

## 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!)

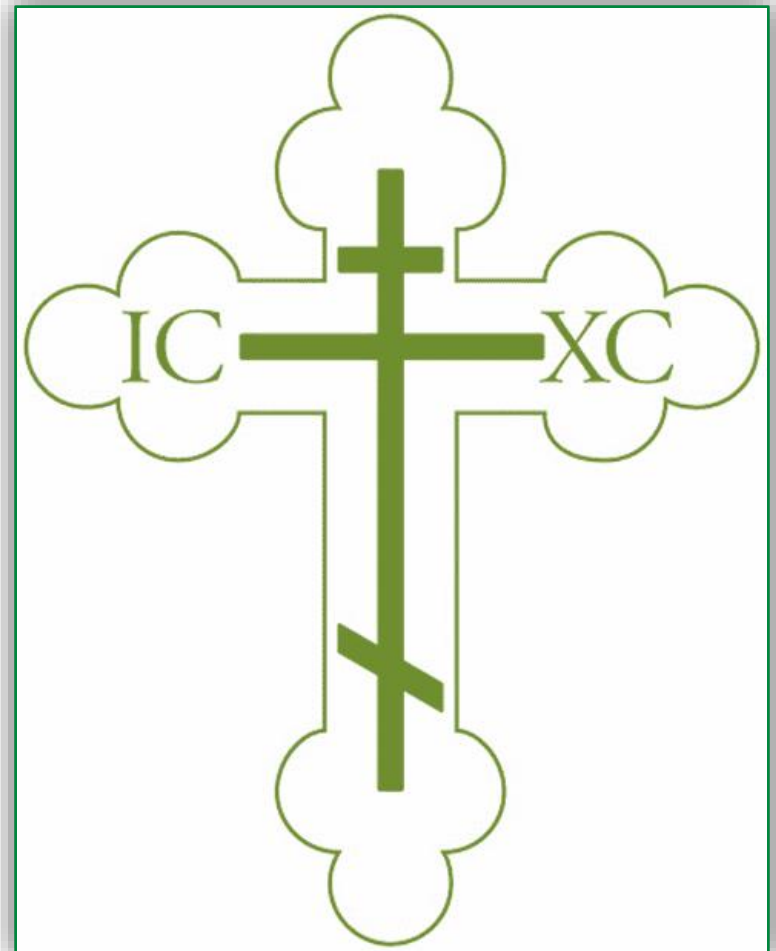
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## JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

**Church Bulletin & Announcements**  
**January 21-February 1, 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 21-February 1, 2026

<b>Wednesday, January 21</b>	Strict Fast Day		
6:00 p.m.	Vespers ( <i>Afterfeast; Hieromartyr Philip</i> )	Live on Facebook	
6:30 p.m.	Akathist to St. Nicholas of Myra	"	"
7:00 p.m.	<b>"Studies in the Faith" Class</b>	"	"
<b>Thursday, January 22</b>	<i>Afterfeast of Theophany</i>		
6:00 p.m.	Akathist to Joy of All Who Sorrow		
<b>Friday, January 23</b>	Fast Day—Oil & Wine Permitted		
7:00 a.m.	Matins ( <i>St. Gregory; St. Theophan</i> )	Live on Facebook	
6:00 p.m.	Vespers ( <i>St. Theodosius the Great +529</i> )	"	"
<b>Saturday, January 24</b>	<i>Afterfeast of Theophany; St. Theodosius the Great +529</i>		
8:30 a.m.	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	Live on Facebook	
5:00 p.m.	Resurrection Vigil	"	"
<b>Sunday, January 25</b>	<i>Zaccheus Sunday; Martyr Tatiana+230; St. Sava+1237</i>		
10:00 a.m.	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	Live on Facebook	
	<b>Tone 8 Epistle:</b> Eph. 4:7-13 <b>Gospel:</b> Mat. 4:12-17		
<b>Tuesday, January 27</b>	<i>Leave-taking of Theophany; St. Nina of Georgia</i>		
7:00 a.m.	<b>Matins</b>	Live on Facebook	
<b>Wednesday, January 28</b>	Strict Fast Day		
6:00 p.m.	Vespers ( <i>Chains of St. Peter</i> )	Live on Facebook	
6:30 p.m.	Akathist to St. Nicholas of Myra	"	"
7:00 p.m.	<b>"Studies in the Faith" Class</b>	"	"

**Thursday, January 29**

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers (*St. Anthony +356*) Live on Facebook

**Friday, January 30**

Fast Day—Fish, Oil & Wine Permitted

7:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook

6:00 p.m. Vespers (*St. Athanasius +373; St. Cyril +444*) " "

**Saturday, January 31**

(*St. Athanasius the Great +373; St. Cyril of Jerusalem +444*)

8:30 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook

5:00 p.m. Resurrection Vigil " "

**Sunday, February 1**

*Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee*

10:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook

**Tone 1 Epistle:** II Tim 3:10-15 **Gospel:** Luke 18:10-14

4:00 p.m. **Church Gathering and Dinner at Dylan's (Culver City)**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### ❖ **UPCOMING FEAST—Sunday, February 15—The Meeting of the Lord:**

Saturday, February 14, 5:00 p.m. Vigil—Combined Feast & Resurrection

Sunday, February 15, 10:00 a.m.—**Divine Liturgy** of the Feast

Sunday, February 15, 1:00 p.m.—Vespers for Saints Symeon & Anna

Monday, February 16, 7:00 a.m.—**Divine Liturgy** honoring Sts. Symeon & Anna

##### ❖ **UPCOMING SUNDAYS OF PRE-LENT, GREAT LENT, & POST LENT:**

**Sunday, February 1:** The Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee (fast-free week)

**Sunday, February 8:** Sunday of the Prodigal Son

**Sunday, February 15:** Sunday of the Dread Judgment (with the Great Feast)

**Sunday February 22:** Forgiveness Sunday (the day before the Great Fast)

**First Sunday of Great Lent, March 1:** "The Triumph of Orthodoxy"

**Second Sunday of Great Lent, March 8:** The Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas

**Third Sunday of Great Lent, March 15:** The Veneration of the Precious Cross

**Fourth Sunday of Great Lent, March 22:** The Sunday of St. John of the Ladder

**Fifth Sunday of Great Lent, March 29:** The Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

**PALM SUNDAY, April 5: Great Feast—**Our Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem

**HOLY WEEK April 6-11 & ANNUNCIATION April 7 (7am Divine Liturgy)**

**PASCHA, April 12: THE BRIGHT RESURRECTION OF CHRIST**

Refer to the Church Bulletins and/or online at [www.joyofallwhosorrow.org](http://www.joyofallwhosorrow.org) for a complete list of services and events leading up to and surrounding **PASCHA**.

##### ❖ **6-DAY SUMMER ICON PAINTING WORKSHOP, JULY 27-AUG. 1, 2026:**

Join our icon painting course to learn the art of the Byzantium painting technique. This "Christ Pantocrator" icon will come alive before you, as visiting master iconographer and expert instructor **Theodoros Papadopoulos** from Greece, guides you, step by step, through the ancient techniques of Byzantine Iconography. For more information, visit: <https://theodoreicons.com/la>

##### ❖ **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>.