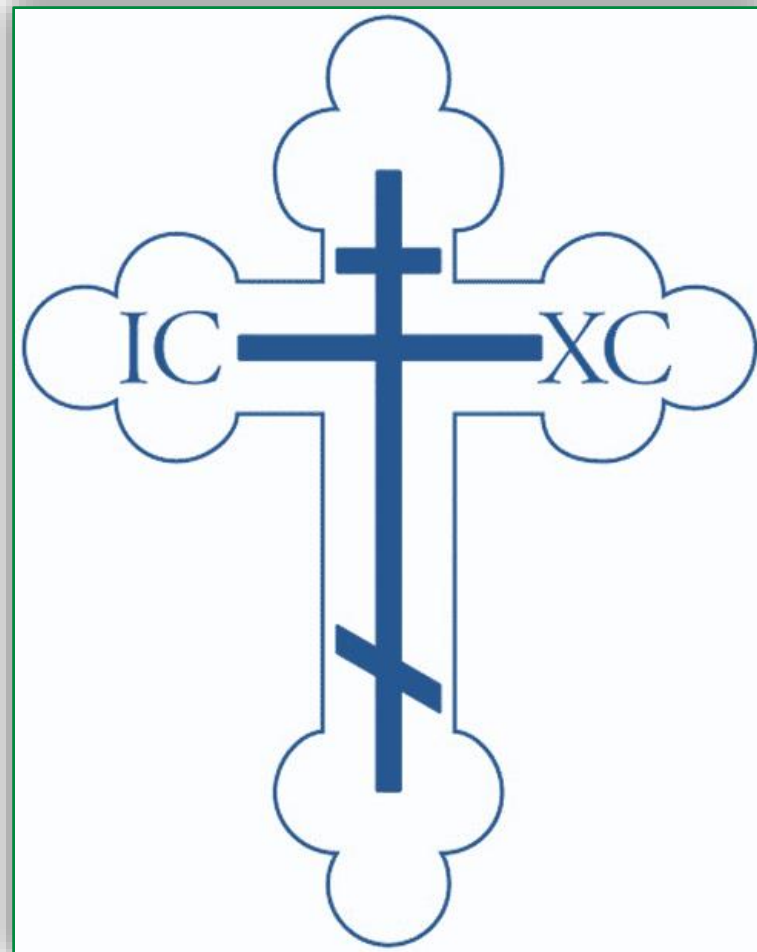
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JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

Church Bulletin & Announcements
October 29—November 9, 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 and YouTube. Feel free to *like* and *follow* Joy of All Who Sorrow Orthodox Church, Marina Del Rey, CA, on Facebook: @JoyOrthodoxLA.

Information regarding classes, homilies (sermons), and links to our websites and social media platforms can be accessed here:

www.joyofallwhosorrow.org

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-hour 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: Oct. 29-Nov. 9, 2025

Wednesday, Oct. 29	Strict Fast Day—No meat/fish, dairy, or eggs
4:00-6:00 p.m.	Father John's Office Hours
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>Prophet Hosea</i> +829 BC) Live on Facebook
6:30 p.m.	Akathist to St. Nicholas " "
7:00 p.m.	Studies in the Faith Class " "
Thursday, October 30	
6:00 p.m.	Great Vespers (<i>Apostle Luke</i> +1 st C)
Friday, October 31	Fast Day—Oil & Wine Permitted Today
7:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>St. John of Kronstadt</i> +1908)
Saturday, November 1	<i>Wonderworker John of Kronstadt</i> +1908
8:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook
3:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
5:00 p.m.	Resurrection Vigil (honoring Ap Thomas) " "
Sunday, November 2	(<i>Great Martyr Artemius of Antioch</i> +362)
10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook
	Tone 4 Epistle: Gal. 2:16-20 Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Wednesday, Nov. 5	Fast Day—Oil & Wine Permitted Today
6:00 p.m.	Vigil (<i>Joy of All Who Sorrow</i>) Live on Facebook
	(No Studies in the Faith Class)
Thursday, Nov. 6	<u>FEAST DAY: JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW</u>
7:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m.	Akathist to <i>Joy of All Who Sorrow</i>

Friday, November 7	Strict Fast Day—No meat/fish, dairy, or eggs
6:00 p.m.	Gr. Vespers (<i>Great Martyr Demetrius</i> +306)
Saturday, Nov. 8	<i>Great Martyr Demetrius of Thessalonica</i> +306
8:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook
5:00 p.m.	Resurrection Vigil " "
Sunday, November 9	<i>Martyr Nester of Thessalonica</i> +306
10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook
	Tone 5 Epistle: Gal. 6:11-18 Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW FEAST DAY:**
Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 6:00 p.m. & Thursday, Nov. 6, at 7:30 a.m.
Please join us as we celebrate our annual feast day honoring the Mother of God, the *Joy of All Who Sorrow*. Below is the schedule.
Vigil: 6:00-8:30 p.m. (Wednesday, Nov. 5)
Divine Liturgy: 7:30 a.m. (Thursday, Nov. 6)
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **THANKSGIVING DAY: Thursday, November 27, 2025**
Divine Liturgy: 8:00 a.m.
- ❖ **ELECTRONIC WAYS TO DONATE TO THE CHURCH:**
See our new QR Codes in the church and bookstore! For *no-fee Zelle* instructions, visit: <https://www.zellepay.com/how-it-works>.
To use *Ralph's Rewards*, visit:
<https://www.ralphs.com/i/community/community-contribution-program>