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Curriculum Vitae

Byzantine Catholic Seminary
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ACADEMIC INTERESTS

- General theology and sacred texts in world religions
- Studies in humanities and classical philosophy
- Historical development and theology of liturgical rites and practices in Eastern Christianity
- Prayer and spirituality in Eastern and Western Christianity and world religions
- Comparative studies in Eastern and Western Christian theology and Greek philosophy

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- Lectures in university on Orthodox Christianity, Christian Saints, and world religions
- Lectures on Orthodox Christianity for diverse Christian groups and within the context of formal ecclesiastical catechesis
- Lectures on Orthodox Christian theology and liturgy in formal academic settings and conferences
- Teaching humanities in college, specifically in the areas of classical literature, history, religion, philosophy, art and architecture, and political science
- Teaching Hellenistic (Biblical) Greek on a university level
- Translation and critical analysis of biblical, patristic, and liturgical manuscripts
- Knowledge of languages: English (fluent); Hellenistic, Patristic, and Modern Greek (fluent); French (fluent); Italian (fluent); Turkish (reading and writing); German (reading and writing); Latin (reading and writing)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) – Department of Theology and Religion

- University of Durham – Durham, United Kingdom [Graduated 2009]
- Area of Specialization/Emphasis: Patristic Liturgy and Worship
- Dissertation title: *Economia and Eschatology: The Mystagogical Significance of the Byzantine Divine Liturgy's Prothesis Rite in the Commentaries of Sts. Nicholas Cabasilas and Symeon of Thessalonike*

Doctor of Theology (Th.D. candidate) – Department of Christian Worship, Education, and Pastoral Theology

- National and Kapodistrian University of Athens – Athens, Greece
- Area of Specialization/Emphasis: Liturgical History and Theology
- Post-doctoral research student (dissertation title TBA)

Master of Letters (M.Litt.) – Department of Theology and Religion

- University of Durham – Durham, United Kingdom [Graduated December 2000]
- Emphasis: Byzantine Theology and Liturgy
- Thesis title: *The Anaphorae of the Liturgy of Sts. Addai and Mari and the Byzantine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great: A Comparative Study*

Master of Divinity (M.Div.) – Eastern Orthodox Theology

- Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology –Brookline, Massachusetts [Graduated May 1993, valedictorian, *summa cum laude*]
- Major: Eastern Orthodox Theology

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) – Religious Studies

- Hellenic College – Brookline, Massachusetts [Graduated May 1990, valedictorian, *summa cum laude*]
- Major: Religious Studies

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. *Economia and Eschatology: Liturgical Mystagogy in the Byzantine Prothesis Rite* (Ph.D. dissertation, Brookline, MA: Holy Cross Press, 2013)
2. *The Anaphorae of the Liturgy of Sts. Addai and Mari and the Byzantine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great: A Comparative Study* (M.Litt. dissertation, TBA)

Books in Progress

1. Translation into English of the *Archieratikon*, ed. Metropolitan Panteleimon Rodopoulos of Tyroloē (official text of the Ecumenical Patriarchate). [Volume 1]
2. Theological and liturgical commentary on the *Archieratikon*, ed. Metropolitan Panteleimon Rodopoulos of Tyroloē (official text of the Ecumenical Patriarchate). [Volume 2]

Published Papers and Articles

1. Book Review: “Ieratikon, According to the Simonopetra Tradition. Volumes 1-4. Eds. Silviu Bunta and Matthew-Peter Butrie. Dayton, OH: Cherubim Press, 2019”, in *St. Vladimir’s Theological Quarterly*, 66:1-2 (2022).
2. Special volume article: “The Statement of Support for the Revival of the Order of Deaconess by the Patriarchate of Alexandria”, in *Deaconesses: Past-Present-Future*. Ed. Petros Vassiliadis (Thessaloniki: CEMES Publications, 2021), pp. 293-295.
3. Special volume article: “Back to the Future or Forward to the Past? Covid-19’s Positive Effects on Liturgical and Spiritual Renewal” (“Επιστροφή στο Μέλλον ή Μπροστά στο Παρελθόν; Τα Θετικά Αποτελέσματα του Covid-19 στη

- Λειτουργική και Πνευματική Αναγέννηση”), in *The Church in a Period of Pandemic*. Ed. Petros Vassiliadis (Thessaloniki: CEMES Publications, 2020), pp. 156-172.
4. Essay: “Getting Along in Hard Times: The ‘Sad’ Microcosm of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre”, published online on Fordham University’s “Public Orthodoxy” blog, November 24, 2020: (<https://publicorthodoxy.org/2020/11/24/microcosm-holy-sepulchre/>).
 5. Essay: “Can We Talk? The Church and Her Academy in the Dialogue of Liturgical Renewal”, published online on Orthodox Theological Society in America’s (OTSA) website, September 1, 2020 (<https://www.otsamerica.net/2020/09/01/can-we-talk-muksuris/>).
 6. Essay: “A Historical and Pastoral Response to the Forty-Day Churching of Infants” (Part II of II: Pastoral Recommendations), published online on Fordham University’s “Public Orthodoxy” blog, February 4, 2020: (<https://publicorthodoxy.org/2020/02/04/forty-day-churching-2/>).
 7. Essay: “A Historical and Pastoral Response to the Forty-Day Churching of Infants” (Part I of II: Historical Considerations), published online on Fordham University’s “Public Orthodoxy” blog, January 21, 2020: (<https://publicorthodoxy.org/2020/01/29/response-to-churching-of-infants/>).
 8. Paper: “Time for a New Eucharistic Prayer? Revisiting the ‘Imbalance’ Between Liturgical Thanksgiving and Supplication: An Analysis of the Basilian Recensions (Byz-BAS, syr-BAS, E-BAS) and syr AP-AN)”, keynote address. *To be published*.
 9. Book Review: “Theology and Form, Contemporary Orthodox Architecture in America” by Nicholas Denysenko, in *Worship* (November 2018), pp. 564-566.
 10. Paper: “‘God in the Midst of Gods’: A Theocentric Κοσμοθεωρία in the Basilian Anaphora and the Prothesis Rite” (2018). *To be published*.
 11. Paper: “Holiness and Wholeness: How Mary Fulfills the Sacred Image in the Divine Liturgy” (2017). *To be published*.
 12. Paper: “Revisiting the Orthodox Funeral Service: Resurrecting a Positive Thematology in the Rite for the Dead”, in *The Greek Orthodox Theological Review* 61/1-2 (2016).
 13. Paper: “*And the Two Become One Text*: Rethinking the Mutual Influence between Monastic and Cathedral Liturgy”, in *Worship* 90 (November 2016) 551-569.
 14. Paper (principal author): “Reflection on the Pre-Conciliar Document: The Importance of Fasting and Its Observance Today”, published online on Fordham University’s “Public Orthodoxy” blog: (<https://publicorthodoxy.org/2016/06/14/reflection-on-the-importance-of-fasting-and-its-observance-today/>) and published in a special volume for the hierarchs attending the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church in Crete, Greece, 19-26 June, 2016.
 15. Paper (co-author): “Pastoral Challenges for Marriage in Contemporary Orthodoxy”, published online on Fordham University’s “Public Orthodoxy” blog: <https://publicorthodoxy.org/2016/05/06/pastoral-challenges-for-marriage-in-contemporary-orthodoxy/> and published in a special volume for the hierarchs

- attending the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church in Crete, Greece, 19-26 June, 2016.
16. Paper: “Why the Last Should Be First: The Primacy of Eucharistic Eschatology in the Byzantine Prothesis Rite – Toward a Theology of Ecclesial Unity”, in *St. Vladimir’s Theological Quarterly* 59/2 (2015) 163-186.
 17. Introductory chapter entitled: “The Christian World”, in *Christianity: The Illustrated Guide to 2000 Years of the Christian Faith* (Sydney, Australia: Millennium House, Fall 2009).
 18. Paper: “The Priest Scholar in the Academy: Ancient Perspectives and Modern Challenges”, to be published in a special conference journal, 2009.
 19. Article: “Ἡ Θεολογικὴ Σχολὴ τοῦ Τιμίου Σταυροῦ Βοστώνης, ΗΠΑ” in *Τόλμη*, the monthly magazine of the Holy Archdiocese of Athens (February 2006), pp. 56-59.
 20. Paper: “Liturgical Mystagogy and Its Application in the Byzantine Prothesis Rite”, in *The Greek Orthodox Theological Review* 49/3-4 (2004) 291-306.
 21. Article: “Intensifying Liturgical Prayer in the Wake of Tragedy”, in *Praxis* 3/1 (2002). Ed. Frank Marangos. Brookline, MA: Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Department of Religious Education, 2002, pp. 24-27.
 22. Book Review: “The Journals of Father Alexander Schmemmann, 1973-1983”, in *The Liturgy Network Newsletter* (Fall 2001), p. 4.
 23. Article: “Consecration or *Eucharistia*? Rethinking the Divine Liturgy”, in *The Annual Resource Companion*, vol. 4 (2001-2002). Ed. Frank Marangos. Brookline, MA: Department of Religious Education, 2001, pp. 109-23.
 24. Article: “The Primitive Eucharist and Its Celebration”, in *The Annual Resource Companion*, vol. 4 (2001-2002). Ed. Frank Marangos. Brookline, MA: Department of Religious Education, 2001, pp. 124-28.
 25. Article: “Stewardship as Personal *Liturgia*”, in *The Annual Resource Companion*, vol. 3 (2000-2001). Ed. Frank Marangos. Brookline, MA: Department of Religious Education, 2000, pp. 169-72.
 26. Book Review: “The Journals of Father Alexander Schmemmann, 1973-1983”, in *The Greek Orthodox Theological Review* 45/1-4 (2000) 650-52.
 27. Paper: “A Brief Overview of the Structure and Theology of the Liturgy of the Apostles Addai and Mari”, in *The Greek Orthodox Theological Review* 43/1-4 (1998), pp. 59-83.
 28. Book Review: “Liturgical Literacy: from Anamnesis to Worship”, in *The Greek Orthodox Theological Review* 36/2 (1991), pp. 201-06.

ACADEMIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Professor of Liturgy and Sacramental Theology, International Hellenic University (Masters in Orthodox Ecumenical Theology Program)
 - Thessaloniki, GREECE, 2020-present
- Chair, Department of Liturgy, Sts. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary
 - Pittsburgh, PA, 2015-present
- Chair, Department of Languages, Sts. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary

- Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 2015-present
- Full Professor of Liturgy and Languages, Sts. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary
 - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 2009-present
- Guest Professor/Lecturer, Department of Religion, in Russian and East European Studies, University of Pittsburgh
 - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 2008-2016
- Lecturer / Adjunct Faculty, Humanities Program, St. Anselm College
 - Manchester, New Hampshire, 2003-2005
- Visiting Lecturer, Reformed Theological Seminary
 - Charlotte, North Carolina, 1999-2000
- Visiting Lecturer, Queens College
 - Charlotte, North Carolina, 1998
- Teaching Assistant, Greek Department, Hellenic College and Holy Cross
 - Brookline, Massachusetts, 1988-1993
 - Hellenistic Greek I and II (undergraduate level)
 - Hellenistic Greek I and II (graduate level)
- Substitute Instructor, Greek Department, Hellenic College and Holy Cross
 - Brookline, Massachusetts, 1988-1993
 - Hellenistic Greek I (graduate school)

ACADEMIC SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

- Paper entitled: “‘Will You Remember Me, O Lord?’ Commemoration of Non-Orthodox Names in the Byzantine Rite of Proskomide”, delivered during the Open Public Lectures sponsored by the Center for Ecumenical, Missiological, and Environmental Studies (CEMES) (virtual), 29 April, 2022. [Volume forthcoming]
- Lecture/Homily entitled: “Pentecost: The Paschal Seal of the Holy Spirit”, delivered as part of the Orthodox Scholars Preach Series, co-sponsored by Fordham University and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, June 20, 2021.
- Paper entitled: “Can We Talk? The Church and Her Academy in the Dialogue of Liturgical Renewal”, delivered at the Orthodox Theological Society in America (OTSA) Annual Meeting (virtual), 12-14 November, 2020.
- Bilingual paper presented at the international webinar conference sponsored by the Center for Ecumenical, Missiological, and Environmental Studies (CEMES), 6-11 April, 2020, *Religious Communities and Church in a Period of Pandemic: “Back to the Future or Forward to the Past? Covid-19’s Positive Effects on Liturgical and Spiritual Renewal”* (“Επιστροφή στο Μέλλον ή Μπροστά στο Παρελθόν; Τα Θετικά Αποτελέσματα του Covid-19 στη Λειτουργική και Πνευματική Αναγέννηση”).
- Co-organizer and Chair of International Liturgy Conference (entitled: *East, West, and Beyond: Enriching One Another’s Liturgical Traditions*), 21-23 May, 2019, at SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary, in Pittsburgh, PA.
- Paper (keynote address) presented at the International Liturgy Conference (entitled: *East, West, and Beyond: Enriching One Another’s Liturgical Traditions*), 21-23 May, 2019, at SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic

- Seminary, in Pittsburgh, PA. Paper Title: “Time for a New Eucharistic Prayer? Revisiting the ‘Imbalance’ Between Liturgical Thanksgiving and Supplication: An Analysis of the Basilian Recensions (Byz-BAS, syr-BAS, E-BAS) and syr AP-AN).”
- Paper presented at the International Liturgy Conference (entitled: “Full of Your Glory: Liturgy, Cosmos, Creation”), 18-21 June, 2018, at Yale University (Institute of Sacred Music), in New Haven, CT. Paper Title: “God in the Midst of Gods”: A Theocentric *Κοσμοθεωρία* in the Basilian Anaphora and the Byzantine Prothesis Rite.”
 - Paper presented at the Mariology Conference, 15-16 May, 2017, at the SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA: “Holiness and Wholeness: How Mary Fulfills the Sacred Image in the Divine Liturgy.”
 - Paper presented at the special conference of the Orthodox Theological Society in America (*Preparing for the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church*), 27-28 May, 2016, at the Interchurch Center in New York, NY: “Reflection on the Pre-Conciliar Document: The Importance of Fasting and Its Observance Today.”
 - Paper presented at the special conference of the Orthodox Theological Society in America (*Preparing for the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church*), 27-28 May, 2016, at the Interchurch Center in New York, NY: “Pastoral Challenges for Marriage in Contemporary Orthodoxy.”
 - Paper presented at the 2016 American Academy of Religion Eastern International Region Conference, 6-7 May, 2016, at University of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, PA: “Holiness and Wholeness – Sacred Fulfillment of the Human: An Orthodox Christian Liturgical Perspective.”
 - Paper presented at the 2014 Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese of America Symposium (*Church as Communion: A Eucharistic Perspective*), 22 March 2014, at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA: “Why the Last Should Be First: The Primacy of Eucharistic Eschatology in the Byzantine Prothesis Rite – Toward a Theology of Ecclesial Unity.”
 - Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Orthodox Theological Society in America, 19-21 September 2013, in Pittsburgh, PA: “*E Duobus Unum in America*: Rethinking the Mutual Influence between Monastic and Cathedral Liturgy.”
 - Paper presented for the International Conference on Liturgical Renewal, 15-16 March 2013, at Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, MA: “Revisiting the Orthodox Funeral Service: Resurrecting a Positive Thematology in the Rite for the Dead.”
 - Lecture presented at Point Park University, Pittsburgh, PA, 4 October 2012, entitled: “Leadership Ethics: The Perspective from the Classical Greek Philosophers.”
 - Lecture presented at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Pittsburgh, PA, 25 March 2012, entitled: “The Marriage of Orthodoxy and Hellenism: Instilling and Preserving the Christian Ethos in Western Society.”
 - Lecture presented at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Pittsburgh, PA, 10 April 2011, entitled: “Textual Development in the Divine Liturgy and Reflections.”

- Lecture presented at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Pittsburgh, PA, 23 October 2010, entitled: “The Ancient Jerusalemite Liturgy of St. Iakovos: A Historical and Theological Synopsis.”
- Two lectures presented at the Mideastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians (MEFGOX), Canonsburg, PA, 15-16 July 2010, entitled: “Praying the Liturgy for Church Musicians: Challenges and Solutions” and “The Small Supplicatory Canon: What, Where, and Why?”
- Lecture presented at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Pittsburgh, PA, 28 February 2010, entitled: “Lenten Solemn Vespers - *Katanyktikos Hesperinos*: Its Liturgical Structure and Theology of Transition.”
- Paper presented at the annual Orthodox Christian Fellowship College Conference, 29 December 2009, at Antiochian Village, Ligonier, PA, entitled: “We Are the World – We Are God’s Children: The Eucharistic Community of the Kingdom.”
- Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Orthodox Theological Society in America, 12-14 June 2008, in Chicago, IL: “The Priest Scholar in the Academy: Ancient Perspectives and Modern Challenges.”
- Paper presented for the Lecture – Concert of the Byzantine Music School of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh, 23 January 2008, at the Frick Fine Arts Center of the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Paper presented for the Eastern Orthodox Studies Group at American Academy of Religion Conference, 19 November 2007, San Diego, CA: “The Prothesis Rite and the Icon of the *Deesis*: The Eschatological Vision of Liturgy with Contemporary Implications.”
- Lecturer for visitation of two religion classes from St. Olaf College (Bloomfield, MN): “The Significance of St. Paul in the Greek Orthodox Church”, 6 January 2006, at the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Athens, Agias Filiotheis Street, Athens, Greece.
- Speaker for workshop: “The Role of the Laity in Worship” (July 24-25, 2004), at the 37th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress, 23-30 July, 2004, at New York Marriott Marquis, New York, New York.
- Organizer for special session: “Byzantine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great” (Thursday, May 2, 2002), at the 37th International Congress on Medieval Studies, 2-5 May, 2002, at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan.
- Paper presented for special session: “Liturgical Eucharistia in the Anaphora of Byzantine-Basil and Its Significance for the Church Today” (Thursday, May 2, 2002), at the 37th International Congress on Medieval Studies, 2-5 May, 2002, at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan.
- Presenter, Clergy Brotherhood, North and South Carolina vicarships, 1998-2000.
- Lecturer, Byzantine Music Workshop, Southeastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians (SFGOCM), Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Charlotte, North Carolina, July 24-26, 1998.
- Attendee at the St. John Chrysostom Lectureship Series, Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School Theology, Brookline, Massachusetts, March 22-24, 1998.

- Guest speaker on “The Role of Women in the Church”, Daughters of Penelope, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Charlotte, North Carolina, October 15, 1996.
- Attended weekly student forums, Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, Massachusetts, 1988-1993.
- Attended various conferences sponsored by various national theological organizations and held periodically throughout the academic year on campus, Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, 1986-1993.

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

- “Time for a New Eucharistic Prayer?” Lecture and interview with Michael Lofton, Reason and Theology YouTube Channel. Aired: March 9, 2021.
- “Children and the Church: Engaging Our Children in the Services”, on *Come Receive the Light* national radio program of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. Air date: January 3, 2014.
- “Now and Forever: The Eschatological Dimensions of the Divine Liturgy”, on *Come Receive the Light* national radio program of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. Air date: November 1, 2009.
- “Early Christian Liturgy and Its Influence”, on *Come Receive the Light* national radio program of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. Air date: August 7, 2004.

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

- American Academy of Religion (AAR)
- International Orthodox Theological Association (IOTA)
- Orthodox Theological Society in America (OTSA)
- Society of Oriental Liturgy (SOL)

COMMITTEES

- Consultant on Liturgy and Worship, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America
- Theological and Liturgical Consultant, Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh
- Consultant for *Pontificium Institutum Orientalium* on liturgical matters

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

- Oct. 2020 – present Professor of Liturgy and Sacramental Theology, International Hellenic University, Thessaloniki, GREECE
- Sep. 2020 – present Interim priest, St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church, Clarksburg, WV
- Sep. 2009 – present Professor of Liturgy and Languages, Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA
- Oct. 2012 – Jan. 2019 Priest, Kimisis Tis Theotokou Greek Orthodox Church, Aliquippa, PA
- Oct. 2011 – Oct. 2012 Priest, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, Mt. Lebanon, PA
- Jul. 2007 – Sept. 2011 Administrative Assistant to the Metropolitan Archbishop of Pittsburgh, Registrar, *Illuminator* Editor, Greek Orthodox

- Sep. 2005 – July 2006 Metropolis of Pittsburgh, PA
Priest, Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church, Vrillissia, GREECE
- Sep. 2003 – May 2005 Adjunct Lecturer, St. Anselm College, Manchester, NH
- Feb. 2003 – July 2005 Dean, St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Manchester, NH
- Dec. 2000 – Jan. 2003 Priest, Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Kalamazoo, MI
- Nov. 1994 – May 2000 Priest, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Charlotte, NC
- Dec. 1993 – Oct. 1994 Priest, St. George Greek Orthodox Church, Bangor, ME
- Sep. 1987 – Oct. 1994 Assistant Editor/Assistant to the Director, Holy Cross Orthodox Press, Brookline, MA
- Sep. 1987 – Oct. 1994 Proofreader/Typesetter, Holy Cross Orthodox Press, Brookline, MA
- Sep. 1986 – Aug. 1988 Library Assistant, Cotsidas-Tonna Library, Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, MA

References available upon request