

## 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](http://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 & Classes see:**

**“Joy of All Who Sorrow Orthodox Church”**

**<http://www.youtube.com/@joyofallwhosorrow00>** (Please Subscribe to our channel!)

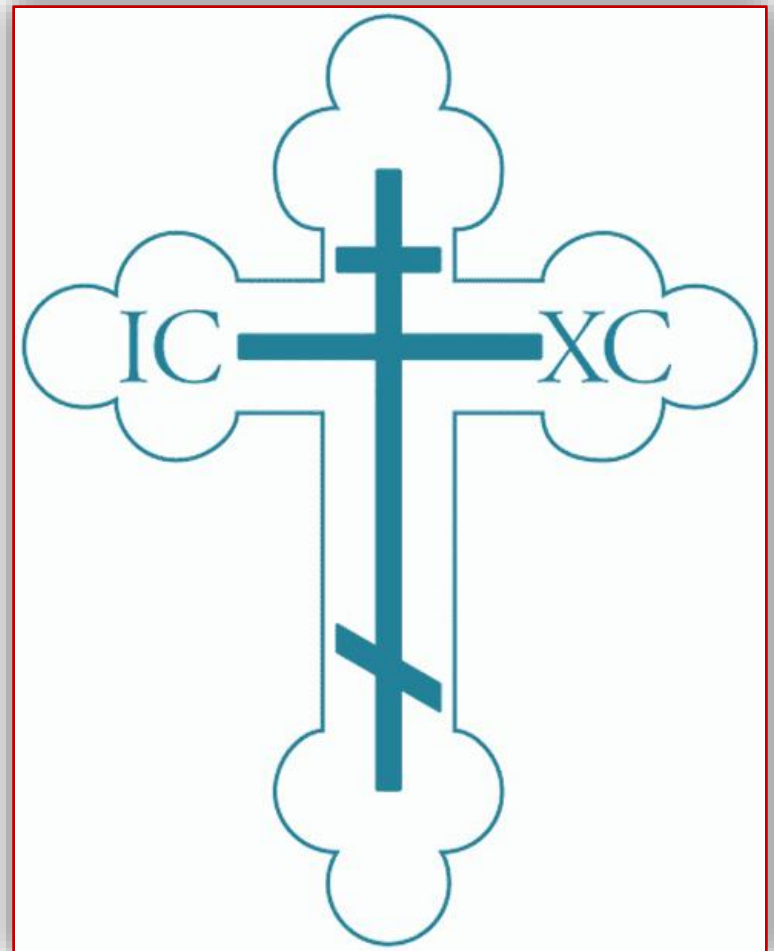
**Joy of All Who Sorrow (OCA) & Archangel Michael Orthodox Bookstore**  
**4161 Lincoln Blvd, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292**

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## JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

**Church Bulletin & Announcements**  
**December 24, 2025-January 11, 2026**



# 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](http://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. **The bookstore will be closed December 24 & 25, Dec. 31, and January 1, 6 & 7, 2026.**

**ONLINE GIFT STORE:** Visit our *extensive* online store: [orthodoxgiftstore.com](http://orthodoxgiftstore.com)

#### **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & CLASSES: Dec. 24, 2025-January 11, 2026**

***(Tomasis Out Of Town December 22-27, 2025)***

Wednesday, Dec. 24 **New Calendar Christmas Eve (Bookstore Closed)**  
**Bookstore Closed Today—No Scheduled Services or Classes**

Thursday, December 25 **New Calendar Christmas—A Blessed Nativity to All!**  
**Bookstore Closed Today—No Scheduled Services or Classes**

Friday, December 26 Nativity Fast—Wine and Oil Permitted Today  
**Bookstore Open Today: 1:00-7:00 p.m.**  
6:00 p.m. Vespers (*Martyr Thyrsus* +249) Live on Facebook

Saturday, December 27 Nativity Fast—Fish, Wine, and Oil Permitted Today  
8:30 a.m. **Matins, Hours & Typica** Live on Facebook  
5:00 p.m. Vigil for the Resurrection “ ”

Sunday, December 28 Nativity Fast—Fish, Wine, and Oil Permitted Today  
10:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook  
Tone 4 Epistle: Col. 3:4-11 Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

Monday, December 29 Strict Nativity Fast  
6:00 p.m. Vespers (*Prophet Daniel & 3 Holy Youths*) Live on Facebook

Tuesday, December 30 Nativity Fast—Fish, Wine, and Oil Permitted Today  
7:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook

Wednesday, Dec. 31 **Bookstore Closed: No Scheduled Services or Classes**

Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026 **A BLESSED NEW YEAR TO ALL! (Bookstore. Closed)**  
6:00 p.m. Gr. Vespers (*St. John of Kronstadt* +1908) Live on Facebook

Friday, January 2 Nativity Fast—Wine and Oil Permitted Today  
7:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook  
6:00 p.m. Vespers (*Virgin Martyr Juliana & 300 Martyrs* +304)

Saturday, January 3 Nativity Fast—Wine and Oil Permitted Today  
8:30 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook  
5:00 p.m. Resurrection Vigil “ ”

Sunday, January 5 Nativity Fast—Wine and Oil Permitted Today  
10:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook  
Tone 5 Epistle: Heb. 11:9-40 Gospel: Mat. 1:1-25

**Tues/Wed., Jan. 6-7 THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**  
Tues., 7:00 a.m. **Nativity Royal Hours**  
“ 9:00 a.m. **Vespers with Liturgy of St. Basil the Great**  
“ 10:00 p.m. **Nativity Vigil (followed by Midnight Liturgy)**  
Wed., 12:00 a.m. **Nativity Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**  
Approx 1:30 a.m.: **Potluck Feast** (bring your favorite dish to share!)  
Wed., 4-10 p.m.—**OPEN HOUSE AT THE TOMASIS**  
(Call Matushka at 310-849-9451 for Directions, Culver City)  
Wed., 6:00 p.m. **Vespers (Synaxis of the Theotokos)**

Thursday, January 8 **Second Day of Nativity—Fast-Free Period**  
7:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook  
6:00 p.m. Vespers (followed by “*Studies in the Faith*” Class) “

Friday, January 9 **Third Day of the Nativity—Fast-Free Period**  
7:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook  
6:00 p.m. Vespers (*20,000 Nicomedia Martyrs*) “ ”

Saturday, January 10 Fast-Free Period  
8:30 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook  
5:00 p.m. Resurrection Vigil “ ”

Sunday, January 11 **Sun. after Nativity: Sts. Joseph, David the King, James**  
9:00 a.m. **Baptism & Chrismations**  
10:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook  
Tone 6 Epistle: Gal. 1:11-19 Gospel: Mat. 2:13-13-23

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT: Glory to God for all Things!!**

❖ **BEST ELECTRONIC WAY TO DONATE TO THE CHURCH:**  
See our new QR Codes in the church and bookstore! For Zelle, use [treasurer@joyofallwhosorrow.org](mailto:treasurer@joyofallwhosorrow.org).