

Curriculum Vitae
Very Rev. David M. Petras

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Date of Birth: August 28, 1941; East Cleveland, OH

Theological Education:

B. A., Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, 1963

[resident at Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Pittsburgh]

S. T. L., Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, 1967

S. E. O. D., (Doctorate in Eastern Church Studies), Pontifical Oriental Institute, Thesis:
The Typicon of the Patriarch Alexis the Studite: Novgorod-St. Sophia 1136.

Course work completed, 1970

Defense, Rome, 1982

Thesis Published, Cleveland, 1991

Service to the Church:

Ordained to the Priesthood, August 27, 1967

September, 1967-February, 1970: Doctoral studies in Liturgy, Pontifical Oriental Institute, Rome

February, 1970-June, 1970: Assistant Chancellor, Eparchy of Parma, in residence at Holy Spirit Church, Parma

June 1970-August, 1972: Pastor, Dormition Church, Akron, Ohio

September, 1972-August, 1978: Pastor, Christ the King Church, Taylor, Michigan

September, 1978-August, 1980: Instructor in Liturgy and Moral Theology, Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA

September, 1980-July, 1990: Pastor, Dormition Church, Akron, Ohio

August, 1990-October, 1995: Pastor, St. Nicholas Croatian Church, Cleveland, Ohio

September, 1992-October, 1995: Administrator, Holy Ghost Church, Cleveland, Ohio

September 1995-July, 2013: Director of Spiritual Formation; Professor of Liturgy, Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA

Ordained Archpriest, February 8, 2004, St. John's Cathedral, Param, OH by the Most Rev. John M. Kudrick

August 1, 2013: Retired from active ministry

Special Positions:

August, 1979-August, 1980: Academic Dean, Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA

September, 1980-June, 1988: Adjunct Professor of Liturgy and Moral Theology, Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA

August, 1982-February, 1985: Diocesan Director of Continuing Education of Priests:

1983-1985: Liaison, Emmaus Program, Eparchy of Parma
February, 1985-September, 1993: Chairman, Priestly Life Commission, Eparchy of Parma
July, 1985-February, 1986: Leave of absence from parish duties to write, *Light for Life*, an adult catechesis sponsored by the Eastern Catholic Bishops of America
August, 1988-July, 2013: Director of Seminary Education and Priestly Formation, Eparchy of Parma
August, 1988-94: Adjunct Professor of Liturgy and Byzantine Studies, St. Mary's Seminary, Cleveland
July, 1995- : Member, Intereparchial Liturgy and Music Commission

National Positions:

January, 1984- : Member, North American Orthodox-Catholic Theological Consultation

Professional Memberships:

North American Academy of Liturgy
Societas Liturgica
Societas Liturgica Orientale
Catholic Theological Society of America
American Society of Church History

Publications:

Ambon Prayers, (privately published, 1972)
Ambon Prayers (Fairfax, VA: Eastern Christian Publications, 2000)
Confirmation in the American Catholic Church: A Byzantine Perspective, Washington: NCDD Resource Paper, 1980.
Eastern Catholic Churches in America, Office of Religious Education, Parma, Ohio, 1987
Revised and updated in *To the Ends of the Earth* (Pittsburgh, PA: God With Us Publications, 1997)
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"Chrismation in the Byzantine Church," *Focus on Catechetical Leadership* 4,5 (November/December 1992), 3.10-12.
"The Sunday of Pascha," in: *Following the Star From the East. Essays in Honor of Archimandrite Boniface Luykx*, ed. by Andriy Chirovsky (Ottawa, Chicago, Lviv: The Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Cahristian Studies: St. Paul University, 1992.
"The Ecumenical Status of the Eastern Catholic Churches," *The Greek Orthodox Theological Review* 37, 3-4 (1992), 349-381.
"The Balamand Statement and Hierarchial Reception," *Eastern Churches Journal* 1,2 (Summer 1994), 69-88.

Light for Life: Part One: The Mystery Believed, (Principal Contributor), ed. by Fred Saato and Kent Plowman, Pittsburgh, PA: God with Us Publications, 1994.

"Knowledge of the Eastern Tradition," in *Diakonia* 2,2 (Summer 1995), 219-221.

Light for Life: Part Two: The Mystery Celebrated (Principal Contributor), ed. by Fred Saato and Kent Plowman, Pittsburgh, PA: God with Us Publications, 1996.

"East Meets West: Ecumenical Connections," in *Ecumenical Trends*, 24, 7 (July/August 1995), 3-7.

"Mary in Eastern Liturgical Tradition," in *Liturgical Ministry* 6 (Winter 1997), 11-20.

"Balamand: Catholic and Orthodox Identity," in *Eastern Churches Journal* 4, 1 (1997), 29-52.

"An Ecumenical Commentary: The Union of Uzhorod," in *Eastern Churches Journal* 4, 3 (1997), 55-76

"The Gospel Lectionary of the Byzantine Church," in *St. Vladimir's Theological Quarterly* 41, 2-3 (1997), 113-140.

"The Vitality of Tradition: Insight from the East," in *Diakonia* 31,3 (1998), 157-166.

"*Ut Unum Sint*: The Imperative of Ecumenism," in *Oriental Lumen II Conference Proceedings - 1998* (Washington, DC, 1998)

Consultor and contributor to: *Worship Music: A Concise Dictionary*, edited by Edward Foley (Collegeville, Minnesota: The Liturgical Press, 2000)

"A Survey of the Liturgical Translations of the Byzantine Catholic Metropolia," *Logos* 39, 2-4 (1998), 241- 260.

"The Public Recitation of the Presbyteral Prayers," *Eastern Churches Journal*, 8, 2 (2001), 97-106.

"Issues: Light of the East: One Decade Later," *One* (September 2005), 11-13.

Time for the Lord to Act: A Catechetical Commentary on the Divine Liturgy, Byzantine Seminary Press, Pittsburgh, PA.

"Eschatology and the Byzantine Liturgy," *Liturgical Ministry* 19 (2010), 29-35.

"The Witness of the Liturgy of the Ruthenian Church in the New World," in: *La Liturgie Témoin de l'Église*, (St. Serge Conferences 2010), edited by André Lossky and Manlio Sodi, Libreria Editrice Vaticana, Vatican City, 2012, 372-386.

"Presbyteral Celibacy: Church Discipline or Divine Revelation? In: *Nicolaus* (2013), 227-246.

Translations

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