

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!)

Joy of All Who Sorrow (OCA) & Archangel Michael Orthodox Bookstore

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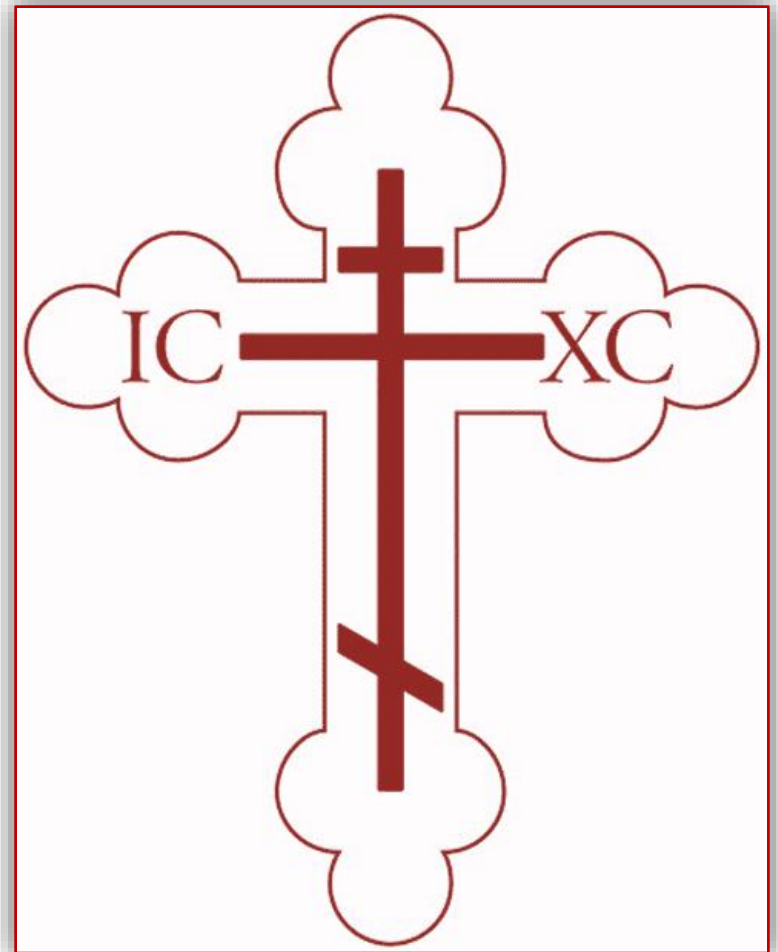
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JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

Church Bulletin & Announcements
April 22-May 3, 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

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: April 22-May 3, 2026

Wednesday, April 22	Bookstore Closed Today (Oil & Wine Permitted)
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (Martyr Terrance & Others +249) Live on Facebook
7:00 p.m.	Informal Gathering with Charles & Max (all invited!)
Thursday, April 23	<i>Martyrs Terrence, Pompeius and 33 Others +249-251</i>
6:00 p.m.	Akathist to “Joy of All Who Sorrow”
Friday, April 24	Fast Day—Oil & Wine Permitted
4:00-7:00 p.m.	Father John’s Office Hours
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>St. Isaac the Syrian +550</i>)
Saturday, April 25	<i>St. Isaac the Syrian, Abbot of Spoleto, Italy +550</i>
8:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook
3:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
5:00 p.m.	Vigil: Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women “ “
Sunday, April 26	SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN
10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook
	Tone 2 Epistle: Acts 6:1-7 Gospel: Mark 15:43-16:8
2:00 p.m.	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, April 28	Vespers (<i>Myrs. Agape, Irene & Chiona</i>) Live on Facebook
Wednesday, April 29	<i>Martyrs Agape, Irene, Chiona +304</i> (Oil & Wine Permitted)
7:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook
4:00-7:00 p.m.	Father John’s Office Hours
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>St. Zosimus of Solovki +1478</i>) “ “
6:30 p.m.	Akathist to St. Nicholas “ “
7:00 p.m.	Studies in the Faith Class, by Fr. John “ “

Thursday, April 30	<i>St. Zosimus, Founder of Solovki Monastery +1478</i>
7:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook
6:00 p.m.	Akathist to “Joy of All Who Sorrow”
Friday, May 1	Fast Day—Oil & Wine Permitted
4:00-7:00 p.m.	Father John’s Office Hours
6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>St. Matrona the Blind of Moscow +1952</i>)
Saturday, May 2	<i>St. Matrona the Blind of Moscow +1952</i>
8:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook
3:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
5:00 p.m.	Vigil: Sunday of the Paralytic “ “
Sunday, May 3	SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC
10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy Live on Facebook
	Tone 3 Epistle: Acts 9:32-42 Gospel: John 5:1-15

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ❖ **SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN:** On this day, the Third Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the Myrrh-Bearing Women, who were the first to witness the Risen Christ on the Day of the Resurrection. These included: Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of Joseph and Jose, Salome, Mary of Clopas, Mary and Martha (the sisters of Lazarus), the mother of the Sons of Zebedee, Suzanna, and the Virgin Mary the Theotokos (who stood at the cross of the Lord)—*Before the dawn, Mary and the women came and found the stone rolled away from the tomb. They heard the angelic voice: “Why do you seek among the dead as a man the One Who is everlasting light? Behold the clothes in the grave. Go and proclaim to the world: “The Lord is Risen. He has slain death, as He is the Son of God, saving the Race of men.”* (Hypakoe).
- ❖ **SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC:** On this day, the Fourth Sunday of Pascha, we commemorate Christ’s healing of the Paralytic, who had waited for 38 years at the Sheep’s Pool in Jerusalem for a miraculous healing. Jesus said to him: *Rise, take up your bed and walk.* And the man stood, took up his bed, and walked.
- ❖ **6-DAY SUMMER ICON PAINTING WORKSHOP, JULY 27-AUG. 1, 2026:** Join our icon painting workshop to learn the art of the Byzantium iconography. Greek master iconographer and expert instructor **Theodoros Papadopoulos** will guide us, step by step, through the ancient techniques. For more information, visit: <https://theodoreicons.com/La>