

## 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!)

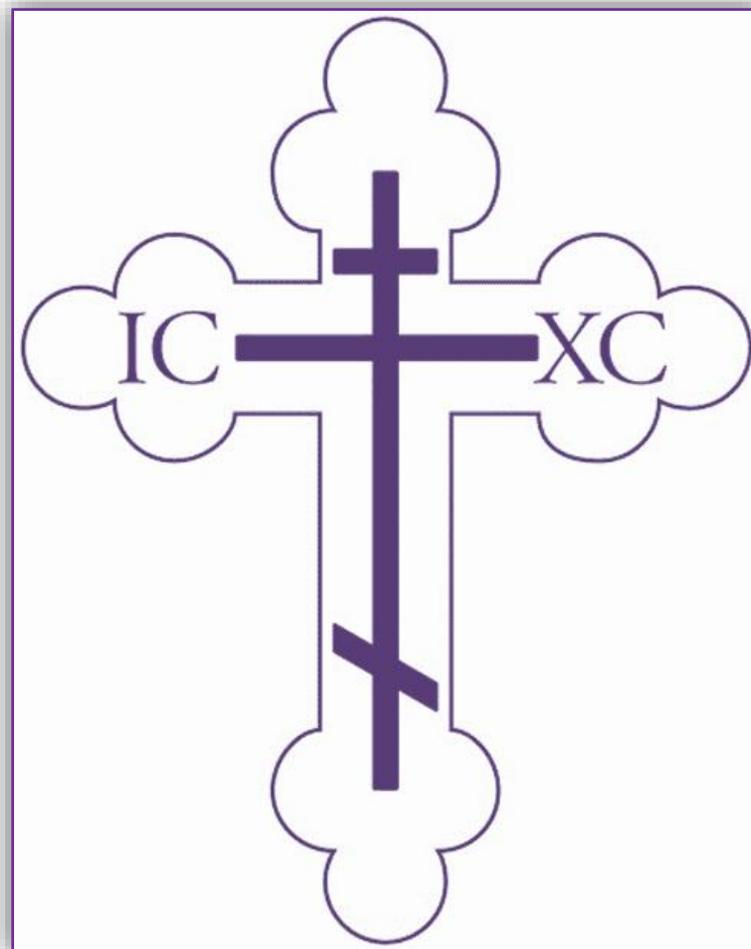
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## JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

Church Bulletin & Announcements  
February 23-March 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!

**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://www.orthodoxgiftstore.com)

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & CLASSES: February 23-March 1, 2026

<b>Monday, February 23</b>	<b><u>Lenten Fast: No Meat, Fish, Dairy, or Eggs</u></b>	
7:00 a.m.	Matins	Live on Facebook
6:30 p.m.	Great Compline w/Canon of St. Andrew	" "
<b>Tuesday, February 24</b>	<b><u>Clean Tuesday—Lenten Fast</u></b>	
7:00 a.m.	Matins	Live on Facebook
6:30 p.m.	Great Compline w/Canon of St. Andrew	" "
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 25</b>	<b><u>Clean Wednesday—Lenten Fast</u></b>	
7:00 a.m.	<b><u>Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts</u></b>	Live on Facebook
6:30 p.m.	Great Compline w/Canon of St. Andrew	" "
7:45 p.m.	<b><u>“Studies in the Faith” Class</u></b>	" "
<b>Thursday, February 26</b>	<b><u>Clean Thursday—Lenten Fast</u></b>	
7:00 a.m.	Matins	Live on Facebook
6:30 p.m.	Great Compline w/Canon of St. Andrew	" "
<b>Friday, February 27</b>	<b><u>Clean Friday—Lenten Fast</u></b>	
7:00 a.m.	<b><u>Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts</u></b>	Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m.	Compline	
<b>Saturday, February 28</b>	<b><u>Saturday of St. Theodore the Recruit—Lenten Fast</u></b>	
8:30 a.m.	<b><u>Divine Liturgy</u></b>	Live on Facebook
5:00 p.m.	<b><u>Vigil: Sunday of Orthodoxy</u></b>	" "

**Sunday, March**

**10:00 a.m.**

**1st Sunday of Great Lent: “The Triumph of Orthodoxy”**

**Divine Liturgy**

Live on Facebook

**Tone 5 Epistle:** Heb. 11:24-12:2 **Gospel:** John 1:43-51

**6:00 p.m.**

**SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY VESPERS**

**Be sure to bring your icons for the procession!**

**Everyone is invited to attend this special service of Great Lent at St. Nicholas Antiochian Cathedral, located at 2300 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Los Angeles, 90057.**

*Go ye,  
therefore, and  
teach all  
nations,  
baptizing them  
in the name of  
the Father, and  
of the Son, and  
of the Holy  
Ghost.*

**His Grace Bishop Vasily** of the Orthodox Church of America Diocese of the West (Guest Homilist) will be in attendance, together with **His Grace Bishop Anthony** of the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America Diocese of Los Angeles (hosting), **His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos** of the San Francisco Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, and **His Eminence Archbishop Maxim** of the Serbian Orthodox Church Western Diocese.

[Mat. 28:19 KJV]

**Reception will follow.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **SUNDAY OF THE TRIUMPH OF ORTHODOXY:**

The Sunday of Orthodoxy is the first Sunday of Great Lent. The dominant theme of this Sunday since 843 has been that of the victory of the icons. In that year the iconoclastic controversy, which had raged on and off since 726, was finally laid to rest, and icons and their veneration were restored on the first Sunday in Lent. Ever since, this Sunday has been commemorated as the "Triumph of Orthodoxy."

❖ **GREAT LENT & PASCHA (see Holy Week Schedule on Information Table):**

**First Week: Canon of St. Andrew of Crete** (6:30 p.m., Mon.-Thurs., Feb. 23-26)

**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**

❖ **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>

❖ **SELECT 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.zellepav.com/how-it-works>.