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**EDUCATION**

- 1998            Th.D. Bucharest University, Orthodox School of Theology, Romania
- 1997            Ph.D. Harvard University, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
- 1996            M.A. Harvard University, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
- 1991-1992      Visiting Student, Harvard Divinity School
- 1986            Élève titulaire de l'École biblique, École biblique et archéologique française, Jerusalem, Israel
- 1979            Licentiate in Theology, Bucharest Orthodox Institute of Theology, Romania

**ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE / EMPLOYMENT**

- July-  
September 2013      Invited Scholar, École biblique et archéologique française, Jerusalem, Israel (working on « The Bible in Its Traditions »)
- August 2011      International Expert invited by the Romanian Ministry of Education to assess the doctoral programs in theology in the Romanian universities, Bucharest
- Spring 2010      Visiting Professor, École biblique et archéologique française, Jerusalem, Israel

- May 2009- Full Professor with Tenure
- 2007-2009 Associate Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
- 2004 Visiting Professor, Bucharest University, Orthodox School of Theology, Romania
- 2003-2007 Assistant Professor, Chair of Religious Studies, Hellenic College
- 2002-2003 Registrar, Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
- 1998-2003 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
- 1996 Instructor (Intermediate Hebrew), Harvard Divinity School
- 1994-1998 Teaching Fellow, Harvard University

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

Authored:

- 2001 *The Book of Prophet Hosea: Introduction, Translation and Commentary* (in Romanian). Bucharest: Albatros.
- 2001 *West Semitic Vocabulary in the Akkadian Texts from Emar*. Harvard Semitic Studies 49. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns.
- 2002 *Long-Suffering Love: A Commentary on Hosea with Patristic Annotations*. Brookline, MA: Holy Cross Press; 3rd impression, 2008.
- 2003 *Fear of Real* (in Romanian). Bucharest: Cartea Romaneasca.
- 2006 *Jesus the Messiah in the Hebrew Bible*. New York / Mahwah, N.J.: Paulist Press.
- 2014 *The Old Testament in Eastern Orthodox Tradition*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Edited:

2008 *The Orthodox Study Bible: The Old Testament* (general editor responsible for commentaries in the footnotes). Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Press.

In preparation:

*The Book of Hosea – Translation and Notes for The Bible in Its Traditions*, edited by École biblique et archéologique française, Jerusalem, Israel

### **Journal Articles and Book Chapters (Selective)**

- 1988 “References to the Carpatho-Danubian Region in Hebrew Sources of the 10th - 12th Centuries,” *Romanian Jewish Studies* (Jerusalem) 2/2, 1-12.
- 1999 “West Semitic Terms in Akkadian Texts from Emar,” *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 58/2, 81-96.
- 1999 “Above all his Friends. Paradoxical Language in the Messianic Prophecies of the Old Testament,” *Greek Orthodox Theological Review* 44, 179-185.
- 2001 “Messianism in the Book of Hosea in the Light of Patristic Interpretations,” *Greek Orthodox Theological Review* 46/1-2, 35-56.
- 2001 “A Self-Offering God and His Begotten Wisdom,” *Greek Orthodox Theological Review* 46/3-4, 255-266.
- 2002 “The Christological Interpretation of the Old Testament: A Critical Review,” *Greek Orthodox Theological Review* 47/1-4, 37-54; reprinted in Theodore G. Stylianopoulos, ed. *Sacred Text and Interpretation: Perspectives in Orthodox Biblical Studies. Papers in Honor of Professor Savas Agourides*. Brookline, MA: Holy Cross Orthodox Press, 2006.
- 2002 “Dancing with the Word. Methodological Steps of Biblical Exegesis in the Pastoral Setting,” *Synthesis* 27-28, 3-13.
- 2002 “The Deep, the Darkness, and the Spirit of God,” *Praxis* 3/1, 18-20.
- 2003 “Nadab and Abihu,” article in *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Pentateuch*, eds. D.W. Baker, T.D. Alexander (Downers Grove, Illinois: Inter Varsity Press), 583-584.
- 2003 “Judge,” article in *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Pentateuch*, eds. D.W. Baker, T.D. Alexander (Downers Grove, Illinois: Inter Varsity Press), 484-486.

- 2004 “Translation and Ascension in the Bible,” *The ARC* 6, 52-61.
- 2004 “The Living Breath of God and the Three Steps in Fashioning Humanity,” *Bulletin of the Boston Theological Institute* 4/1, 3-7.
- 2006 “Between Hebrew Bible and Old Testament: Synchronic and Diachronic Modes of Interpretation,” *St. Vladimir’s Theological Quarterly* 50/4, 381-396.
- 2007 “‘Renewed by Blood’: Sheol’s Quest in 2 Baruch 56:6,” *Revue Biblique* 114/4, 535-564.
- 2008 “The Word ‘*almah* in Isaiah 7:14: A New Etymology.” In *Bible et Terre Sainte. Mélanges Marcel Beaudry*. Ed. José Enrique Aguilar Chiu et al. (New York: Peter Lang Press), 129-136.
- 2011 “Orthodoxy and Judaism.” In *The Encyclopedia of Eastern Orthodox Christianity*. Ed. John Anthony McGuckin (Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell), 1:355-358.
- 2011 “Old Testament.” In *The Encyclopedia of Eastern Orthodox Christianity*. Ed. John Anthony McGuckin (Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell), 2:420-423.
- 2011 “Holding Sway in Companionship: Genesis 1:26 Revisited.” In *Servant of the Gospel. Studies in Honor of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew*. Ed. Thomas FitzGerald (Brookline, MA: Holy Cross Orthodox Press), 158-173.
- 2012 “The Untamable Textbook and Its Handouts: Ruminations on Scripture-Tradition Relationship,” *Praxis* 12:1, 13-17.
- 2013 “The Nature of the Resurrected Bodies and 2 Baruch and New Testament.” In *Fourth Ezra and Second Baruch: Reconstruction after the Fall*. Eds. Mathias Henze and Gabriele Boccaccini (Supplements to the Journal of the Study of Judaism 164. Leiden-Boston: Brill), 309-336.

### **Book Reviews (Selective)**

- 1999 Mark W. Chavalas (ed.), *EMAR: The History, Religion, and Culture of a Syrian Town in the Late Bronze Age*. (Bethesda, Maryland: CDL Press, 1996), in *Ashland Theological Journal* 31, 158-159 (review article).
- 2004 John A. McGuckin, *Standing in God’s Holy Fire* (Traditions of Christian Spirituality Series; Orbis Books 2001). Pp. 172, with a response by J.A. McGuckin, in *Conversations in Religion and Theology*, vol. 2/1, 59-66 (review article).

2005 Stephen D. Ryan, *Dionysius Bar Salibi's Factual and Spiritual Commentary on Psalms 73-82*. (Cahiers de la Revue Biblique, 57), in *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (review article).

## **HONORS, AWARDS AND GRANTS**

1994 Edmund J. Curley Harvard Academic Award, Harvard University

1994 Protopresbyteros (ecclesiastic honor), Greek Orthodox Archdiocese in America

2002 Faculty Research Grant, Holy Cross (IT Lilly Endowment)

2003 Faculty Research Grant, Hellenic College (Office of Vocation and Ministry)

2005-2008 Teacher of the Year (awarded by Student Association for four consecutive years)

Fall 2009 Fulbright Scholar Fellowship at the University of Athens, Greece

2009-2010 Sabbatical

Lilly Faculty Fellowship, Association of Theological Schools in America and Canada

## **RESEARCH LANGUAGES**

Modern: Romanian (native), French, German, Hebrew, Italian  
Ancient: Hebrew, Akkadian, Syriac, Aramaic, Ugaritic, Ethiopic (Ge'ez), Greek, Latin

## **ACADEMIC LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS**

“Hebrew Bible — Emar Revisited. A Philological Approach,” Society of Biblical Literature Regional Meeting, Newton, MA, April 11, 1998.

“The Plural of Hebrew ‘Segholates’ in Light of the Emar Evidence,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, November 22, 1998.

“Principles of Biblical Hermeneutics in Fr. Staniloae’s Theology,” Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality Annual Symposium, New York, NY, December 6, 1998.

“Messianism in the Book of Hosea in the Light of Patristic Interpretations,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 21, 1999.

“Above all his Friends. Paradoxical Language in the Messianic Prophecies of the Old Testament,” Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality Annual Symposium, New York, NY, December 5, 1999.

“The Christological Interpretation of the Old Testament: A Critical Review,” International Biblical Conference organized by Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. Brookline, MA, October 29 - November 1, 2003.

“Prophetesses in the Bible and Elsewhere: New Evidence from Emar,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 22-25, 2003.

“Reading the Bible Today,” Cluj University, School of Literature and Orthodox School of Theology (Romania), March 11, 2004 (invited paper).

“The Living Breath of God and the Three Steps in Shaping Humanity,” BTI-Science and Religion Symposium: Matter, Intelligence and Soul; Boston University, April 29, 2004 (invited paper).

“Acquired by God: Incarnation in Scripture and Tradition,” Annual Symposium of Religious Studies Department at Hellenic College, Brookline, MA, December 2, 2004.

“Response” to Paul D. Hanson’s talk in conversation with E.J. Pentiu’s book *Jesus the Messiah in the Hebrew Bible* (Paulist Press: December 2005), Annual Symposium of Religious Studies Department at Hellenic College, Brookline, MA, December 6, 2005.

“Biblical Scholarship and Faith,” St. Photios Symposium Annual Symposium organized by the Office of Vocation, Hellenic College, February 3-4, 2006.

“Orthodoxy 101,” Boston College, March 21, 2006. Co-presented with Dr. Demetrios Katos. Hosted by the Orthodox Christian Fellowship, Boston College Chapter.

“Between Hebrew Bible and Old Testament: Synchronic and Diachronic Modes of Interpretation,” Orthodox Theological Society Annual Meeting, Brookline, MA, June 7-9, 2006.

“Hebrew Sheol and Emarite Shuwala,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Diego, November 18, 2007.

“The Anaginoskomena: “Custom,” “Practice,” or “Conciliar Statements”?” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Boston, November 22, 2008.

“Three Steps in Fashioning Humanity: An Orthodox View on Rhetorical Approach to Scripture,” School of Theology of the Aristotelic University of Thessalonike, December 21, 2009.

“Hebrew Text and Septuagint,” School of Theology of the Aristotelic University of Thessalonike, January 14, 2010.

“The Nature of the Resurrected Bodies and 2 Baruch and New Testament,” The Sixth Enoch Seminar: *Second Baruch* and *Fourth Ezra*: Jewish Apocalypticism in Late First Century Israel, Milan (Italy), June 27, 2011.

## **PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

Society of Biblical Literature  
Catholic Biblical Association  
American Oriental Society  
Romanian Biblical Association (Cluj-Napoca, Romania)  
Writers’ Union of Romania (Bucharest, Romania)  
Orthodox Theological Society of America  
Editorial Board of *Theological Studies Journal* (Bucharest, Romania)  
Editorial Board of *ROOTS - Romanian Orthodox Old Testament Studies* (Cluj-Napoca, Romania)

## **CLASSES OFFERED AT HELLENIC COLLEGE AND HOLY CROSS**

Introduction to the Old Testament  
Old Testament Exegesis  
Hebrew 1 & 2  
Syriac 1 & 2  
Hebrew for Pulpit  
The Septuagint  
Orthodox Christianity  
Biblical Heritage 1 & 2  
Introduction to Great Religious Ideas  
Hebrew for the Pulpit  
The Book of Genesis  
The Book of Exodus  
Old Testament Prophets  
The Book of Isaiah  
The Book of Hosea  
The Book of Psalms

Christ in the Old Testament  
Old Testament Theology  
Theological Themes in the Pentateuch

### **SCHOOL SERVICE (SELECT)**

Committee on Lectureships, 1998-2003  
Committee on Three Hierarchs Patristic Competition, Chair 1999-2010  
Committee on M.Div./ Th.M. Theses, 1999- (Interim Chair, Fall 2008)  
Committee on Ecumenism, 2002-2003  
Committee on Rules and Procedures, 2002-2006  
Committee on Catalogue, 2004-2005  
Presidential Committee for the Holy Cross Press, 2004-  
Curriculum Committee, 2005-  
IT Committee, 2006-  
School Web Site Committee, 2008  
Spiritual Fathers Program, 2007-  
Self Study Committee on Academic Programs, 2010-2011  
Th.M. Program, Director 2010-  
Committee on Appointments 2011-  
Committee on Promotion and Tenure 2013-  
Presidential Committee on Accreditation, Spring 2013  
Committee on Assessment and Evaluation, Chair 2013-

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE (SELECT)**

“Old Testament Prophecies Concerning the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord” (lecture series), The Orthodox Fellowship of Rhode Island, Mansfield, MA, April 19, 2000.

“Who is Jesus Christ: Yesterday, Today, and Forever” (course), in conjunction with Bishop Kalistos Ware (Oxford University), Eagle River Institute of Orthodox Studies, Eagle River, Alaska, AK, August 1-5, 2003.

“Christ in the Old Testament” (lecture series), Orthodox Clergy Retreat, Washington, DC, February 2004.

“Jesus the Messiah in the Hebrew Bible” (course), The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Houston, TX, March 6-7, 2004.

“Anthropological View of Gen 1-3” (lecture series), St. Nektarios Church, Charlotte, NC, May 28, 2004.

“Theological Themes in Genesis 1-11” (course), Orthodox Clergy Association, Seattle, Washington, November 12-13, 2004.



“The Coming of Messiah” (course), The Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Belmont, CA, and St. Nicholas Ranch, Dunlap, CA, March 31-April 7, 2006.

“Social Justice according to the Scripture” (lecture series), St. George Antiochian Church, West Roxbury, MA, September 20, 2006.

“Humanity’s Destiny in the Scripture” (lecture series), Orthodox Youth Fellowship, Pawtucket, Rhode Island, November 11, 2006.

“Biblical Anthropology” (lecture series), The Antiochian Ladies Society Retreat, West Roxbury, MA, February 10, 2007.

“Reading the Bible in a Pastoral Setting” (lecture series), Greek Orthodox Church, Kansas City, KS, February 3, 2007.

“To Be or to Have, this is the Question” (course), Greek Orthodox Church, Weston, MA, April 2007.

“Humanity’s Destiny in the Scripture” (lecture series), The Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Augusta, GA, March 1-2, 2008.

“From Eden to Golgotha: Two Gardens, Two Trees” (course), The Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Belmont, CA, March 29-30, 2008.

“The Bible and the Early Church,” The Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Dallas, TX, February 5-8, 2009.

“Looking at Deuterocanonical Books from within the Hebrew Bible: An Eastern Orthodox Perspective,” Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, TX, February 6, 2009.