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**EDUCATION**

**DOCTORATE:** Pontifical Athenaeum of Sant' Anselmo *de Urbe* (with honors)

SLD (*Doctoratus Sacrae Liturgiae*), 2012

Thesis Title: *The Missa Normativa of 1967; Its History and Principles as applied to the Liturgy of the Mass.*

Moderator: Cassian Folsom, O.S.B.

Examination Board: J.J. Flores Arcas, O.S.B, Ephrem Carr, O.S.B, and Maurizio Barba

**MASTERS OF PHILOSOPHY (LICENTIATE):** Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas *in urbe* (Angelicum)

PhL (*Philosophiae Licentia*), 2009

Specialization: thomistic section (*Summa cum Laude*)

Thesis Title: *The Journey of the Virtue of Eutrapelia until the Time of St. Thomas. His Particular Synthesis When Faced with Two Separate Virtues within His Ethical Tradition.*

Moderator: Alfred Wilder, O.P.

Examination Board: Charles Morerod, O.P., and Michael Tavuzzi, O.P.

**MASTERS OF THEOLOGY (LICENTIATE):** Pontifical University of Sant' Anselmo *de Urbe*

SLL (*Sacrae Liturgiae Licentia*), 2007

Specialization: Liturgical reform (*Magna cum Laude*)

Thesis Title: *The Missa Normativa of 1967; Its History and Principles as*

*applied to the Liturgy of the Word.*  
Moderator: Cassian Folsom, O.S.B.  
Second Reader: Paul Gunter, O.S.B.

**BACHELORS IN THEOLOGY:** Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas *in Urbe* (Angelicum)

STB (*Sacrae Theologiae Baccalaureus*), *Magna cum Laude*

**BACHELORS IN CLASSICAL STUDIES:** Seton Hall University, 1998

BA, *Magna cum Laude*

### ***PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE***

**2015–Present.** Academic Dean and Professor of Liturgy and Patristics, SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA

**2014–2015.** Full Professor of Liturgy and Patristics and Formation Director of Students, SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA

**2011–2013.** Seasonal Adjunct, Professor of Theology and Philosophy, Universidad de Los Hemisferios, Quito, Ecuador

**2002–Present.** Roman Catholic Priest, Archdiocese of Indianapolis, IN

### ***DIPLOMAS***

**2010.** State Diploma *λίαν καλῶς* (= *Magna cum Laude*) from the Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece (Philosophical School) in Modern Greek Language

**2008.** “*Summa cum Laude*” from the Lexis Summer program at the University of Austin, Texas. The program consisted of 48 intensive hours in Greek philology

**2007.** State diploma in the Italian Language (C2) through the Dante Alighieri Institute in cooperation with the University of *La Sapienza* in Rome, Italy

### ***LANGUAGES***

### *Modern*

1. **Italian:** reading, composition, speaking, comprehension (fluent; C2).
2. **Spanish:** teaching at University level, reading, composition, speaking, comprehension (fluent; C2).
3. **Modern Greek:** reading, composition, speaking, comprehension (fluent; C2).
4. **French:** reading (Isituto San Luigi, Rome; Passed University French Exam, Sant' Anselmo).
5. **German:** remedial (Goethe-Institut, Guadalajara, Mexico; A2).

### *Ancient*

1. **Classical and Ecclesiastical Latin:** reading, composition (Seton Hall; Reginald Foster, Gregorian University & *Academia Romae Latinitatis*: all levels).
2. **Homeric, Ancient, and Koinê Greek and early Byzantine Greek:** reading (Seton Hall & University of Austin).
3. **Syriac:** remedial (Augustinianum, Rome; first year).
4. **Biblical Hebrew:** remedial (Angelicum, Rome; one semester).

## **HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS**

**2012–Present.** Scholarship winner in post-doctoral studies from the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs in cooperation with the Vatican Secretariat for Relations with Independent States for the obtainment of Doctorate in *Συμβολική Θεολογία* at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. Returned to the USA in October 2013 due to political strife in Greece.

**Approved Research Area:** Gennadius Scholarius and the Divine Essence and Divine Energies vis-à-vis Thomas Aquinas, Duns Scotus, and Gregory Palamas. The thesis will seek to critique and correct the erroneous and oft-quoted but never challenged thesis of Sébastien Guichardan, *Le Problème de la simplicité divine en Orient et en Occident aux xiv<sup>e</sup> et xv<sup>e</sup> siècles: Grégoire Palamas, Duns Scot, Georges Scholarios* (Lyon, Anciens Établissements Legendre, 1933).

**Thesis Director:** Metropolitan Elpidophoros Lambriniadis, Archbishop of Bursa

**2010.** Scholarship winner in Greek language studies from the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs in cooperation with the Vatican Secretariat for Relations with Independent States for the obtainment of State Diploma in Modern Greek at the

Kapodistrian University of Athens.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### ***Books***

**2016** (at press). *The Epiclesis Debate: Mark of Ephesus and John Torquemada, OP, at the Council Florence 1439*. Notre Dame, IN: Notre Dame University Press.

**2014**. *The Immaculate Conception: Why Thomas Aquinas Denied, while John Duns Scotus, Gregory Palamas, and Mark Eugenicus Professed the Absolute Immaculate Existence of Mary*. Wait Park, MN: Academy of the Immaculate

### ***Book Chapters, Prefaces, Forewords***

**2017** (Invited and in progress). "Marian Doctrine in the Byzantine Tradition of Gregory Palamas." In *Oxford Handbook of Mary*. Edited by Chris Maunder. Oxford: Oxford University Press

**2017** (Invited and in progress). "Francis of Meyronnes." In *The Medieval Franciscans and the Virgin Mary*. Medieval Franciscan Series, vol. 14. Edited by Steven McMichael. Turnhout: Brill

**2016** (Invited). "Mark of Ephesus, the Council of Florence, and the Roman Papacy." In *Primacy in the Church: The Office of Primate and the Authority of Councils*, vol. 1. Edited by John Chryssavgis. Crestwood NY: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press

**2015** (Invited). Preface to *Caritas in Primo: A Historical Theological Study of Bonaventure's Quaestiones disputatae de mysterio Ss. Trinitatis*. Written by J. Isaac Goff. Wait Park, MN: Academy of the Immaculate

### ***Edited Books***

**2010**. *The Way of the Cross and Devotions for Easter*. Athens: Christian Pen Press

### ***Peer-Review Research Articles***

**2016** (Forthcoming). "Medieval Orthodox Reception of Seven Sacraments, Pro-Palamite (1391+) use of Peter Lombard's *Sentences*, and the *Holy Synaxis'* reliance

upon John Duns Scotus' Commentary on the *Sentences*." *Nova et Vetera* (English)

**2014.** "A Latin Defense of Mark of Ephesus at the Council of Florence." *Greek Orthodox Theological Review* 59: 161-230

**2014.** "Palamas among the Scholastics." *Logos* 55: 175-220.

**2013.** "The Latin Sources of the Palamite Theology of George-Gennadios Scholarios." *Nicolaus* 40: 71-114.

**2013.** "A Provisional Definition of Byzantine Theology *Contra* "Pillars of Orthodoxy?" *Nicolaus* 40 (2013): 187-202.

**2012.** "Idolizing Paganism – Demonizing Christianity: à propos: N. Siniosoglou, *Radical Platonism in Byzantium: Illumination and Utopia in Gemistos Plethon*." *Archiv für Mittelalterliche Philosophie und Kultur* 19: 210-251.

#### *Newspaper Articles*

**2012.** "Towards a Theological Reconciliation between East and West. The History of a Dialogue." *L'Osservatore Romano* (English edition) 24: 9-10.

**2012.** "Con Tommaso e i teologi bizantini verso una riconciliazione teologica." *L'Osservatore Romano quotidiano* 166: 4.

**2012.** "Byzantine Colloquium a Londra." *L'Osservatore Romano* 166: 4

#### *Non-Peer Review Articles*

**2014.** "Mary as First Witness of the Resurrection: The Patristic and Liturgical Evidence." *Missio Immaculatae International* 10.3: 14-18

**2014.** "The First-Ever Biography of Mary: How St. Augustine Inspired St. Maximus Confessor on the Theme of Mary Immaculate." *Missio Immaculatae International* 10.1: 9-15.

### **LECTURE AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

### *Conference Papers*

"The Medical Terminology and Embryological Background Underlying John Damascene's Doctrine of the Prepurification of Mary at the Annunciation and Incarnation." The 2016 Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society, Chicago, IL, May 26-28, 2016

"Francis Mayron and the Immaculate Conception: Sources, Context, and Doctrine." The 51<sup>st</sup> International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 12-15, 2016.

"New Evidence on the Scholastic background to the Mariology of George-Gennadios II Scholarius." Never the Twain Shall Meet (East-West Intellectual Interaction and *Thomas de Aquino Byzantinus*), University of Stockholm, Sweden, 26 June 2015.

"The Prepurified Virgin from Greek Maximus, through Syrian Theodore of Tarsus, to Venerable Bede until Anselm of Canterbury." Colloquium in honor of the 2015 Cardinal Wright Award Winner, Rev. Dr. Peter Damian Fehlner, FI, University of Notre Dame, IN, 09 June 2015.

"Bernardine of Siena and Palamite Mariology." The 50th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, 17 May 2015.

"Mary and the Mystery of Transubstantiation: The Patristic Manner of Explaining Eucharistic Change according to the Latin and Greek Fathers of the Fourth Century." 2014 Invited Speaker by the University of Steubenville, Steubenville, OH, November 24, 2014.

"Mark Eugenicus and the Epiclesis: the Sources, Literary Context, and Eucharistic Theology of the Ephesine's *libellus* within the Context of the Eucharistic Controversies at the Council of Ferrara-Florence (1438-1439)." The 49th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 8-11, 2014.

"Towards a Definition of Byzantine Theology." Ss. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary, 2013 invited speaker to Faculty and Students as a guest lecturer, 12 May 2013.

"Gennadius Scholarius and John Duns Scotus: Scotism as *Palamismus in fieri*." University of London, Institute of Classical Studies, 2012 Byzantine Colloquium,

12 June 2012.

## *TEACHING*

### *Undergraduate Courses*

1. Philosophy of Science (48 hrs summer session); Universidad de los Hemisferios, Quito, Ecuador 2011.
2. Systematic Theology (48 hrs summer session); Universidad de los Hemisferios, Quito, Ecuador 2012.

### *Graduate Courses*

1. Christology to Chalcedon; SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA, 2016.
2. Marriage & Sexuality; SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA, 2016.
3. Ecclesiastical Latin I; SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA, 2015.
4. Introduction to Dogmatics; SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA, 2015.
5. Christology: Chalcedon & Beyond; SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA, 2015.
6. Byzantine History; SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA, 2015.
7. Christology to Chalcedon; SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA, 2015.
8. Patristics I-II; SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA, 2014-2015.
9. Introduction to Liturgy and Sacramental Mysteries; SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA, 2014.
10. Intermediate Greek I-II; SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA, 2014-2015.

### *Graduate Independent Study*

11. **Summer Session:** Introduction to Patristic Reading; SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA, 2015.

## *ACADEMIC PROJECTS*

Member of the *Thomas de Aquino Byzantinus project* (general editor: Dr. J.A. Demetracopoulos). This project, in cooperation with *Corpus Christianorum* for future publication, will publish critical editions of St. Thomas Aquinas' and thomistico-Scholastic *florilegia*, which cite Aquinas in Greek translation within Byzantium.

My section intends to provide a critical edition of Hervaeus Natalis *graecus*, with the ulterior goal of providing all citations of Aquinas within Hervaeus' commentary on the *Sentences*. My section is soon to be formally added to the website. In the meantime, the general editor may be contacted for more information at:

<http://www.rhul.ac.uk/Hellenic-Institute/Research/Thomas.htm>.

### **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

**August 2016.** Co-organizer (with Sandra Collins, PhD) of "Byzantine Perspectives on the Theotokos." SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA (15–16 May 2017)

**8–9 June 2015.** Co-organizer (with J. Isaac Goff, PhD, and Edward Ondrako, PhD) of "Sursum Actio: Symposium in Honor of Peter Damian Mary Fehlner, FI." University of Notre Dame, IN

**2015–Present.** Appointed by the President of SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary to be member of the Strategic Planning Committee for the ongoing accreditation of SS. Cyril and Methodius

**31 March 2015.** PhD Committee Member/Examiner for McAnulty School of Liberal Arts at Duquesne University for Corey Hayes, PhD: "Deus in se et Deus pro nobis: The Transfiguration in the Theology of Gregory Palamas and its importance for Catholic Theology."

**2015–Present.** Acting Editor for *Eastern Churches Journal*

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

**2016.** Member of the American Cusanus Society 2016

**2015–Present.** Elected Member of The Mariological Society of America

**2015–Present.** Member of The Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy

**2015–Present.** Member of The North American Patristics Society

**2014–Present.** Elected Member of The Society of Oriental Liturgists

### ***REFERENCES***

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Very Rev. Dr. Kyrillos Katerelos, Bishop of Avidou, Full Professor, Faculty of Social Theology, at the Ethnic and Kapodistrian University of Athens, *Panepistimio Ano*, Ilisia 15784, Greece; home: (+ 30) 2107643748; office: (+ 30) 210-727-5715; [katerelos\\_kyrillos@yahoo.com](mailto:katerelos_kyrillos@yahoo.com).

Rev. Dr. Peter Damian Fehlner, FI, Professor Emeritus of the Pontifical University of St. Bonaventure and Rector Emeritus of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Crosse, WI, at 5250 Justin Rd., La Crosse, WI 54602; office: 608-782-5440; [p.peterfehlner@gmail.com](mailto:p.peterfehlner@gmail.com).