

# Fr. Stephanos Ritsi CV

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## **Education**

*Doctoral Student in Homiletics*, October 2015 – Present. Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, Greece.

*Masters of Divinity*, May 2012. Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology: Brookline, Massachusetts, USA.

*Certificate of International Missions and Ecumenism*, May 2012. Boston Theological Institute: Boston, Massachusetts, USA.

*Bachelors of Arts in Political Science with a Minor in Classical Studies*, August 2008. The University of Florida: Gainesville, Florida, USA.

*Advanced College Ready High School Diploma*, May 2003. Saint Augustine High School: Saint Augustine, Florida, USA.

## **Teaching Experience**

### **Resurrection of Christ Theological Academy, Durres, Albania:**

**Missiology Spring 2019.** Teacher. This class focused on the missiology of His Beatitude Archbishop Anastasios of Tirana, Durres, and All Albania.

**Missiology Fall 2018.** Teacher. This class focused on the history of missiology in the Orthodox Church, the ethos of missiology that persisted through the centuries, and the application of this ethos in the context of today.

**Missiology Spring 2018.** Teacher. This class focused on the history of missiology in the Orthodox Church, the ethos of missiology that persisted through the centuries, and the application of this ethos in the context of today.

**Missiology Fall 2017.** Teacher. This class focused on the history of missiology in the Orthodox Church, the ethos of missiology that persisted through the centuries, and the application of this ethos in the context of today.

**Missiology Spring 2017.** Teacher. This class focused on the history of missiology in the Orthodox Church, the ethos of missiology that persisted through the centuries, and the application of this ethos in the context of today.

**Missiology Fall 2016.** Teacher. This class focused on the history of missiology in the Orthodox Church, the ethos of missiology that persisted through the centuries, and the application of this ethos in the context of today.

**Missiology Spring 2016.** Teacher. The class focused on the history of missiology in the Orthodox Church and learning the methods used by the Holy Saints of our Church.

**Missiology and Christian Education Fall 2014.** Teacher. The class focused on the history of missiology in the Orthodox Church and the application of missiology in Christian Education.

**Christian Education Spring 2014.** Teacher. The class attempted to prompt creativity in the students. We examined the need to translate the message given to us in the Gospel into the current context that we live with an emphasis on youth ministry and their specific subculture.

## **Presentations, Awards, Conferences, and Dialogues**

(2020 January) Grand Prize winner of the Colours of Orthodoxy Albania Photo Competition

(2019 October) Helped to organize/facilitate the WCC Orthodox Women's Consultation held in Shen Vlash, Durres.

(2017 November) Helped to organize/facilitate the OCREA conference in Durres, also participated as a representative of the Resurrection of Christ theological

(2016 February) Representative for the Orthodox Church of Albania in the World Vision Adaptation Workshop for the Channels of Hope Child Protection (CoH CP) curricula. February 17-20. Tirana, Albania.

(2016 January). *Working for Unity, a Reflection on John 17*. Eccumenical Meeting of Christian Churches, January 29th 2016. Tirana, Albania.

(2015 October). *Missions in Albania*. The Fellowship of Orthodox Churches in Connecticut. Twenty Second Annual Benefit Dinner. October 4th 2015. Easton, Connecticut.

(2015 October). *The Missionary Efforts of Archbishop Anastasios and the Experience of Working with Him*. Saint Vladimir's Seminary Education Day. October 3rd, 2015. Yonkers, New York.

(2012 February). *Missions Today, a student's perspective*. Costas Consultation on Global Missions: Judson 200. February 5th-20th 2012, Salem, Massachusetts.

## **Papers and Publications**

Ritsi, Stephanos and Ritsi, Alexandria. (2015 Fall). Turn to Christ: Ministering to the Youth of Albania. *OCMC Magazine, Volume 31, Number 2*.

Ritsi, Stephanos. (2013 Fall). The Necessity of Missions: A Missionary's Perspective. *OCMC Magazine, Volume 29, Number 2*. Pages 14-17.

## **Academic Service**

**Holy Cross School of Theology:** Student Representative to the Board of the International Mission and Ecumenism Committee of the Boston Theological Institute. Academic Years 2010- 2011. 2011-2012.

**Holy Cross School of Theology:** President of the Missions Committee. Academic Years 2009- 2010. 2010-2011. 2011-2012.

**The University of Florida:** Vice-President of the Orthodox Christian Fellowship. Academic Year 2006-2007

## **Fields of Interest**

Missiology (theoretical and applied), Homiletics, Ecumenism, Church Growth

## **Work Experience**

2019-Present: Priest at the Resurrection of Christ Cathedral in Tirana, Albania

2017-Present: English Correspondence in the Office of His Beatitude Archbishop Anastasios

2014-2018: Teacher at the Resurrection of Christ Theological Academy, Durres, Albania.

2014-2019: Deacon of His Beatitude Archbishop Anastasios at the Resurrection of Christ Cathedral in Tirana, Albania.

2013-2018: Coordinator in the Archdiocesan Young Adult Office of the Orthodox Autocephalous Church of Albania.

2013-Present: Missionary through the Orthodox Christian Mission Center.

2010-2012: Swim Instructor at Boston Sports Club, Watertown, MA.

2009: Barista at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology Coffee Cart Brookline, MA.

2008-2012: Swim Instructor Saint Augustine, FL.

2004-2007: Swim Instructor at the YMCA, Saint Augustine, FL.

2003-2008: Lifeguard at the YMCA, Saint Augustine, FL.

## **Languages**

**English:** Fluent

**Albanian:** Reading and speaking competence

**Modern Greek:** Working towards reading and speaking competence.

## **References**

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