

V. Rev. Silviu Nicolae Bunta, Ph.D.  
**Curriculum Vitae**

**PERSONAL DATA**

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Phone: 956-781-6114 (office)  
Ordination: Ordained to the priesthood in the Orthodox Church in December 2012. Elevated to the rank of Archpriest in March 2025.

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND RESEARCH**

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Early Judaism (scriptural hermeneutics, ascetical and mystical traditions), Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, Jewish pseudepigrapha, the Old Testament in early Christianity, the Old Testament in the Orthodox Church, Scripture and liturgy, scriptural and liturgical translations.

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

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Senior Scholar of Early Judaism and Old Testament, <i>University of Dayton</i>	2022-present
Associate Professor of Early Judaism and Old Testament, <i>University of Dayton</i>	2015-2022
Visiting Associate Professor of Old Testament, <i>St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary</i>	2020-2022
Assistant Professor of Early Judaism and Old Testament, <i>University of Dayton</i>	2007-2015
Visiting Assistant Professor of Biblical Theology, <i>Marquette University</i>	2006-2007
Lecturer in Biblical Theology, <i>Marquette University</i>	2005-2006
Research Fellow, <i>Marquette University</i>	2003-2004
Teaching Assistant, <i>Marquette University</i>	1999-2003

**EDUCATION**

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Ph.D. in Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, <i>Marquette University</i>	1999-2005
M.A. in Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, <i>University of Oradea, Romania</i>	1997-1998
Undergraduate studies in Classics, <i>University of Cluj, Romania</i>	1996-1998
B.Div. in Orthodox Theology, <i>University of Sibiu, Romania</i>	1993-1997

**PUBLICATIONS**

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**Books—in print**  
**Original work**

*The Lord God of Gods. Divinity and Deification in Early Judaism..* Perspectives on Hebrew Scripture and Its Contexts 35. Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias Press, 2021.

*Greek Grammar: Biblical and Patristic. Vol. 1: Morphology.* Dayton: Cherubim Press, 2021.

*Your Life Will Be Hung Before Your Eyes': Meanings of Our Life in Orthodox Liturgy.* Dayton: Cherubim Press, 2022.

*The Life of Our Fathers. An Introduction to the Bible in the Orthodox Church.* Yonkers: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2025.

## **Books—in print Translations**

*Ieratikon according to the Simonopetra Tradition*. 3 volumes. Introduction and translation. Dayton: Cherubim Press, 2019, second edition 2021. [with Rev. Matthew-Peter Butrie]

*Diakonikon according to the Simonopetra Tradition*. Introduction and translation. Dayton: Cherubim Press, 2021. [with Rev. Matthew-Peter Butrie]

*The Orthodox Psalter*. Introduction, translation, and notes. McAllen: Cherubim Press, 2022.

## **Books—under contract**

*Dionysius the Areopagite, The Celestial Hierarchy, The Ecclesiastical Hierarchy, The Epistles*. Introduction, translation, and notes. Forthcoming in St. Vladimir's Seminary Press. [with Archbp. Alexander Golitzin]

## **Books—forthcoming**

(in final stages of completion)

*Sylleitourgikon according to the Simonopetra Tradition*. Introduction and translation. Forthcoming. McAllen: Cherubim Press, 2023. [with Rev. Matthew-Peter Butrie]

*The Romanian Life of Adam and Eve*. Introduction, translation, and studies.

*Greek Grammar: Biblical and Patristic. Vol. 2: Syntax*.

*Greek Grammar: Biblical and Patristic. Vol 3: Root-based Dictionary*.

*Greek Grammar: Biblical and Patristic. Vol. 4: Exercises and English-Greek Dictionary*.

*The Makarian Homilies. The First Collection*. Introduction, translation, and notes. The first draft is completed. [with Archbp. Alexander Golitzin].

*Notes to the Ieratikon, Diakonikon, and Sylleitourgikon*. [with Rev. Matthew-Peter Butrie]

*The Divine Liturgies of St. John and St. Basil*. Introduction, translation, and notes. [with Rev. Matthew-Peter Butrie]

*The Making of a Catechumen*. Introduction, translation, and notes.

*Re-Presenting Christ: Experiences of God in Orthodox Liturgy and Bible*. McAllen: Cherubim Press, 2026.

*Small Euchologion*. Introduction, translation, and notes. [with Rev. Matthew-Peter Butrie]

## **Articles in scholarly journals and in edited volumes**

“God and His Little Gods: A Response to Mark A. Awabdy,” forthcoming in *St. Vladimir's Theological Quarterly*.

“The Aesthetic Against the Ascetic: Thoughts on Translating Holy Text in Response to Fr. Maximos' Review of *The Orthodox Psalter*,” forthcoming in *St. Vladimir's Theological Quarterly*.

“The Divine Face as Theopoeia in the Psalter: Insights from the Orthodox Tradition,” *ROOTS* 13 (2025): 39-64.

“For a Hermeneutics of Referent: On the Sinai Tradition and a Reinterpretation of ‘Covenant’.” Pages 23-46 in *Watering the Garden. Studies in Honor of Deirdre Dempsey*. Edited by Andrei A. Orlov. Piscataway: Gorgias Press, 2023.

- “The Meaning before the Text: The Johannine Prologue and the Priority of Experience.” Forthcoming in *From Scripture to Philosophy. New Essays on Contemporary Topics by Romanian Theologians*. Edited by Nichifor Tănase et al. Münster, Berlin: LIT Verlag, 2023.
- “Tradition: Generated by Scripture or Generating Scripture?” Pages 229-243 in *The Oxford Handbook of the Bible in Orthodox Christianity*. Edited by Eugen Pentiu. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, 2022.
- “For a Hermeneutics of Death. Dying and Exegeting in 2 Cor 3-6.” Pages 39-49 in Simpozionul de Educație și Spiritualitate Ortodoxă „Polis & Paideia”. Edited by Nichifor Tănase and Constantin Jinga. București: Editura Academiei Române, 2021. [in Romanian]
- “In Defense of Inheritance. Observations on a New, Non-traditional Orthodoxy.” Pages 167-179 in *Simpozionul de Educație și Spiritualitate Ortodoxă „Polis & Paideia”*. Edited by Nichifor Tănase and Constantin Jinga. București: Editura Academiei Române, 2021. [in Romanian]
- “The Voices of the ‘Triumphant Hymn’: The Orthodox Sanctus as a Christian Merkabah Text.” *St. Vladimir’s Theological Quarterly* 64/1-2 (2020): 93-127.
- “Driven Away with a Stick: The Femininity of the Godhead in y. Ber. 12d, the Emergence of Rabbinic Modalist Orthodoxy, and the Christian Binitarian Complex.” Pages 66-84 in *Jewish Roots of Eastern Christian Mysticism. Studies in Honor of Alexander Golitzin*. Edited by Andrei A. Orlov. Vigiliae Christianae Supplements. Leiden: Brill, 2020.
- “Reversing Genesis 3,6-7: Adamic Traditions in the Cursing of the Fig Tree (Mk 11,12-14.20-25; Mt 21,18-22).” Pages 111-144 in *Sfânta Scriptură în Istorie și Tradiție. Volum Omagial Păr. Prof. Vasile Miboc (Sacred Scripture in History and Tradition. Festschrift Pr. Prof. Vasile Miboc)*. Sibiu, Romania: Editura Andreiana, Colectia Theologia Universitaria, 2019.
- “The Convergence of Adamic and Merkabah Traditions in the Christology of Hebrews.” Pages 277-296 *Searching the Scriptures: Studies in Context and Intertextuality*. Edited by Craig A. Evans and J. J. Johnston. London: T & T Clark/Bloomsbury, 2015.
- “Cain the Giant: Watchers Traditions in the Life of Adam and Eve.” Pages 181-198 in *The Watchers in Jewish and Christian Traditions*. Edited by Angela Kim Harkins, Kelley Coblenz Bautch, and John C. Endres. Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress Press, 2014.
- “Dreamy Angels and Demonic Giants: Watcher Traditions and the Origin of Evil in Early Christian Demonology.” Pages 116-138 *The Fallen Angels Traditions: Second Temple Developments and Reception History*. Edited by Angela Kim Harkins, Kelley Coblenz Bautch, and John C. Endres. Catholic Biblical Association Monograph Series 53. Washington, DC: The Catholic Biblical Association of America, 2014.
- “In Heaven or on Earth: A Misplaced Temple Question about Ezekiel’s Visions.” Pages 28-44 in *With Letters of Light: Studies in the Dead Sea Scrolls, Early Jewish Apocalypticism, Magic and Mysticism in Honor of Rachel Elior*. Edited by Daphna Arbel. Berlin/New York: W. de Gruyter, 2011.
- “Metamorphosis and Role Reversal: Anthropomorphic Demons and Angelomorphic Humans in the Life of Adam and Eve and 2 Enoch,” *Henoch* 33/1 (2011): 47-60.
- “‘Your Own of Your Own’: Jewish Adam Speculations and Orthodox Liturgy in the Slavonic and Romanian Life of Adam and Eve,” *Scrinium* 5 (2009): 112-128.
- “The Mesu-Tree and the Animal Inside: Theomorphism and Theriomorphism in Daniel 4,” *Scrinium* 3 (2007): 364-384.
- “YHWH’s Cultic Statue after 597/586 B.C.E.: A Linguistic and Theological Reinterpretation of Ezekiel 28:12,” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 69/2 (2007): 212-232.

- “One Man in Heaven: Adam-Moses Polemics in the Romanian Versions of Testament of Abraham and Ezekiel the Tragedian’s Exagoge,” *Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha* 16 (2007): 139-165.
- “The Likeness of the Image: Adamic Motifs and tselem Anthropology in Rabbinic Traditions About Jacob’s Image Enthroned in Heaven,” *Journal for the Study of Judaism* 37 (2006): 55-84.
- “The Marriage of Archaeology and Religion,” *Reviews in Religion & Theology* 13/2 (2006): 163-168.
- “Too Vast to Fit in the World: Moses, Adam, and צלם אלהים in Testament of Moses 11:8,” *Henoch* 26/2 (2004): 188–204.

### Encyclopedia/dictionary entries

*Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*. Berlin: de Gruyter, 2012-:

- “Adam and Eve, Life of (Book),” “Adam and Eve, Story of, in Judaism,” “Adam in Judaism, in Medieval Jewish Literature,” “Adam in Judaism, in Rabbinic Literature,” “Adam in Judaism, in the Hellenistic Period,” “Cain (Person) in Judaism,” “Cain and Abel, Story of, in Rabbinic Judaism,” “Cain, Mark of, in Judaism,” “Mysticism in the Second Temple Period.”

### ACADEMIC PAPERS, INVITED LECTURES, AND CONFERENCE CHAIRS

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- “Glory and Glorification in the Old Testament: A New Paradigm for Early Jewish Theology,” talk at the international conference on “The Glory of God in the Old Testament” at the Faculty of Orthodox Theology of *Babeş-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca* Romania (November 25, 2025)
- “Before method: On coherence as the limit of Orthodox exegesis,” talk at the symposium on “Orthodox Biblical Scholarship?” at *St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary*, Yonkers, New York (October 16-18, 2025).
- “Suddenity: Christophany, Scripture, and Liturgy in Early Greek Hymnography,” talk at the international conference on “Early Hymns of Greek Christian Liturgies” at the *University of Regensburg*, Regensburg, Germany (July 8-11, 2025).
- “The Face on the Body: the Divine Face as Theopoeia in the Book of Psalms,” at the online international biblical conference “Face of God in the Old Testament,” *Babeş-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca* Romania (Nov 28, 2024).
- “Scripture in the flesh: holy speech as theopoeia in early and eastern Christian receptions of the Psalms,” at St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Seminary Symposium, *St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary*, Yonkers, New York (Nov 14-16, 2024).
- “‘It is time for the Lord to make’: Thoughts on translating the liturgy with an ‘I’ toward being made,” keynote talk at the International workshop “*The Lived Byzantine Liturgy between Local Context and Standardized Tradition*” at the University of Vienna, Austria (January 24-26, 2024).
- “Referent Reading: Translating the Psalms with an ‘I’ toward Tradition,” *Third International Symposium on Biblical Exegesis*, Faculty of Letters, History and Theology, West University of Timișoara, Romania (November 12, 2022, online).
- Session co-chair, North American Patristic Society Annual Meeting, section Jewish Roots of Eastern Christian Mysticism. Chicago (May 27, 2022).
- “For a Hermeneutics of Death: Death and Exegesis in 2 Cor 3-6,” *The Day of the Bible*, The Romanian Academy—West University of Timișoara. Timișoara, Romania (November 13, 2019).

- “In Defense of Inheritance: Thoughts on a New Orthodoxy, Non-traditional,” *Symposium Polis & Paideia*, West University of Timișoara. Timișoara, Romania (November 9, 2019).
- “For a Hermeneutics of Death: An Essay on the Reading to which Tradition Writes,” *Bridging Voices: Orthodoxy and Modernity*, Fordham University-University of Exeter-University of Oxford. Oxford, England (August 17, 2019).
- “In the Words of Scripture: An Ascetical-Mystical Reading of Rom 2:8–9 and 2 Cor 4:8; 6:11–13,” *Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting*, Biblical Interpretation in Early Christianity section, Pontifical Biblical Institute. Rome, Italy (July 3, 2019).
- Session chair, *Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting*, Hellenistic Judaism section, Pontifical Biblical Institute. Rome, Italy (July 2, 2019).
- “Hebrews 9 and the Temple-Sinai Tradition: A Reinterpretation of “Covenant,” *Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting*, Epistle to the Hebrews section, Pontifical Biblical Institute. Rome, Italy (July 2, 2019).
- “Theophaneia: A Theological Vision,” *International Orthodox Theological Association*. Iași, Romania (January 10, 2019).
- “Response to Ben Sommer, “The Bodies of God,”” *Ryterband Symposium*, United Theological Seminary, University of Dayton, Wright State University. Dayton, Ohio (November 8, 2018).
- “The Voices of the “Triumphant Hymn”: The Orthodox Sanctus as a Christian Merkabah Text,” *International Conference “Dumitru Stăniloae,”* West University of Timișoara. Timișoara, Romania (October 1, 2018).
- “Time and space in Orthodox spirituality,” *Interfaith Forum of Greater Dayton*. Dayton, Ohio (February 25, 2018).
- Respondent/discussant, *Annual Holy Spirit Lecture and Colloquium*, Duquesne University. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (October 5, 2017).
- “Origins of the Bible: How the Bible Came to Be,” *Eleanor Malburd Eastern Churches Seminar*, Notre Dame College. South Euclid, Ohio (October 15, 2016).
- “Constructing and Deconstructing Scripture in Early Rabbinic Judaism and Ancient Christianity,” *The Dorothee and Lewis Ryterband Lecture Series*, Temple Israel. Dayton, Ohio (October 11, 2015).
- “Psalm 17:15 in the Septuagint Version and the Emergence of Theophany—Theophagy Language in Jewish Mysticism,” *Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting*, The Hebrew Bible Writings section, Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina. Buenos Aires, Argentina (July 23, 2015).
- “You are what you eat: feeding on idols and angels in the Apocalypse of Abraham,” *Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting*, Apocalyptic Literature section, Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina. Buenos Aires, Argentina (July 23, 2015).
- Session chair, *Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting*, Hellenistic Judaism section, Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina. Buenos Aires, Argentina (July 21, 2015).
- “Life of Adam and Eve in the Romanian Lands: A Closer Look at Textual History and Idiosyncracies,” *Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting*, Hellenistic Judaism section. Vienna, Austria (July 10, 2014).
- “Understanding and encountering the holy in ancient Israel,” *Searching for the Sacred Symposium*, University of St. Francis. Fort Wayne, Indiana (August 10, 2013).

- "Becoming Bible: An ancient Jewish and Christian model for biblical exegesis," *Society of St. John Chrysostom Annual Lecture*. Youngstown, Ohio (May 21, 2013).
- "Biblical exegesis and the future of Orthodox-Catholic Dialogue," *Center for Scriptural Exegesis, Philosophy, and Doctrine*, University of Dayton. Dayton, Ohio (April 5, 2013).
- "Monstrous bodies, destructive embraces: monstrous couple traditions in the Apocalypse of Abraham," *Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting*, Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha section. Amsterdam, The Netherlands (July 25, 2012).
- "Use and misuse of 'Scripture' in Hebrews 1-2," *Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting*, Epistle to the Hebrews section. Amsterdam, The Netherlands (July 24, 2012).
- "Dying between the sun and the moon: An Adamic tradition in ancient Judaism and Christianity," *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, The Pseudepigrapha section. San Francisco, California (November 20, 2011).
- "Ephrem the Syrian's Hymns on Paradise 1 and 11: Textual theophanies and exegetical deification," *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, Religious Experience in Early Judaism and Christianity section. San Francisco, California (November 20, 2011).
- "Response to Daniel Matt, 'How the Zohar Reimagines God'," *Ryterband Symposium*, Wright State University. Dayton, Ohio (September 14, 2011).
- "The reality within the parable: 4 Ezra 4:13-21 and Jewish cosmological speculations about the conflict between sea and land," *Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting*, Apocalyptic Literature section. London, UK (July 4, 2011).
- "To whom it may concern: A cultic/iconic reevaluation of Hezekiah's prayer (2 Kings 37:14-19/Isaiah 37:14-20)," *Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting*, Expressions of Religion in Israel section. London, UK (July 4, 2011).
- "4 Ezra 13:25-45 (The Man from the Sea)," *The Enoch Seminar*. Milan, Italy (June 26, 2011).
- Session chair, *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, Early Jewish and Christian Mysticism section. Atlanta, Georgia (November 21, 2010).
- "The convergence of Adamic and Merkabah traditions in the christology of Hebrews," *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, Epistle to the Hebrews section. Atlanta, Georgia (November 21, 2010).
- "Whose son was Cain anyway? Genesis 4:1 as a case of textual innuendo," *Illinois Wesleyan University Annual Religion Colloquium*, Illinois Wesleyan University. Bloomington, Illinois (March 8, 2010).
- "Review of Eric F. Mason, 'You Are a Priest Forever': Second Temple Jewish Messianism and the Priestly Christology of the Epistle to the Hebrews (Leiden: Brill, 2008)," *Society of Biblical Literature Midwest Meeting*, Valparaiso University. Valparaiso, Indiana (February 12, 2010).
- Session chair, *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, Early Jewish and Christian Mysticism section. New Orleans, Louisiana (November 21, 2009).
- "Cain the Giant: Watcher traditions in the Life of Adam and Eve," *Catholic Biblical Association of America Annual Meeting*, Creighton University. Omaha, Nebraska (August 3, 2009).
- "The shorter recension of the Life of Adam and Eve: Revisiting the Romanian version," *Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting*, Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha section. Rome, Italy (July 1, 2009).
- "Metamorphosis and role reversal: Anthropomorphic demons and angelomorphic humans in the Life of Adam and Eve and 2 Enoch," *Enoch Seminar*. Naples, Italy (June 14, 2009).

- “The reproduction of Gen 1:27-28 in y. Ber. 12d and early Syriac sources,” *Colloquium on the Reception History of the Bible*, Duquesne University. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (March 27, 2009).
- “Divine Mediation in Second Temple Judaism and Early Christianity: The Exclusion and Inclusion of Humanity in the Divine,” *Wright State University Religion Lecture*. Dayton, Ohio (February 3, 2009).
- Session chair, *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, Early Jewish and Christian Mysticism section. Boston, Massachusetts (November 22, 2008).
- “The Cursing of the Fig Tree: Adamic Traditions in Mark 11:12-14, 20-24 (Mt 21:18-22),” *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, New Testament Mysticism Project. Boston, Massachusetts (November 23, 2008).
- “The Jewishness of Emerging Christianity: A ‘Christian’ Perspective on the Contribution of the Dead Sea Scrolls,” *Dayton Christian-Jewish Dialogue*, University of Dayton. Dayton, Ohio (October 12, 2008).
- “Dreamy Angels and Demonic Giants: Watcher Traditions and the Specialization and Internalization of the Holy Fight in Early Christian Demonology,” *Catholic Biblical Association of America Annual Meeting*, Fordham University. Bronx, New York (August 3, 2008).
- “Sitting in Heaven: A Pre-Merkabah Contextual Reading of Ezekiel 1 and 10,” *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, Early Jewish and Christian Mysticism section. San Diego, California (November 17, 2007).
- “Review of Kelley Coblenz Bautch, ‘A Study of the Geography of 1 Enoch 17–19: No One Has Seen What I Have Seen’ (Brill, 2003),” *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, Early Jewish and Christian Mysticism section. San Diego, California (November 18, 2007).
- “Theophaneia: The Divine Manifestation in the Traditions of the Second Temple, Christianity and Rabbinism,” *New Europe College Religion Lectures*, New Europe College. Bucharest, Romania (June 25, 2007). [with Alexander Golitzin]
- “The Human on the Throne of the Kabod: Ezekiel the Tragedian’s Throne Vision and Theomorphic Ideologies in Second Temple Judaism,” *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, Early Jewish and Christian Mysticism section. Washington, DC (November 18, 2006).
- “y. Ber. 12d, the Emergence of Rabbinic Modalist Orthodoxy, and the Christian Binitarian Complex,” *Jewish Roots of Eastern Christian Mysticism Seminar*, Marquette University. Milwaukee, Wisconsin (September 26, 2006).
- “YHWH’s Cult Statue in Post-Exilic Judaism: A Linguistic and Theological Reinterpretation of Ezekiel 28:12,” *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, Theological Perspectives on the Book of Ezekiel section. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (November 20, 2005).
- “The Mesu-Tree and the Animal Inside: Theomorphism and Theriomorphism in Daniel 4,” *Jewish Roots of Eastern Christian Mysticism Seminar*, Marquette University. Milwaukee, Wisconsin (October 18, 2005).

#### CHURCH AND PUBLIC TALKS

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- “The Holy Friday is our life,” “The Holy Saturday is our life,” talks given to the *Lenten retreat at the Orthodox churches of greater Flint*, March 20-22, 2025, St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Flint, Michigan.
- “When God died: Christ’s descent into hades,” talk given at *Texas A&M*, College Station, Texas, and respectively *Emory University/Georgia Tech*, Atlanta, Georgia (January 28 and 30, 2025).
- “But you, O Lord, you gave up your christ (Psalm 88:36): life as the painful experience of Christ,” two talks at the fall retreat of the *Diocese of Ottawa, Eastern Canada and Upstate New York, of the Antiochian Orthodox*

*Christian Archdiocese of North America*, at St. Elias Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral in Ottawa, Canada (Oct 25-27, 2024).

“A Sweet Light Descended and Enlightened Me—St Mary of Egypt and the Cleansing Strength of the Psalms,” “Light of the world” webinar series at *St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary* (April 25, 2024).

“This holy altar, upon which rests our God: Thoughts on the Presanctified Liturgy,” and “I complete in me the things lacking in Christ’s shatteredness’ (Col 1:24), or on the cruciform nature of life,” Lenten talks at *Holy Nativity Orthodox Church* in Shreveport, Louisiana (April 5-6, 2024).

“Elder Aimilianos’ view of Scripture,” “Scripture and Liturgy,” “Scripture and spirituality,” three talks given for the *Rocky Mountains Deanery Retreat* at the Transfiguration Orthodox Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado (May 15-17, 2023).

“The story of our death: The interpretation of Scripture on Holy Saturday.” three talks given for *Lenten retreat* at St. Michael Orthodox Church, Louisville, Kentucky (March 17-18, 2023).

“Liturgy and the Life in the Spirit,” four talks given to the *Mississippi River Deanery Retreat—OCA*, at the Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, Clinton, Mississippi (Nov 2-3, 2022).

“Scriptural interpretation as the encounter of Christ,” three talks given at the annual *Emmaus retreat*, in Monrovia, Indiana (Oct 29, 2022).

“The Scripture is our life: the healing of our mindset,” “The Scripture is our life: the healing of our pain,” “The Scripture is our life: the healing of our thoughts,” talks at the 2022 retreat of Orthodox Women in the Healing Ministries, Holy Dormition Monastery, Michigan (September 30-October 1, 2022) (<https://owhm.org>).

“Set a guard, O Lord, upon my mouth and a guarding door about my lips,” keynote talk at St. Macrina Orthodox Institute, 9<sup>th</sup> annual conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (August 12, 2022).

“How do the Scriptures interpret themselves within me?” Restoration Park Church, Medway, Ohio (May 3, 2022).

“How do the Scriptures interpret themselves within me?” and “Why would I care? A look into the Scriptures as they were?” Lenten talks, St. Mary’s Antiochian Orthodox Church, Palos Heights, Illinois (April 2, 2022).

“Discovering the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts,” “Discovering the Liturgy of St. Basil,” Lenten talks, St. Athanasius Orthodox Church, Nicholasville, Kentucky (March 11-12, 2022).

“Spiritual study according to Elder Aimilianos,” talk given at St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary, Yonkers, New York (Dec 1, 2021).

“Tradition and new forms of Orthodoxy,” “Ethics or immorality? A false dilemma,” “Faith in Orthodox liturgical texts,” “Our inner peace is our relationship to others”, Antiochian Midwest Diocese, Annual clergy conference, Loveland, Ohio (Oct 21-23, 2021).

“On God’s will and human freedom,” Young Adult Ministry of the Antiochian Midwest Diocese (Oct 23, 2021) [online].

“Traditional Orthodoxy”, Bulgarian Diocese of the Orthodox Church in America, Annual clergy conference, Lorain, Ohio (Sep 25, 2021).

Invited Address, *St. John’s Summer Camp*, Mitchell, Indiana (July 14, 2021).

- "Of what Tradition do we speak? A brief look at a new, evangelical Orthodoxy," "Ethics or immorality? A false dilemma," Diocese of the Midwest, Annual clergy conference, Orthodox Church in America (May 12, 2021) [online].
- "An Orthodox Response to Tragedies and Acts of Evil," *Orthodox Christian Fellowship—University of Michigan Ann Arbor* (September 22, 2020) [online].
- "A new Orthodoxy in the making," "Translation Matters: Insights from Translating the Liturgy," *St. Athanasius Orthodox Church*, Lexington, Kentucky (December 14, 2019).
- "The Incarnation and Human Brokenness," *Orthodox Christian Fellowship—University of Kentucky*, Lexington, Kentucky (December 13, 2019).
- "Can we Orthodox speak of 'Scripture and Tradition?'," "In defense of freedom: thoughts on Orthodox evangelicalism," "Notes on ancient Christian hermeneutics," *Carolinas Deanery*, Clergy conference, Orthodox Church in America, Charlotte, North Carolina (September 7-8, 2019).
- "Translation matters: Things that struck me in Translating the Ieratikon," "The Father takes us into His house': Insights into the Liturgy from Fr. Aimilianos of Simonopetra," *Diocese of the South Annual Conference*, Orthodox Church in America, Jupiter, Florida (July 24-25, 2019).
- Invited Address, *St. John's Summer Camp*, Mitchell, Indiana (July 18, 2019).
- "Seeking my Beloved: Dating, Discernment, and Finding 'the One'," *Orthodox Christian Fellowship—Great Lakes*, Annual Retreat, Camp Kern, Oregonia, Ohio (March 29, 2019).
- "'Who Do You Say that I Am?' The Way Christ Sees Us," *Orthodox Christian Fellowship*, Annual College Conference, Orthodox Christian Fellowship, Antiochian Village, Pennsylvania (December 27, 2018).
- "How does our Orthodox Tradition read the Scripture differently?," *Association of the Orthodox Churches of Edmonton*, Annual Advent Talk, Edmonton, Canada (November 17, 2018).
- "In defense of freedom: an ancient Stoic value central to Orthodox spirituality," *The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association*, Annual Gala, Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Dayton, Ohio (November 12, 2017).
- "To give and to care: uniting the undivided," *Saint Paraskeva Orthodox Charity*, Spiritual retreat, Sts. Constantine and Helen Romanian Cathedral, Chicago, Illinois (October 15, 2017).
- "Why we give: an Orthodox perspective on charity," *Saint Paraskeva Orthodox Charity*, 7th Anniversary Gala, St. Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church, Aurora, Illinois, (October 14, 2017).
- "A Practical Guide to Stillness from Orthodox Psychology," *The Orthodox Churches of Greater Flint*, Spiritual retreat, Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, Flint, Michigan (March 25, 2017).
- "In a World Full of Madness, Be Still: Stillness in Orthodox Spirituality," *St. John's Winter Retreat*, Martinsville, Indiana (December 28, 2016).
- "Suffering and Healing of Contemporary Orthodox Youth," *Romanian Orthodox Youth Association Winter Retreat*, Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese in the Americas, Allegan, Michigan, (December 26, 2016).
- "Between Heaven and Earth, Joy and Despair: Personal Thoughts on the Priestly Family," *Clergy Wives Retreat--Midwest*, Dormition Orthodox Monastery, Rives Junction, Michigan (October 7, 2016).
- "Our Vocation and our Charity: Orthodox perspectives on vocation and charity," *Saint Paraskeva Orthodox Charity*, Chicago, Illinois (April 2, 2016).
- "Divine Mercy and Human Despair: Christianity on Depression between Antiquity and Today," *University of Dayton Campus Ministry*, Perspectives on Faith and Life Series, Dayton, Ohio (February 2, 2016).

- "Ce înseamnă a crede că Dumnezeu S-a făcut trup și S-a arătat nouă?/What does it mean to believe that God became flesh and appeared to us?," *Dormition Orthodox Monastery*, Rives Junction, Michigan (December 5, 2015).
- "Prayer as a way of being," "Prayer in words and the prayer rule," and "The nodes of the Orthodox spiritual life," *St. John's Camp Annual Emmaus Retreat*, Highland Lakes Camp, Martinsville, Indiana (October 17, 2015).
- "Some Other Nodes of Our Spirituality," "Tending on God: A Spiritual Perspective on Healing," "Toward a Spirituality of Care: Against the Reification, Pragmatization, and Depersonalization of Sin," at *Orthodox Women in Healing Ministries*, Annual Meeting, Dormition Orthodox Monastery, Rives Junction, Michigan (October 2-3, 2015).
- "The Bible: An Orthodox Perspective," *Orthodox Churches of Greater Flint*, Annual Lenten Talk, Flint, Michigan (March 28, 2015).
- "The Good Life: An Orthodox Perspective on Suffering," *Orthodox Christian Fellowship—Great Lakes*, Annual Meeting, Dormition Orthodox Monastery, Rives Junction, Michigan (March 27, 2015).
- "Textual Theophany, Exegetical Deification, and Pseudepigraphy in St. Ephrem's Hymns on Paradise," "An Introduction to Orthodox Interpretive Assumptions," "Becoming Scripture: Text, Meaning, and Hermeneutic Principles," *Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America*, Clergy conference, Scottsdale, Arizona (February 8-9, 2015).
- "An Orthodox Approach to Biblical Studies: A Proposal," *St. Macrina Orthodox Institute*, Detroit, Michigan (August 8, 2014).

#### **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

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- Chair, Hellenistic Judaism section, *Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting* (2018 - 2020).
- Chair, Early Jewish and Christian Mysticism section, *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting* (2007 - 2010).
- Member of steering committee, Hellenistic Judaism section, *Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting* (2018 - 2020).
- Member of steering committee, Early Jewish and Christian Mysticism section, *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting* (2007 - 2014).
- Member of steering committee, Romanian Orthodoxy section, *International Orthodox Theological Association* (January 2017 - present).
- Member of steering committee, Theophaneia section, *International Orthodox Theological Association* (January 2017 - 2018).
- Member, New Testament Mysticism Project, *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting* (2007 - 2010).
- Member of steering committee, *Ryterband Symposium*. Ryterband Symposium—dedicated to the study of Judaism—is a collaboration between Wright State University, United Theological Seminary, and University of Dayton. (2010 - 2019) Lecture organizer for the Ryterband Symposium for presenters Arthur Green (2019), Ruth Langer (2016), Rachel Elijor (2013), and Sylvia Barack Fishman (2010).
- Reviewer for the journal *St. Vladimir's Theological Quarterly* (2020 - present).
- Reviewer for the journal *Logos: A Journal of Eastern Christian Studies* (2011 - present).

Founding member of the Jewish Roots of Eastern Christian Mysticism seminar, *Marquette University* (2002 - present).

### **SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY (University of Dayton)**

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Chair of hiring committees: Lecturer in Scripture (2020 - 2021), Assistant Professor in Jewish Studies (2015 - 2016), Assistant Professor in Christian Origins (2013 - 2014).

Member of hiring committees: Assistant Professor in Islamic Studies (2011-2012), Assistant Professor in Islamic Studies (2010-2011), Lecturer in Religious Studies (2009 - 2010).

Member of promotion and tenure subcommittees for Jusuf Salih, Cyril Orji.

Member of the departmental assessment committee (2008 - 2014, 2019 - 2020).

Member of the departmental undergraduate committee (2017 - present).

Member of the departmental executive committee (2009 - 2012, 2015 - 2017).

Member of the departmental graduate program review committee (2011 - 2013).

Faculty advisor for the Ruslander-Friedland Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion Fellowship (2017 - 2020).

Ph.D. dissertation advisor/director for D. Michael Cox.

Ph.D. dissertation committee member for Sean Martin, Scott McDaniel, Ethan Smith, Kathy Stout, Zachary Spidel.

Ph.D. general examination, chair of committee for Joseph Arrendale.

Ph.D. general examination, committee member for Victor Marcelo Albuquerque Pires, Matthew Archer, Sr. Laura Coughlin, Christine Dalessio, Jeremy Dowsett, Elizabeth Farnsworth, Timothy Furry, Benjamin Heidgerken, Jason Hentschel, Jason Heron, Scott Howland, Tiffany Hunsinger, Nicholas Mayrand, Colin McGuigan, Alan Mostrom, Julia Parks, Robert Parks, Michael Romero, Anthony Rosselli, Ethan Smith, Zachary Spidel, Kathy Stout, John Thompson, Melissa Wass.

M.A. thesis advisor/director for Jackie Anclien, Halette Burgess, Elizabeth Farnsworth, Scott Howland, Claire Johnson, Meghan Sullivan, James Wykes.

M.A. thesis committee member for Rachael Hunyor, Adam Sheridan, Huili (Kathy) Stout, Rebecca Judge.

B.A. honors thesis advisor for Kieran Campbell, Colleen Fitzsimons.

Advisor of summer research fellowship for D. Michael Cox, Meghan Sullivan.

Directed readings: Richard Lenar (Fall 2015—through the International Marian Research Institute), Brendon Dillon (Summer 2016), Scott Howland (Fall 2016), Zachary Spidel (Spring 2019), Anthony De Santis (Summer 2020), Robert Masterson (Fall 2020).

Founder and coordinator of the Trends of Ancient Jewish and Christian Mysticism seminar (2007 - 2017). Presenters in the seminar included Eric F. Mason, Anatheia Portier-Young, Andrei Orlov, Alexander Golitzin, Nicolae Roddy, Charles Gieschen, Kevin Sullivan, Jeffrey Morrow.

### **SERVICE TO THE CHURCH**

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Member and team leader of the Theological Committee of the *Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America* (September 2023 - present)

Priest-in-charge, St. George Orthodox Church, Pharr, Texas, Diocese of the South of the Orthodox Church in America (January 2023 - present)

Faculty and advisor, Diaconal and catechetical program, Orthodox Church in America, Diocese of the South (2021 - present).

Faculty and advisor, Diaconal and catechetical program, Orthodox Church in America, Bulgarian Diocese (2020 - present).

Member of the Spiritual Council, Orthodox Church in America, Bulgarian Diocese (2017 - present).

Faculty and advisor, Diaconal and catechetical program, Orthodox Church in America, Diocese of the Midwest (2015 - present).

Priest, Orthodox Church in America, Bulgarian Diocese (2012 - present).

Representative of the Orthodox Church in America on the Faith and Order commission of the *World Council of Churches*, Geneva, Switzerland (July 2023 - January 2026)

Faculty advisor to the University of Dayton chapter of the Orthodox Christian Fellowship (2010 - 2019).

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **Graduate courses and seminars, MA and PhD (at UD and at St. Vladimir's Seminary)**

Foundations of the Bible

The Pentateuch

The Prophets

The Psalms

The inner-hermeneutics of the Psalter: The psalms as speech seeking speaker

Perpetual Sinai: Inner Old Testament hermeneutics

Wisdom literature

Divine mediation in late second temple Judaism

Intertestamental literature

The Dead Sea scrolls

The Gospels

Pauline theology

Ancient Jewish and Christian apocalyptic literature

The asceticism and mysticism of the Scriptures and the early Fathers

Ancient Christian hermeneutics

Biblical hermeneutics, ancient and modern

Bible for ministry

Theology of prayer

Hebrew—beginning level

Hebrew—advanced level

Greek—beginning level

Greek—advanced level

Latin—beginning level

### **Undergraduate courses**

Introduction to theology and religious studies

The Pentateuch

The Prophets

The Psalms

Wisdom literature

Pauline literature

The Book of Revelation  
Ancient Jewish and Christian apocalyptic literature  
Eastern (Orthodox) Christianity, an introduction  
Hebrew—beginning level  
Hebrew—advanced level  
Greek—beginning level  
Greek—advanced level  
Latin—beginning level

### **Courses taught for diaconal and vocational programs**

Introduction to the Old Testament  
Introduction to the New Testament  
Church history and doctrine  
Orthodox spirituality  
Liturgical theology

### **ANCIENT LANGUAGES**

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Advanced level: Hebrew (biblical, early rabbinic), Greek (Attic, koine, “Byzantine”), Latin (classical, ecclesiastical), Aramaic (biblical, Palestinian, Babylonian, and late Jewish).

### **MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

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Society of Biblical Literature  
Catholic Biblical Association  
National Association of Professors of Hebrew  
International Orthodox Theological Association

### **INTERVIEWS AND PUBLIC MEDIA APPEARANCES**

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*Restoration Park Church*: “How do the Scriptures interpret themselves within me?” talk posted online (May 3, 2022). Posted here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eZ9sCqBPcD4>.

*St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary*: “Spiritual Study according to Elder Aimilianos,” talk posted online (Dec 1, 2021). Posted here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P8GYJPtaSD4>.

*Romanian Orthodox Youth Association*: “What does God want from us? Intellect, feelings, and the heart in the time of Corona,” Facebook interview (April 5, 2020). Interview is here: <https://www.facebook.com/ROrthodoxYouth/videos/roya-live-ep-10-pr-silviu-bunta/667499837408801/>

*Romanian National TV (TVR), channel 3*: “Orthodoxy and political correctness” (November 12, 2019). The interview is here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4-o-bQVa42g>

*Holistic Christian Life*: “The significance of the Incarnation” (October 9, 2019). The interview is here: <https://mybeautifuladvent.com/father-silviu-bunta/>

*Ancient Faith Radio*: “Translation Matters: Things That Struck me in Translating the Ieratikon” (August 12, 2019); “The Father Takes Us into His House: Insights into the Liturgy from Fr. Aimilianos of Simonopetra” (August 12, 2019); “The Bible: An Orthodox Perspective” (October 13, 2015); “Tending on God: A spiritual perspective on healing” (October 5, 2015); “Toward a spirituality of care” (October 5, 2015); “Understanding and Encountering the Holy in Ancient Israel” (August 12, 2013). The podcasts are on the website of the Ancient Faith Radio: <https://www.ancientfaith.com> .

*The Mysterion Theology podcast*: “What is Lent?” (Jan 20, 2020). Interview is here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Q9xc-w4Q-0> .

“What do we Do? Mass Shootings and spiritual sickness” (August 5, 2019). Interview is here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nyHPIRT6xr0&t=10s>.

“Vampires and Crosses: A Holy Week Special,” (April 15, 2019). Interview is here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A54IFiDnh6g&t=9s>.

*International Orthodox Theological Association podcast*: “Theophaneia: A Theological Vision” (February 2, 2019). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mf5UVFXzTuU>

*The Deep Voice Show*: “How Does Our Orthodox Tradition Read The Scriptures Differently?” (November 23, 2018). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ndqrfT6i4LA>

*Restoration Park Church*: “Religiously Divided. Interview on religious diversity” (July 2, 2018).  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e7g70lCdeaY>.