

## 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!)

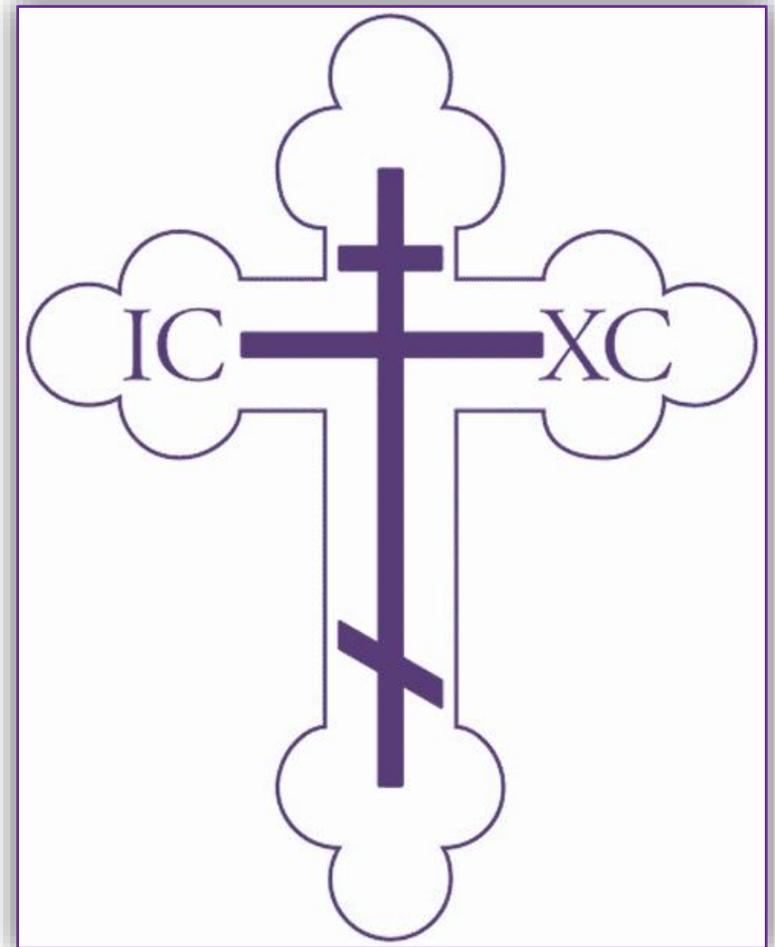
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## JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

Church Bulletin & Announcements  
March 31-April 11, 2026



## WELCOME!

**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 31-April 11, 2026

<b>Tuesday, March 31</b>	<i>Strict Lenten Fast: No Meat, Fish, Dairy, or Eggs</i>	
7:00 a.m.	Matins	Live on Facebook
<b>Wednesday, April 1</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
8:00 p.m.	<b>“Studies in the Faith” Class</b>	“ “
<b>Thursday, April 2</b>	<u>UNCTION SERVICE TONIGHT</u> , <i>Strict Lenten Fast</i>	
7:00 a.m.	Matins	
6:30 p.m.	<i>Sacrament of Holy Unction</i>	
<b>Friday, April 3</b>	<b>Happy Birthday, Fr. John!</b> <i>Strict Lenten Fast</i>	
7:00 a.m.	<u>Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts</u>	Live on Facebook
<b>NOTE:</b>	<i>Fr. John will not have 4-7pm Office Hours Today</i>	
6:00 p.m.	Akathist	
<b>Saturday, April 4</b>	<u>LAZARUS SATURDAY</u> — <i>Lenten Fast: Oil &amp; Wine OK</i>	
8:30 a.m.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u>	Live on Facebook
5:00 p.m.	Vigil for Palm Sunday	“ “
<b>Sunday, April 5</b>	<u>PALM SUNDAY</u> — <i>Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem</i>	
10:00 a.m.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u>	Live on Facebook
	Epistle: Phil. 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	
6:30 p.m.	<i>Bridegroom Matins &amp; First Hour</i>	
<b>Monday, April 6</b>	<i>HOLY WEEK: No Meat, Fish, Dairy, or Eggs</i>	
7:00 a.m.	<u>Presanctified Liturgy with Annunciation Great Vespers</u>	
6:30 p.m.	<u>ANNUNCIATION VIGIL</u>	Live on Facebook

**Tuesday, April 7**

7:00 a.m. Vespers with Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook  
6:30 p.m. *Bridegroom Matins & First Hour* “ “

**Wednesday, April 8**

6:30 a.m. 9<sup>th</sup> Hour  
7:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts Live on Facebook  
6:30 p.m. *Bridegroom Matins & First Hour* “ “

**Thursday, April 9**

7:00 a.m. *Holy Thursday: Strict Lenten Fast*  
*3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> Hours and Typica* Live on Facebook  
6:30 p.m. Mystical Supper Divine Liturgy “ “  
8:00 p.m. Matins Service of the 12 Gospels “ “

**Friday, April 10**

9:00 a.m. *Holy Friday: No Food Eaten until after Vespers*  
*Royal Hours* Live on Facebook  
6:00 p.m. Vespers with the Ephetaphios “ “  
8:00 p.m. Matins with Lamentations of Holy Saturday “ “

**Saturday, April 11**

9:00 a.m. *Holy Saturday: Strict Lenten Fast*  
Baptisms & Chrismations  
10:30 a.m. Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil Live on Facebook  
9:00 p.m. *Reading of the Acts of the Apostles*  
11:15 p.m. **Blessing of the Pascha Baskets**  
11:20 p.m. *Midnight Office*  
12:00 Midnight **PASCHAL PROCESSION, MATINS & DIVINE LITURGY**, followed by potluck feasting and celebrating upstairs in the Church Hall. Bring your favorite non-fasting dish!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS



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