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EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana

Doctor of Philosophy, Theology, 19 May 2012

Dissertation: *Make It The Place Where Your Glory Dwells: Origins and Evolution of the Byzantine Rite for the Consecration of a Church.*

Director: Rev. Dr. Maxwell E. Johnson

Area of Concentration: Liturgical Studies, History of Christianity (minor)

St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, Crestwood, New York

Master of Divinity *magna cum laude*, 15 May 2004

Thesis: *Feeding On the Word of God: Origen's Exegesis of John 6.*

Advisor: V. Rev. Dr. John Behr

Area of Concentration: Patristics, Liturgical Theology

University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, Texas

Master of Arts, Humanities, 19 May 2001

Area of Concentration: 20th century Literature and Philosophy.

Latvian Academy of Culture, Riga, Republic of Latvia

Bachelor of Arts, Russian Culture, 19 June 1999

Thesis: *A History of Russian Student Christian Movement in Latvia (1927-1934).*

Area of Concentration: Russian Philosophy, Russian Religion and History

OTHER EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE:

The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

Studied Old Georgian language under the direction of Dr. Monica Blanchard at the Department of Semitics and Near Eastern Studies, May – June 2007

Russian State University of Humanities, Moscow, Russia

Took courses in Philosophy, New Testament, and Judaism, November 1998 – February 1999



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FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

St Macrina Award for Teaching Excellence, St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, May 2023

One-month Research Stipend, Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection, August 2013
("Baptismal Rite in the 10th century Georgian Hagiopolite Euchologies")

Heckman Stipend, Hill Monastic Manuscript Library, Saint John's University, May- June 2011
Project: "Armenian and Syriac Liturgical Manuscripts in the HMML Collection."

Junior Fellowship in Byzantine Studies, Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection, September 2008- May 2009

Department Travel Grant, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame, 2007, 2008

Summer Dissertation Stipend, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame, 2008

Professional Development Award, Institute of Scholarship in Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame, 2007

Passed Ph.D. Candidacy examinations with High Honors, March 2007

Theology Departmental Stipend, University of Notre Dame, 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2009-10

Class Salutatorian (2003), Valedictorian (2004), St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary

St. Basil High Academic Achievement Award, St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, 2003



ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary (Yonkers, NY) 2019, 2020-
 Assistant Professor of Liturgical Theology (part-time), July 2025 to present
 Fr Alexander Schmemmann Assistant Professor of Liturgical Theology, Aug 2020 to June 2025
 Visiting Professor of Liturgical Theology, Sept 2019 to Dec 2019

Courses Taught: Liturgy of Initiation (2019-2024), Liturgical Skills/Liturgical Instruction (2020-2025), Holy Anaphora (Spring 2021), Liturgical Practicum (2022-2025),

Liturgical Mystagogy (Spring 2022), Liturgical Year (Spring 2024), Sacred Arts and Liturgy (Spring 2023), Hymnography of the Triodion (Spring 2025)

Administrator, Three Hierarchs Chapel, July 1, 2024 to January 1, 2025
 Ecclesiarch, Three Hierarchs Chapel, May 2021 to June 1, 2025
St Vladimir's Theological Quarterly, Editorial Board, Member, Aug 2020 to July 2025

Holy Trinity Orthodox Seminary (Jordanville, NY) 2011- 2021, 2025-
 Assistant Professor (part time), August 2025 to present
 Visiting Professor of Liturgical Theology, July 2020 to May 2021
 Associate Professor of Dogmatic and Liturgical Theology, Sept 2018 to July 2020
 Assistant Professor of Dogmatic and Liturgical Theology, Sept 2016 to Sept 2018
 Instructor in Dogmatic and Liturgical Theology, Sept 2013 to Sept 2016
 Instructor in Comparative Theology and Apologetics, Sept 2011 to August 2013

Courses Taught: Liturgical Theology (2011-2020), Orthodox Christian Apologetics (2011-13, 2018), Comparative Theology (2011-17, 2018-19), Dogmatic Theology (2012-2020), Christology (2015, 2020), Sacramental Theology (2016, 2019), New Testament: Gospels and Acts (2016, 2018)

Secretary of the Faculty Council, May 2013 to May 2020
 Member, Curriculum Committee, M.Div. Committee, Jan 2013 to July 2020
 Member, Committee for Appointments and Promotion, Sept 2016 to July 2020
 Director of B.Th. Program, Dec 2016 to May 2018
 Director of M.Div. Program, May 2018 to July 2020

Fordham University (Bronx, NY), Department of Theology 2018
 Taught a graduate seminar in Old Georgian reading and grammar, Aug 2018

Holy Trinity Publications (Jordanville, NY) 2014-2018
 Member, Publications Committee, May 2014 to Dec 2018
 Editorial Staff, Sept 2014 to Dec 2018
Holy Trinity Seminary Press, Editor, May 2015 to Dec 2018

University of Notre Dame (Notre Dame, Indiana), Department of Theology 2006-2010
 Graduate Assistant to Prof. Michael E. Connors, Aug to Dec 2010
 Graduate Assistant to Prof. Abraham Winitzer, Jan to May 2010
 Graduate Assistant to Prof. David Fagerberg, Aug to Dec 2005, Jan to May 2007
 Graduate Assistant to Prof. Michael S. Driscoll, Aug to Dec 2006
 Graduate Assistant to Prof. Robin Darling Young, Jan to May 2006

City University of New York (New York, NY), Baruch College, Research Foundation 2004, 2006
 Research Assistant to Prof. Michael J. Plekon, Jan to May 2004, May to Aug 2006



PUBLICATIONS

(with Sergius Bowyer and David C. Ford), “Свято-Тихоновский мужской монастырь” [St Tikhon’s Orthodox Monastery], *Православная Энциклопедия* [Orthodox Encyclopedia]. Vol. 62. Moscow: Orthodox Encyclopedia Center, 2021. P. 204-208.

“Свято-Владимирская Духовная Семинария” [St Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary], *Православная Энциклопедия* [Orthodox Encyclopedia]. Vol. 62. Moscow: Orthodox Encyclopedia Center, 2021. P. 99-108.

(with N. Krasheninnikova), “Рафаил (Хававини)” [Raphael Hawaweeny], *Православная Энциклопедия* [Orthodox Encyclopedia]. Vol. 58. Moscow: Orthodox Encyclopedia Center, forthcoming in 2021.

“Православная Церковь в Америке” [The Orthodox Church in America], *Православная Энциклопедия* [Orthodox Encyclopedia]. Vol. 57. Moscow: Orthodox Encyclopedia Center, 2020. P. 711-731.

(editor, introduction, English translation, revision of the Church Slavonic translation) *The Divine Liturgies of St James the Brother of the Lord: Slavonic-English Parallel Text*. Jordanville, NY: Holy Trinity Publications, 2020. A bilingual Church Slavonic-English edition of the Divine Liturgy of St James and the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts of St James.

“Обновление Храма Воскресения Христова в Иерусалиме [Dedication of the Church of the Resurrection of Christ in Jerusalem],” *Православная Энциклопедия* [Orthodox Encyclopedia]. Vol. 52. Moscow: Orthodox Encyclopedia Center, 2018. P. 252-257.

“A Canon for Holy and Great Saturday” [Translation, with an introduction, of the Canon for the Compline of Holy Saturday from *Sinai gr. 742*] *Orthodox Life* (an online journal of Holy Trinity Monastery, Jordanville, NY), orthodoxlife.org, February 25, 2018.

(editor, introduction) Archbishop Averky (Taushev), *Epistles and Apocalypse*. Commentary on the Holy Scriptures of the New Testament, vol. 3. Jordanville, NY: Holy Trinity Seminary Press, 2017.

(editor, with Fr Herman Majkrzak), *The Hieratikon*, vol. 2: *Liturgy Book for Priest and Deacon*. South Canaan, PA: Saint Tikhon’s Monastery Press, 2017. New edition and revision of the Euchologion (priest service book) for the eucharistic liturgies of the Orthodox Church.

(editor, with Herman Majkrzak), *The Hieratikon: Office Book for Priest and Deacon*. South Canaan, PA: Saint Tikhon's Monastery Press, 2014. New edition and revision of the Euchologion (priest's service book) for the daily office of the Orthodox Church. Second edition, forthcoming, 2025.

(editor, with Michael Plekon), Hyacinthe Destivelle, *The Moscow Council (1917-1918): The Creation of the Conciliar Institutions of the Russian Orthodox Church*, trans. by Jerry Ryan (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2014).

(editor, with Herman Majkrzak), *A Small Book of Needs*. Revised edition. South Canaan, PA: Saint Tikhon's Monastery Press, 2012. New translation and edition of the Ritual book of liturgical services of the Orthodox Church from Greek/Slavonic to English.

“Чин освящения храма в восточных традициях” [The Rite for the Consecration of a Church in Eastern Christian Traditions]. In ed. Michael Zheltov, *Православное учение о церковных таинствах: Материалы V Международной конференции Русской Православной Церкви*. Vol. 3. Moscow: Synodal Biblical and Theological Commission, 2009. P. 346-367.

Nicholas Afanasiev, *The Church of the Holy Spirit*. English translation of *Церковь Духа Святаго* (Paris: YMCA-Press, 1971). Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2007.

“The Historical Origins of the Feast of Antipascha,” *St. Vladimir's Theological Quarterly* 47.2 (2003): 157-182.



ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Creation and Salvation in the Hagiopolite Baptismal Prayers in the Late First Millenium CE.” 19th International Patristics Conference, University of Oxford (Oxford, UK), 8 August 2024.

“Prayers and Languages: Issues in Modern and Pre-Modern Liturgical Translations.” (Invited plenary paper.) Ninth International Congress of the Society for Oriental Liturgy, Catholic University of America (Washington, DC), 28 May 2024.

“Liturgical Space and Liturgical Theology,” St Vladimir's Seminary Academic Symposium *Liturgy and Theology*, St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, October 28, 2022.

Co-organizer, St Vladimir's Seminary Academic Symposium *Liturgy and Theology*, October 27-29, 2022.

“The Rite of Patriarch Nektarios' and Other Rites of Church Dedication.” Eighth International Congress of the Society for Oriental Liturgy (Thessaloniki, Greece), 12 June 2022.

“Slavonic Liturgy of St James: Medieval Translations and Modern ‘Revival’ (1938-).” Interdisciplinary Symposium *The Liturgy of St James: Origins, Contexts, and Reception in East and West*. University of Regensburg (Regensburg, Germany), 9 June 2022.

“Jerusalem or Constantinople? The Liturgical Ordo of the Mystagogy.” Colloquium on the Mystagogy of St Maximus the Confessor. Pappas Patristics Institute, Holy Cross School of Theology (Boston, MA), April 29, 2022.

“Temple, Cross, Jerusalem: an Old Georgian Homily on the Dedication of Holy Anastasis, Attributed to John of Damascus.” 18th International Patristics Conference, University of Oxford (Oxford, UK), 21 August 2019.

“A ‘Presbyteral’ Rite for the Installation of an Altar in Two 12th century Byzantine Euchologia.” Problems in Early History of Liturgy seminar, Annual Meeting of the North American Academy of Liturgy (Vancouver, BC, Canada), 5 January 2018.

“The Prayer for the Blessing of Waters on Epiphany in the Georgian Hagiopolite Euchologia,” Problems in Early History of Liturgy seminar, Annual Meeting of the North American Academy of Liturgy (Washington, DC), 6 January 2017.

“The Rites of Baptism and Chrismation in the Georgian Euchologia of the Hagiopolite Tradition,” Problems in Early History of Liturgy seminar, Annual Meeting of the North American Academy of Liturgy (Houston, TX), 5 January 2016.

“Scriptural Themes in the Prayers of the Jerusalem Euchologion.” International Conference Liturgical Reception of the Bible: Dimensions and Perspectives for Interdisciplinary Research, University of Regensburg, 25 September 2015.

Co-organizer, “St Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow (1865-1925): His Life and Times,” an academic symposium dedicated to the 90th anniversary since the repose of Patriarch Tikhon of Moscow, Holy Trinity Orthodox Seminary (Jordanville, NY), October 9-10, 2015.

“Your Own from Your Own: Prayers for Animal Sacrifice in the Byzantine and non-Byzantine Euchologia.” 17th International Patristics Conference, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK, 14 August 2015.

Co-organizer, “The Brightest Luminary of the Russian Land: The Life and Legacy of St Sergius of Radonezh (1314-1392),” an academic conference dedicated to 700th anniversary of Sergius of Radonezh, Holy Trinity Orthodox Seminary (Jordanville, NY), October 10-11, 2014.

“The Rite of Baptism in the Georgian Euchologia of the Hagiopolite Tradition.” Fifth International Congress of the Society of Oriental Liturgy, St Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary (Yonkers, NY), 14 June 2014.

“Toward an Early History of the Antimension: Evidence of the Georgian Euchologion Tbilisi A-86.” Problems in Early History of Liturgy seminar, Annual Meeting of the North American Academy of Liturgy (Albuquerque, NM), 5 January 2013.

“Byzantine Iconoclasm and the Dedication of Churches.” Fourth International Congress of the Society of Oriental Liturgy, Notre Dame University (Zouk Mosbeh, Lebanon), 13 July 2012.

“This Is the Gate of Heaven: Liturgical Epiphanies in the Seventh-Century Coptic Narrative on the Consecration of a Church.” Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society (Chicago, IL), 25 May 2012.

“Baptismal Themes in the Byzantine Service for the Consecration of a Church.” Second Patristic Symposium in Honor of Fr. Georges Florovsky *The Body of the Living Christ*, Princeton Theological Seminary (Princeton, NJ), 11 February 2012.

“Just As At The Holy Baptism’: Anointing of Altars in the Byzantine Rite of Church Dedication.” Problems in Early History of Liturgy seminar, Annual Meeting of the North American Academy of Liturgy (Montreal, QC, Canada), 7 January 2012.

“Anointing of the Altar with Oil in the Eastern Christian Rites: Patristic Evidence and Possible Origins of the Practice.” Seventh Annual Archbishop Iakovos Graduate Student Conference in Patristic Studies, Pappas Patristic Institute, Holy Cross Greek School of Theology (Brookline, MA), 12 March 2011.

“The Rite for the Installation of an Altar in the Byzantine Euchologion Coislin 213 (1027 CE).” Problems in the Early History of Liturgy seminar, Annual Meeting of the North American Academy of Liturgy (San Francisco, CA), 8 January 2011.

“Construction of an Altar in Byzantine Liturgical Sources, 8th to 11th century.” Annual Conference of Byzantine Studies Association of North America (Sarasota, FL), 6 November 2009.

“New Temple in New Jerusalem: The Hymns for the Dedication of the Church in the Hagiopolite Georgian Tropologion.” Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society (Chicago, IL), 21 May 2009.

“Patristic Evidence Pertaining to the Dedications of Churches in the East, 4th-5th Centuries.” Second International Congress of the Society of Oriental Liturgy (Rome, Italy), 18 September 2008.

“Encaenia at Holy Sion: The Fourth-Century Homily of John II of Jerusalem.” Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society (Chicago, IL), 23 May 2008.

“Consecration of an Altar in the West Syriac Liturgical Tradition.” Dorushe: Beth Mardutho Annual Graduate Student Conference on Syriac Studies, University of Notre Dame (Notre Dame, IN), 5 April 2008.

“Byzantine Rites of Church Dedication.” Problems in the Early History of Liturgy Seminar, Annual Meeting of the North American Academy of Liturgy (Savannah, GA), 4 January 2008.

“The Rite of Consecration of a Church in Eastern Traditions.” Fifth International Theological Conference of the Russian Orthodox Church Orthodox Teaching on the Sacraments of the Church. Hotel “Danilovskaya” (Moscow, Russia), 14 November 2007.

“Pavel Florensky’s Philosophy of the Cult and Theology of the Temple.” International Conference Ontology of Encounter: In Honor of the 125th Anniversary of Pavel Florensky (1882-1937). Faculty of History and Philosophy, University of Latvia (Riga, Latvia), 5 October 2007.

“Two Spring Festivals in Syriac Liturgical Calendars: Traces of An Archaic Calendar System?” Dorushe: Beth Mardutho Annual Graduate Student Conference on Syriac Studies, Princeton University (Princeton, NJ), 14 April 2007.

“History of the Russian Christian Student Movement in Latvia, 1927- 1934.” Theological Conference *Christmas Lectures*, Riga Orthodox Theological Seminary (Riga, Latvia), 10 January 1997.

TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Orthodox Sacramental Theology and Reception of Converts.” Invited series of lectures. Clergy Colloquium of the Diocese of Midwest (OCA) (Chicago, IL), 20-22 May 2024.

“The Holy Anaphora: Liturgical Theology and Pastoral Aspects.” Missions Deanery Retreat, Orthodox Church of Annunciation, Diocese of the West (OCA) (Milwaukee, OR), 27-29 February 2024.

“Liturgy of St James: History, Rubrics, and Pastoral Aspects.” Invited series of lectures. Mississippi River Deanery Clergy Retreat, Diocese of the South (OCA) (Baton Rouge, LA), 6-8 November 2023.

“Standing in the temple of thy glory: liturgical theology in the hymns and prayers of Lent and Holy Week.” Lenten Retreat, Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral, Diocese of the West (OCA) (San Francisco, CA), 18 March 2023.

“Flowers of the Spiritual Meadow: Reflections on the New Martyrs of Russia” (Invited talk). *Be of Good Cheer: In the Company of Christ & the Great Cloud of Witnesses: 2017 Touchstone Magazine Annual Conference*, Trinity International University (Deerfield, IL), 12-14 October 2017.

“Rejoice, O Life-giving Cross!” [Sermon on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, 27 September 2017] *Orthodox Life* (an online journal of Holy Trinity Monastery, Jordanville, NY), orthodoxlife.org, 28 September 2017.

“Why Does A Layperson Need to Know Theology?” St Barbara’s Orthodox Christian Church (OCA) (Fort Worth, TX), 23 August 2017.

“The Need of Theological Education for the Laity,” Russian Orthodox Old-Rite Church of Nativity of Christ (ROCOR) (Erie, PA), 11 June 2017.

“Theological Themes and Liturgical Memory in the Services of the Fifth Week of Lent,” Russian Orthodox Cathedral of St John the Baptist (ROCOR) (Washington, DC), 29 March 2015.

“Historical Origins and Spiritual Meaning of the Holy Week Services,” Late Vocations Program, Department of Christian Education, Diocese of Midwest of the Orthodox Church in America, Holy Trinity Orthodox Church (Kansas City, MO), 10 May 2014.

“Having Come to the Setting of the Sun: The Structure and Meaning of All-Night Vigil in Orthodox Tradition,” Russian Orthodox Cathedral of St John the Baptist (Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia) (Washington, DC), 13 October 2013.

“Lord, Crown Them with Glory and Honor: Liturgical Development of Sacrament of Marriage.” Retreat for Married Couples sponsored by the Diocesan Department of Christian Education of the Serbian Orthodox Church in America. Sacred Heart Parish Center (Notre Dame, IN), 17 March 2007.

“Sacrament of Marriage in the Orthodox Church.” Presentation at the Meeting of the New York Inter-Seminary Dialogue, 23 October 2003.



LANGUAGES

ANCIENT:

Patristic/Byzantine Greek

Latin

Classical Syriac

Old Georgian

Classical Armenian

Old/Church Slavonic

Sahidic Coptic – *basic knowledge*

MODERN:

Russian – *native speaker*

English, Latvian – *fluent*

French – *advanced working proficiency*

German, Italian, Modern Greek, Ukrainian –
working proficiency



PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

International Orthodox Theological Association
 North American Academy of Liturgy
 Society for Oriental Liturgies



OTHER ACTIVITY

Department of Liturgical Music and Translations, Orthodox Church in America
 Consultant, Aug 2020- present

Православие в Балтии [Orthodoxy in the Baltic States] (an academic journal)
 Advisory Board, Member, 2012–2019

Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary Alumni Association
 Member of the Board, 2010–2013



HOLY ORDERS

Reader – 19 May 2002, by Metropolitan Theodosius (Lazor) (OCA), Three Hierarchs Chapel

Subdeacon – 25 March 2021, by Bishop Andrei (Hoarște) (OCA), Three Hierarchs Chapel

Deacon – 14 September 2021, by Metropolitan Tikhon (Mollard) (OCA), Three Hierarchs Chapel

- Awarded double orarion by Metropolitan Tikhon, OCA, May 20, 2023

Priest (with the award of the Synodal gold cross) – 14 September 2024, by Metropolitan Tikhon, OCA, Three Hierarchs Chapel

Hieromonk – Tonsured to small schema with the change of name on January 17, 2025, at St Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery (OCA) by Archimandrite Sergius (Bowyer)

Archimandrite – Elevated by the decision of the Holy Synod (OCA), March 20, 2025; awarded April 12, 2025

Bishop – Elected by the Holy Synod (OCA), July 16, 2025; ordained by the synaxis of bishops August 16, 2025 in Holy Trinity Cathedral, San Francisco, CA

PASTORAL ASSIGNMENTS

- Assigned Deacon (2021-2024), Assigned Priest (2024-2025), Ecclesiarch (2021-2025), Three Hierarchs Chapel (Yonkers, NY), St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary (Orthodox Church in America)

- Associate Priest & Episcopal Vicar (2025), Holy Trinity Cathedral (San Francisco, CA), Diocese of the West, Orthodox Church in America
- Administrator of the Diocese of the West (July 16 to August 16, 2025), Orthodox Church in America
- Bishop of San Francisco and the West (from August 16, 2025), Diocese of the West, Orthodox Church in America