

## 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!)

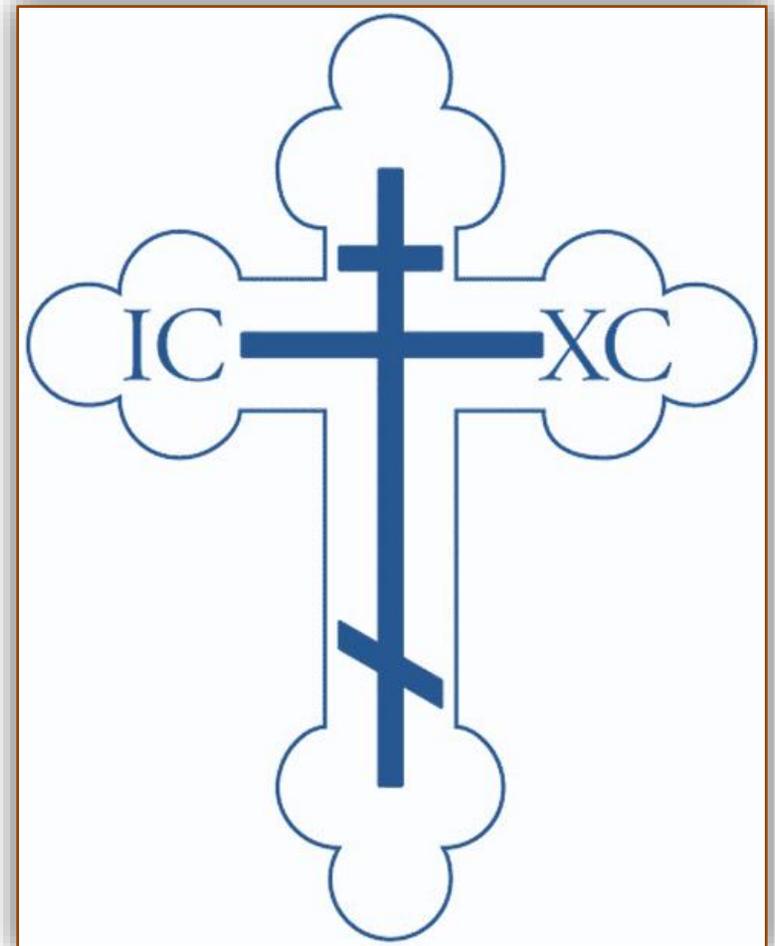
**Joy of All Who Sorrow (OCA) & Archangel Michael Orthodox Bookstore**  
4161 Lincoln Blvd, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292

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

**Church Bulletin & Announcements**  
**March 17-29, 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://orthodoxgiftstore.com)

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & CLASSES: March 17-29, 2026

<b>Tuesday, March 17</b>	<i>Strict Lenten Fast: No Meat, Fish, Dairy, or Eggs</i>	
7:00 a.m.	Matins	Live on Facebook
<b>Wednesday, March 18</b>	<i>Strict Lenten Fast: No Meat, Fish, Dairy, or Eggs</i>	
4 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	<i>Father John's Office Hours</i>	
6:30 p.m.	<u>Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts</u>	Live on Facebook
7:45 p.m.	<i>"Studies in the Faith" Class</i>	" "
<b>Thursday, March 19</b>	<i>Strict Lenten Fast: No Meat, Fish, Dairy, or Eggs</i>	
7:00 a.m.	Matins	
6:00 p.m.	Akathist to <i>Joy of All Who Sorrow</i>	
<b>Friday, March 20</b>	<i>Strict Lenten Fast: No Meat, Fish, Dairy, or Eggs</i>	
7:00 a.m.	<u>Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts</u>	Live on Facebook
4 p.m. – 7 p.m.	<i>Father John's Office Hours</i>	
6:00 p.m.	Compline	
<b>Saturday, March 21</b>	<i>Commemoration of the Departed—Lenten Fast</i>	
8:30 a.m.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u>	Live on Facebook
10:00 a.m.	Panikhida	
5:00 p.m.	<i>Vigil: Sunday of St. John of the Ladder</i>	" "
<b>Sunday, March 22</b>	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Great Lent: St. Gregory of Palamas</i>	
10:00 a.m.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u>	Live on Facebook
	<b>Tone 8 Epistle:</b> Heb. 6:13-20 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 9:17-31	
2:00 p.m.	<b>PARISH COUNCIL MEETING</b>	

**Tuesday, March 24** *Strict Lenten Fast: No Meat, Fish, Dairy, or Eggs*  
7:00 a.m. Matins Live on Facebook

**Wednesday, March 25** *TONIGHT: CANON OF ST ANDREW OF CRETE*  
7:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts Live on Facebook  
4 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. *Father John's Office Hours*  
6:30 p.m. **GREAT CANON OF ST. ANDREW** " "

**Thursday, March 26** *Lenten Fast—Oil & Wine Permitted*  
6:00 p.m. Akathist to *Joy of All Who Sorrow*

**Friday, March 27** *Lenten Fast—Oil & Wine Permitted*  
7:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts Live on Facebook  
4 p.m. – 7 p.m. *Father John's Office Hours*  
6:00 p.m. Akathist

**Saturday, March 28** *Saturday of the Akathist*  
8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook  
5:00 p.m. *Vigil: Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt* " "

**Sunday, March 29** *5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Great Lent: St. Mary of Egypt*  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook  
**Tone 1 Epistle:** Heb. 9:11-14 **Gospel:** Mark 10:32-45

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **WELCOME HIEROMONK DIONISIE!**  
Fr. Dionisie is Abbot of the *Romanian Orthodox Monastery of the Resurrection* in Temecula, California. We all deeply appreciate this visit to celebrate with us on March 15, the Sunday of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross of our Lord!
- ❖ **GREAT LENT & PASCHA (see Holy Week Schedule on Information Table):**  
**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>