

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!)

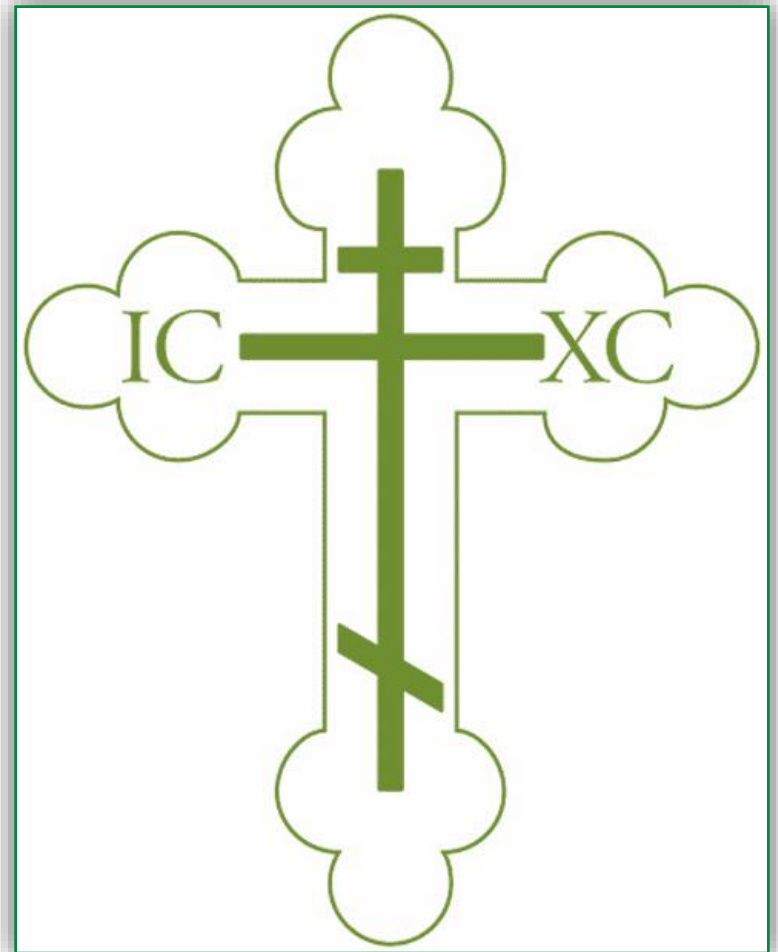
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JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW ORTHODOX CHURCH (OCA)

Church Bulletin & Announcements
May 19-31, 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 before and after all services in the church.

ONLINE GIFT STORE: Visit our *extensive* online store:
orthodoxgiftstore.com

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & CLASSES: May 19-31, 2026

Tuesday, May 19

7:00 a.m. Monastery Liturgy (*ask Fr. John for Details*)
 6:00 p.m. Vigil (*Leave-taking of Pascha*) Live on Facebook

Wednesday, May 20

APODOSIS OF PASCHA Fish, Oil & Wine Permitted
 7:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook
 4:00-6:00 p.m. Father John's Office Hours
 6:00 p.m. **Vigil (ASCENSION & Apostle John)** " "

Thursday, May 21

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
 7:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook
 6:00 p.m. Gr. Vespers (*St. Nicholas Transl. Relics*) " "

Friday, May 22

Fast Day—Fish, Oil & Wine Permitted (*St. Nicholas*)
 7:00 a.m. **Matins & Typica** (*St. Nicholas*) Live on Facebook
 4:00-7:00 p.m. **Father John's Office Hours**
 6:00 p.m. Vespers (*Apostle Simon the Zealot +1st Century*)

Saturday, May 23

Apostle Simon the Zealot +1st C.
 8:00 a.m. Baby Baptism
 8:30 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook
 3:30 p.m. **Choir Practice**
 5:00 p.m. Vigil: Sunday of the 1st Ecumenical Council " "

Sunday, May 24

10:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook
Tone 6 Epistle: Acts 20:16-36 **Gospel:** John 17:1-13

Wednesday, May 27

Fast Day—Oil & Wine Permitted
 4:00-7:00 p.m. **Father John's Office Hours**
 6:00 p.m. Vespers (*St. Pachomius +348*) Live on Facebook
 6:30 p.m. Akathist to St. Nicholas " "
 7:00 p.m. **Studies in the Faith Class, by Fr. John** " "

Thursday, May 28

6:00 p.m. Vespers (*Apodosis of Ascension*)

Friday, May 29

Fast Day—Oil & Wine Permitted (*Apodosis: Ascension*)
 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 (*Saturday before Pentecost: Comm. Of the Dead*)

Saturday, May 30

Saturday before Pentecost: Commemoration of the Dead
 8:30 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** Live on Facebook
 10:00 a.m. Panikhida
 5:00 p.m. **VIGIL FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY** " "

Sunday, May 31

PENTECOST: Holy Spirit descends upon the Apostles
 8:00 a.m. **Baptisms & Chrismations**
 10:00 a.m. **Divine Litrgy** Live on Facebook
Epistle: Acts 2:1-11 **Gospel:** John 7:37-52, 8:12
 11:30 a.m. **PENTECOST KNEELING VESPERS** Live on Facebook

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **SCAN THIS QR CODE TO DONATE TO JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW:**



- ❖ **ASCENSION & PENTECOST:** Celebrated 10 days apart—on Thursday (40 days after the Resurrection), Christ Ascended *from Earth to Heaven*, and 10 days later, as the apostles were gathered in the upper room to observe the Jewish feast of Pentecost, with the sound of a rushing wind the Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles in flames of fire, and suddenly everything that was being said by the apostles could be understood by visitors from afar in their own languages. On that day of Holy Pentecost, 3,000 believers were baptized. (See “Acts of the Apostles,” Chapter 2)
- ❖ **6-DAY SUMMER ICON PAINTING WORKSHOP, JULY 27-AUG. 1:** Byzantium iconography For more information, visit <https://theodoreicons.com/La>