

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 & Classes see:

“Joy of All Who Sorrow Orthodox Church”

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

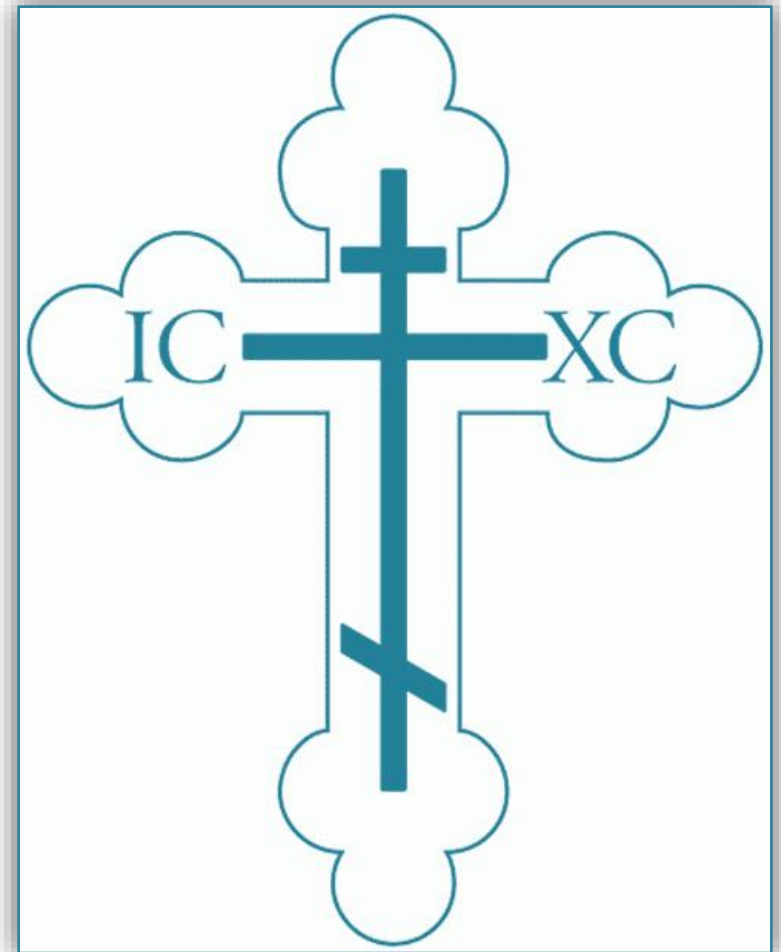
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JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

Church Bulletin & Announcements
February 9-22, 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

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: February 9-22, 2026

Monday, February 9	<i>Translation of the Relics: St. John Chrysostom in 438</i>
7:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook
Wednesday, Feb. 11	Strict Fast
6:00 p.m.	Great Vespers (<i>Synaxis: 3 Hierarchs</i>) Live on Facebook
7:00 p.m.	“Studies in the Faith” Class “ “
Thursday, Feb. 12	<i>Sts. Basil +379, Gregory Theologian +389, John Chrysostom +407</i>
7:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m.	Akathist <i>Joy of All Who Sorrow</i>
Friday, February 13	Fast Day—Oil & Wine Permitted
6:00 p.m.	VIGIL (<i>Memorial Saturday</i>) Live on Facebook
Saturday, February 14	<i>Commemoration of the Departed</i>
8:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook
10:00 a.m.	General Panikhida
5:00 p.m.	VIGIL: Meeting of our Lord & Sunday of the Dread Judgment Live on Facebook
Sunday, February 15	<u>GREAT FEAST: Meeting of our Lord in the Temple; Sunday of the Dread Judgment</u>
10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook
	Tone 3 Epistle: I Cor. 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Luke 2:25-32
12:00 Noon	CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING (<i>It is important that all Members and Catecumens of the Church attend.</i>)

Monday, February 16	Presidents’ Day (<i>Righteous Symeon/Prophetess Anna</i>)
8:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook
Wednesday, Feb. 18	Cheesefare Week—No Meat Permitted
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>Apodosis: Meeting of our Lord</i>) Live on Facebook
7:00 p.m.	“Studies in the Faith” Class “ “
Thursday, Feb. 19	Cheesefare Week—No Meat Permitted
7:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m.	Akathist <i>Joy of All Who Sorrow</i>
Friday, February 20	Cheesefare Week—No Meat Permitted
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>All Ascetic Saints</i>) Live on Facebook
Saturday, February 21	Cheesefare Week—No Meat Permitted
8:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook
5:00 p.m.	Vigil (Forgiveness Sunday) “ “
Sunday, February 22	<u>FORGIVENESS/CHEESEFARE SUNDAY (No Meat)</u>
10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook
	Tone 4 Epistle: Rom 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Mat. 6:14-21
11:30 a.m.	Forgiveness Sunday Vespers
12:30 p.m.	BLINI Fundraiser Brunch (suggested donation: \$5)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **GREAT FEAST—Sunday, February 15—The Meeting of the Lord:**
Saturday, February 14, 5:00 p.m. Vigil—Combined Feast & Dread Judgment
Sunday, February 15, 10:00 a.m.—Divine Liturgy of the Feast
- ❖ **GREAT LENT & PASCHA (see Schedule on Information Table)**
Sunday, February 15: Sunday of the Dread Judgment (with the Great Feast)
Sunday February 22: Forgiveness Sunday (the day before the Great Fast)
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.zellepay.com/how-it-works>.