

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!)

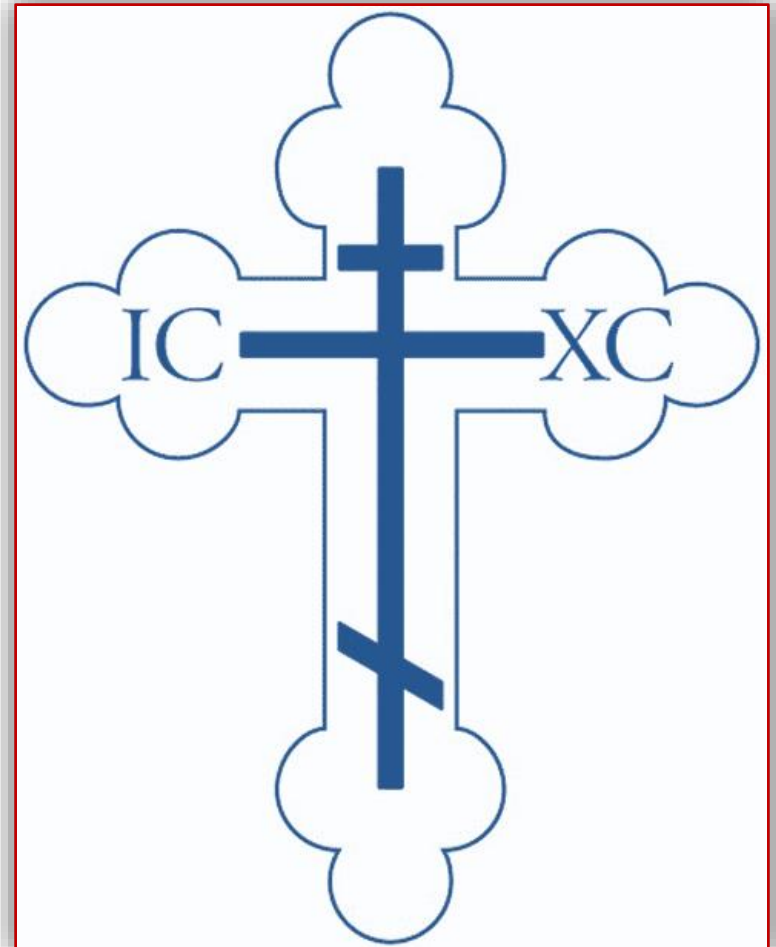
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JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

Church Bulletin & Announcements
November 25-December 7, 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.-Saturday 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: Nov. 25-Dec. 7, 2025

Tuesday, Nov. 25	<u>VIGIL TONIGHT</u>	
6:00 p.m.	Vigil (<i>St. John Chrysostom</i> +407)	Live on Facebook
Wednesday, Nov. 26	Fast Day—Oil & Wine Permitted Today	
7:00 a.m.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u>	Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>Ap. Philip</i> +87; <i>St. Gregory Palamas</i>)	" "
6:30 p.m.	Akathist to St. Nicholas	" "
7:00 p.m.	Studies in the Faith Class	" "
Thursday, Nov. 27	<u>HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!</u>	
7:00 a.m.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u>	Live on Facebook
Friday, Nov. 28	<u>NATIVITY FAST BEGINS TODAY</u>	
4:00-6:00 p.m.	Father John's Office Hours	
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>Apostle Matthew</i> +60)	Live on Facebook
Saturday, Nov. 29	<i>Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew</i> +60	
8:30 a.m.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u>	Live on Facebook
5:00 p.m.	Resurrection Vigil	" "
Sunday, Nov. 30	Nativity Fast—Fish, Wine, and Oil Permitted Today	
10:00 a.m.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u>	Live on Facebook
	Tone 8 Epistle: Eph. 4:1-6 Gospel: Luke 12:16-21	
1:00 p.m.	<u>Choir Practice</u> (especially Christmas carols!)	

Wednesday, Dec. 3	Strict Fast Day	
6:00 p.m.	<u>GREAT FEAST VIGIL</u>	Live on Facebook
Thursday, December 4	<i>Great Feast: Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple</i>	
7:00 a.m.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u>	Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m.	<u>Akathist to the Theotokos, Joy of All Who Sorrow</u>	
Friday, December 5	Strict Fast Day	
4:00-6:00 p.m.	Father John's Office Hours	
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>St. Alexander Nevsky</i> +1263)	
Saturday, December 6	<i>Holy & Great Prince Alexander Nevsky</i> (Fish ok today)	
8:30 a.m.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u>	Live on Facebook
10:00 a.m.	<u>ALL-DAY DECORATING OF CHURCH!</u>	
5:00 p.m.	Resurrection Vigil	" "
Sunday, December 7		
10:00 a.m.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u>	Live on Facebook
	Tone 1 Epistle: 5:8-19 Gospel: Luke 13:10-17	
1:00 p.m.	<u>Choir Practice</u> (especially Christmas carols!)	

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **SAINT KATHERINE'S IN REDONDO BEACH FEAST DAY:**
Divine Liturgy: Tues., Nov. 25, at 9:00 a.m.
All are invited! Location: 722 Knob Hill, Redondo Beach, CA 90277
- ❖ **THANKSGIVING DAY: Thurs., Nov. 27, Divine Liturgy: 7:00 a.m.**
The bookstore will be closed Thursday, November 27 except immediately following the 7:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy.
- ❖ **THE NATIVITY FAST—FRIDAY, NOV. 28, 2025-JANUARY 6, 2026:**
The observance of this fast allows a more relaxed approach in general, with weekdays often allowing for wine and oil, while weekends allow for fish, wine, and oil. This is until the month of January when the fast becomes more strict as we prepare for the Nativity of Christ. Often during this 40-day period, Wednesdays and Fridays are strict fast days.
- ❖ **DECORATING THE CHURCH ALL DAY ON SATURDAY, DEC. 6:**
All hands on deck for this community-wide activity. We will be decorating the entire church in preparation for the 3p.m. Dec. 13 Christmas Concert!
- ❖ **WE OBSERVE CHRISTMAS on January 7, with Jan. 6 vigil at 10pm:**
For our liturgical activities, we use the "Julian Calendar." As a result, our Christmas celebration begins on **January 6** with a late all-night vigil and concludes with Divine Liturgy early in the morning on **January 7**.
- ❖ **BOOKSTORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**
Three-hour shifts. Call/text Matushka Deborah for details: 310-849-9451
- ❖ **BEST 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>.