

## 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!)

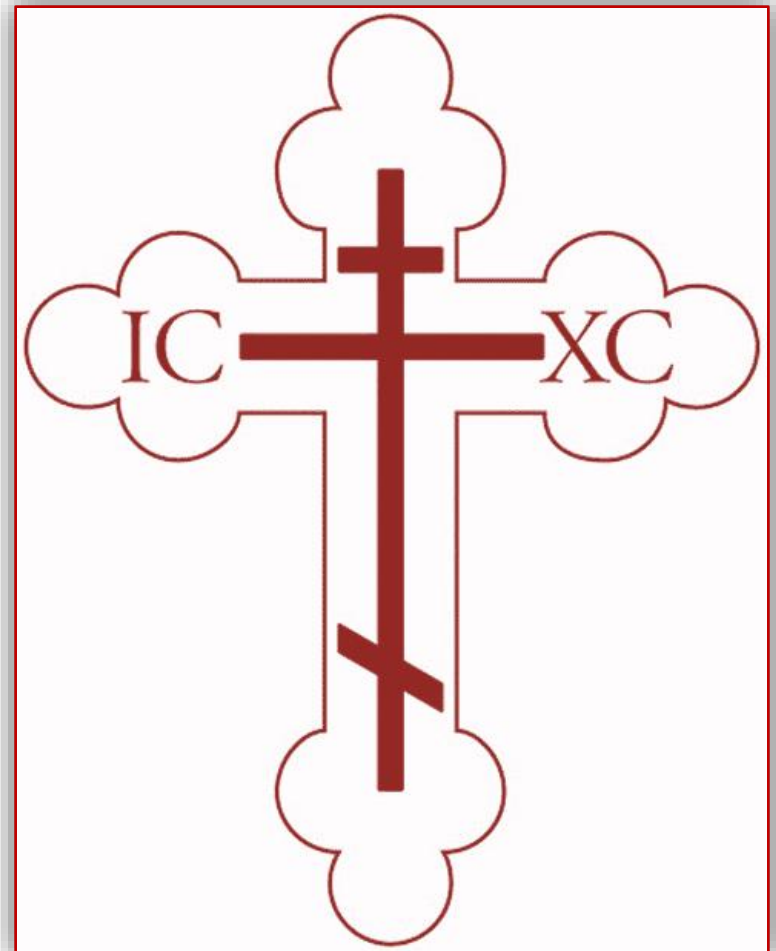
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## JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

**Church Bulletin & Announcements**  
**January 13-20, 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.

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

#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & CLASSES: January 13-20, 2026

<b>Tuesday, January 13</b>	<i>Apodosis of the Nativity of Christ</i>	
7:00 a.m.	Matins	Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m.	Great Vespers ( <i>Circumcision; St. Basil</i> )	
<b>Wednesday, January 14</b>	<i>Circumcision of Christ; St. Basil the Great +379 (No Fast)</i>	
7:00 a.m.	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m.	Great Vespers ( <i>St. Seraphim of Sarov</i> )	" "
7:00 p.m.	<b>"Studies in the Faith" Class Theophany, Pt 2</b>	" "
<b>Thursday, January 15</b>	<i>Forefeast of Theophany; St. Seraphim of Sarov</i>	
7:00 a.m.	Matins	Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m.	Akathist to Joy of All Who Sorrow	
<b>Friday, January 16</b>	<i>Forefeast of Theophany (Fast-Free Period)</i>	
7:00 a.m.	<b>ROYAL HOURS: THEOPHANY</b>	Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m.	Vespers ( <i>Forefeast; Synaxis of the 70 Apostles</i> )	
<b>Saturday, January 17</b>	<i>Forefeast of Theophany; Synaxis of the 70 Apostles</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Baby Solomia Baptism	
8:30 a.m.	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	Live on Facebook
5:00 p.m.	Resurrection Vigil	" "

<b>Sunday, January 18</b>	<i>Sunday before Theophany</i>	
8:30 a.m.	Baptisms/Chrismations	
10:00 a.m.	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	Live on Facebook
	Tone 7 Epistle: II Tim 4:5-8 Gospel: Mark 1:1-8	
1:00 p.m.	<b>Gr Vespers &amp; Great Blessings of the Waters in Church</b>	
6:00 p.m.	<b>VIGIL FOR THEOPHANY</b>	Live on Facebook
<b>Monday, January 19</b>	<b>THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST</b>	
8:00 a.m.	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	Live on Facebook
10:00 a.m.	<b>PACIFIC OCEAN: GREAT BLESSING OF THE WATERS AT VENICE BEACH</b>	
	<i>(Directions: Take Washington Blvd. west toward the beach, and park in main parking lot at the end of Washington.—There is a fee for parking there.—After entering the parking lot, turn left to go to the very south section of the parking lot. The group will gather from there to process to the shore for the <u>Great Blessing of Waters Outdoors</u>. Feel free to be prepared to enter the ocean if you like, but bring a towel and a way to stay warm afterwards. We advise bringing a jacket, either way. Glory to God for all things!!)</i>	
6:00 p.m.	<b>Vespers ( St. John the Baptist)</b>	Live on Facebook

<b>Tuesday, January 20</b>	<i>Synaxis of St. John the Forerunner &amp; Baptist of Christ</i>	
7:00 a.m.	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	Live on Facebook

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **ABOUT THEOPHANY:** On the Feast of the Baptism of Christ, the Holy Church proclaims our faith in the most sublime mystery, incomprehensible to human intellect, of one God in three Persons. It teaches us to confess and glorify the Holy Trinity, one in Essence and Undivided. It exposes and overthrows the errors of ancient teachings which attempted to explain the Creator of the world by reason, and in human terms. The Church shows the necessity of Baptism for believers in Christ, and it inspires us with a sense of deep gratitude for the illumination and purification of our sinful nature. The Church teaches that our salvation and cleansing from sin is possible only by the power of the grace of the Holy Spirit, therefore it is necessary to preserve worthily these gifts of the grace of holy Baptism, keeping clean this priceless garb, for "As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ" (Gal 3:27).

- ❖ **BEST ELECTRONIC WAYS TO DONATE TO THE CHURCH:**  
See our new QR Codes in the church and bookstore! For *no-fee* [Zelle](https://www.zellepay.com/how-it-works) instructions, visit: <https://www.zellepay.com/how-it-works>.