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**Civil/religious status:**

Born December 11, 1970, in Nyack, New York  
U.S. citizen  
Unmarried, no dependents  
Russian-Orthodox “ryassofofor” nun



**Academic positions, memberships, distinctions:**

From Nov. 2013 – Editorial Consultant of *Worship* (Collegeville, Minnesota)  
From Sept. 2013 – Host of weekly Youtube video-podcast, “Coffee with Sister Vassa,” broadcast in cooperation with *Ancient Faith Radio*.  
From Feb. 2013 – Director of Research Project, “The Enarxis of the Byzantine Divine Liturgy,” funded by the Austrian Science Funds (FWF) at the University of Vienna, Austria.  
Feb. 2009-Feb. 2013 – University Assistant at the Catholic Theological Faculty, Institute of Historical Theology (previously called Institute for Liturgical Studies), University of Vienna, Austria  
Sept. 2007 – Dec. 2008 Graduate Assistant of Prof. Robert F. Taft, SJ, at the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome, Italy  
Academic Reviewer of material submitted for publication to *Dumbarton Oaks Papers* (Washington, DC)  
Member of the *North American Academy of Liturgy* (USA and Canada)  
Founding Member of the *Society of Oriental Liturgy* (international)  
Member of the *Arbeitskreis Katholischer Liturgiewissenschaftler-Österreich* (Austria)  
Founding Member of the *Pro Oriente Kommission Junger Orthodoxen und Katholischen Theologinnen* (Vienna, Austria)

**EDUCATION:**

**1. High school, university/graduate studies:**

Ph. D. in Orthodox Theology *summa cum laude*, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich  
Dec. 18, 2008

“Diplom-Theologin” (Practical Theology) Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich  
Feb. 10, 2006

Studies of Orthodox Theology at the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich  
from Oct. 2003

[Studies of Palestinian Arabic and Romanian in Jerusalem, Israel, at the Russian Orthodox  
Convent of the Ascension (Mt. of Olives) 2000-2002]

[Entered Russian Orthodox Convent of *Sainte Vierge du Lesna* in Provence, France 1990:  
Novitiate-Studies of Patristics, Church History, Old Slavonic, Greek, and Latin  
1990-2000]

Studies of “Humanities” in Bryn Mawr College, *full scholarship* 1987-1989

Nyack High School, Nyack, New York *with High Honor* 1984-1987

## 2. Languages:

- **Modern:** Russian, English, German, Italian, French; some speaking knowledge of Romanian and Palestinian Arabic
- **Ancient:** Old Slavonic (Glagolitic and Cyrillic), Greek, Latin

## GRANTS AND DISTINCTIONS

October 2013 – awarded a grant of \$286,923.00 from the *Austrian Science Fund* (FWF), to write and publish a monograph on the Byzantine *Enarxis* within a three-year period (Project 25083-G19 of the FWF).

September 2012 – offer of position in Church History from St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Seminary in Crestwood, NY.

May 2012 – Invitation from the Theology Department of the Catholic University of America to be Visiting Professor in Fall 2012.

April 2012 – included in the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition of *Marquis Who’s Who in the World*.

May 2010 – received a grant of 1,000 euros from the *Bundesministerium für Wissenschaft und Forschung* (Vienna, Austria) for the publication of a book.

March 2006 – received a grant of \$28,000.00 from the *Joukowsky Family Foundation* (Rhode Island, USA) for doctoral studies in Munich and Rome.

## AREAS OF RESEARCH AND SPECIALIZATION

Dr. Larin is highly specialized in the history of the Byzantine Divine Liturgy, particularly its Greek and Russian branches. Her research has included an in-depth acquaintance with Byzantine and Muscovite Church History, requiring analyses of patristic and canonical texts, as well as liturgical manuscripts. She has studied Greek and Old-Slavonic liturgical manuscripts in the archives of Moscow (GIM, RGB, and RGADA), St. Petersburg (BAN and RNB), Rome (PIO), and Grottaferrata. She completed her doctoral studies under the direction of the leading Byzantine liturgiologist in the world, Professor Robert F. Taft, S.J., who has entrusted Dr. Larin with authoring a volume of his path-breaking *History of the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom*. This volume, thematizing the *Enarxis* of the Byzantine Divine Liturgy, is the present focus of Dr. Larin’s research.

Her teaching experiences in Catholic theological faculties in Rome and Vienna (including Roman Catholic Sacramental Theology, the sources and history of the Roman Rite) have enabled Larin to better her knowledge of the Western traditions, lending her work ecumenical breadth.

Employing the method of comparative liturgiology, Dr. Larin's work is relevant to both East and West.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

50 publications (see below), written in English, German, or Russian. These include a book in the prestigious *Orientalia Christiana Analecta* series (vol. 286); an encyclopedia article in the *Pravoslavnaia Enciklopedia*; contributions to scholarly periodicals in Europe and the United States, including *Worship*, *Studia Liturgica*, and *Orientalia Christiana Periodica*; and more popular, pastorally-oriented diocesan journals published in Moscow, New York, and Munich. The subjects of the publications range from the history and theology of Liturgy to various issues of Church History and patristic thought (the principle of *oikonomia*, the origins of monasticism), to topical problems in the piety and theology of the Orthodox Church and the ecumenical implications of these problems (the concept of *ritual impurity*, the concept of *participatio actuosa* in the Byzantine context, the status of the canonical codex in the Orthodox Church, etc.).

## **TEACHING AND SPEAKING EXPERIENCE/DISTINCTION:**

- an internationally-known speaker at academic and popular theological conferences around the world. (See list of lectures below.)
- from September 2013 – writes, produces and hosts a weekly Youtube-program on the Church calendar and liturgy, viewed internationally and translated into nine languages: Greek, Russian, Serbian, Romanian, Hungarian, Spanish, German, Finnish, and Macedonian.
- from September 2010 – teaching of required courses (Introduction to Liturgical Studies, Sacramental Theology) at the Catholic Institute for Liturgical Studies at the University of Vienna to over 170 students
- 2010-2012 - teaching of adult catechetical courses at the Roman-Catholic Archdiocese of Vienna
- from Jan. 2009 – teaching of elective seminars at the Catholic Institute for Liturgical Studies at the University of Vienna; assistance to Prof. H.-J. Feulner in directing the work of doctoral students (consultation at Sprechstunde; preparation and assistance at *privatissimum*; correction and editing of English and German dissertations)
- 2007-2008 – teaching of two seminars on “The Great Books of Liturgical Studies” as the Graduate Assistant of Prof. Robert F. Taft, SJ, at the Pontificio Istituto Orientale, Rome; assistance to Prof. Taft in directing the work of doctoral students at the same institute
- 2006-2007 – teaching of Patrology, Church History, the New Testament, and Old Slavonic to young adults (grades 8-12) at the diocesan A. S. Puškin School in Munich, Germany
- 1998-9 – preparation and teaching of courses in Church History, Patrology, and Liturgy to novices in the Russian Orthodox Ascension convent on the Mt. of Olives, Jerusalem

## **CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF PUBLICATIONS**

### **Abbreviations:**

ECJ = *Eastern Churches Journal*

PSTBI = Pravoslavnyj Svjato-Tixonovskij Bogoslovskij Institut (St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Institute)

PSTBU = Pravoslavnyj Svjato-Tixonovskij Bogoslovskij Universitet (St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological University)

ROCOR = The Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia

VGE = *Vestnik Germanskoj Eparxii* (The Herald of the German Diocese)

1. “Das Typikon und wie man es benutzt,” *Der Bote* 4 (2000) 34-35.
2. “Православные праздники и праздничное богослужение” [Orthodox Feasts and Festal Liturgy], VGE 5-6 (2000) 34-35.
3. “Праздник Сретения и история его” [The Feast of the Meeting of the Lord and its History], *ibid.* 35-36.
4. “Первые годы РПЦЗ (1920-1921 гг.) в исследовании историка прот. Владислава Ципина” [The First Years of the ROCOR (1920-1921) according to the Study of the Historian Rev. Vladislav Cipin], VGE 2 (2002) 23-24.
5. “Как следует класть поклоны в храме?” [How are prostrations to be made in church?] VGE 3 (2002) 21-23.
6. Reprint of no. 4 in *Pravoslavnaia Rus’* 12 (2003) 11-12.
7. Electronic publication of no. 4: <http://nika.name/cgi-bin/sto+/>.
8. “Церковный принцип икономии и РПЦЗ при митрополите Анастасии” [The Ecclesiastical Principle of Oikonomia and the ROCOR under Metr. Anastassy], in Prot. Vladimir Vorobiev (ed.), *Ežegodnaja Bogoslovskaja Konferencija PSTBI. Materialy* (Moscow 2003) 226-235.
9. Electronic publication of no. 8 on the official website of the ROCOR’s Diocese of Berlin and Germany: [www.rocor.de](http://www.rocor.de).
10. “The Ecclesiastical Principle of Oikonomia and the ROCOR under Metr. Anastassy,” (English translation of no. 8), electronically published on the ROCOR’s official website: [www.russianorthodoxchurch.ws/synod](http://www.russianorthodoxchurch.ws/synod).
11. “Русскость Русской Зарубежной Церкви в период 1920-1945 гг. в аспекте церковной икономии” [The Russianness of the Russian Church Abroad in the Years 1920-1945 from the Perspective of Ecclesial Oikonomia] in Prot. Vladimir Vorobiev (ed.), *Ežegodnaja Bogoslovskaja Konferencija PSTBU. Materialy* (Moscow 2004) 305-312.
12. Unauthorized abbreviated version of no. 11 in *Blagodatnyj Ogon’* 12 (2004) 20-30.
13. Unauthorized abbreviated version of no. 11 in *Moskva* (March 2004) 227-238.
14. “От Всероссийского церковного собора к Всероссийскому Собору, или: Что такое «Православное Епископство Церкви Российския»?” [From an All-Russian Church Council to an All-Russian Council, or: What is “The Orthodox Bishopric of the Russian Church”?] *Pravoslavnaia Rus’* 13 (2004) 12-14.
15. Electronic publication of no. 14 on the ROCOR’s official website: [http://www.synod.com/synod/documents/art\\_srvassa.html](http://www.synod.com/synod/documents/art_srvassa.html).
16. “Слава Богу, Свою Церковь не оставляющему. Самосознание РПЦЗ на Третьем Всезарубежном Соборе 1974 г.” [Glory be to God, Who did not Abandon His Church: The Self-Perception of the ROCOR at the Third All-Diaspora Council of 1974], in: *XVI Ежегодная богословская конференция ПСТГУ: Материалы*. Moscow 2006, vol. 2, 203–207.
17. “Glory be to God, Who did not Abandon His Church: The Self-Perception of the ROCOR at the Third All-Diaspora Council of 1974,” an English translation of no. 16, electronically published on the ROCOR’s official website: [www.russianorthodoxchurch.ws/synod](http://www.russianorthodoxchurch.ws/synod).
18. “Как мы могли остаться русскими” [How We Remained Russian], *My* 4 (2005) 10-11.

19. “Двупсалмие” [The Two-Psalm Rite] in *Pravoslavnaja Enciklopedija*, Moscow 2006, vol. 14, 269-70.
20. “The Commemoration of Civil Authorities in the Byzantine Rite as a Reflection of the Church’s Conception of the State,” electronically published in both English and Russian on the official website of the Theological Commission of the Moscow Patriarchate: [www.bogoslov.ru](http://www.bogoslov.ru).
21. “Russisch-Orthodoxe Religionslehre,” with no indication of author, published on the website of the Bavarian Ministry of Culture: [www.isb-gym8-lehrplan.de/](http://www.isb-gym8-lehrplan.de/).
22. “The Dikerion and Trikerion of the Byzantine Pontifical Rite: Origins and Significance,” *Orientalia Christiana Periodica* 74 (2008) 417-430.
23. “What is Ritual Im/Purity and Why?” *St. Vladimir’s Theological Quarterly* 52: 3-4 (2008) 275-92.
24. Unauthorized electronic publication of no. 23: [http://www.pravmir.com/article\\_660.html](http://www.pravmir.com/article_660.html).
25. Unauthorized electronic publication of no.23: <http://www.descentoftheholyspirit.org/articles/article9.html>.
26. “The Origins and History of the Royal Office at the Beginning of Matins,” *Bollettino della Badia Greca di Grottaferrata* 3/5 (2008) 199-218.
27. “Feasting and Fasting According to the Byzantine Typikon,” *Worship* 83 (2009), 133-148.
28. Interview online, “Orthodoxy is Not a Religion of Fear,” on the website *Historical Studies of the Russian Church Abroad*, posted May 4, 2009: <http://rocorstudies.org/?part=articles&aid=10764>.
29. Interview online, “Orthodoxy: Affirmation, not Negation,” on the website *Historical Studies of the Russian Church Abroad*, posted September 4, 2009: <http://rocorstudies.org/?part=articles&aid=11025>.
30. “Fr. Alexander Schmemmann and Monasticism,” *St. Vladimir’s Theological Quarterly* 53:2-3 (2009) 301-318.
31. Russian translation of No. 29 on the theological website of the Moscow Patriarchate, posted October 5, 2009: <http://www.bogoslov.ru/text/477792.html>.
32. “A Peculiarity in the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom in Russia: Commemoration of Civil Authorities,” *Studia Liturgica* 39 (2009) 15-22.
33. Russian translation of No. 28 on the theological website of the Moscow Patriarchate, posted October 28, 2009: <http://www.bogoslov.ru/text/492311.html>.
34. “Поминовение гражданских властей в богослужении византийского обряда как выражение церковного понимания государства,” in *V Международная Конференция Русской Православной Церкви: Православное учение о церковных таинствах, Москва 13-16 ноября 2007 г.*, vol. III, Moscow 2009, 441-454.
35. “Toward the Origins of Singing *It is Worthy* (Axion Estin) at the Entrance of a Bishop into Church in the Byzantine Rite,” in D. Galadza – N. Glibetic – G. Radle (eds.), *TOXOTHC. Studies for Stefano Parenti* (Analekta Kryptoferres 9), Grottaferrata 2010, 267-275.
36. Interview online, “Богословие научно, если им заниматься компетентно” (Theology is Scientific, When Studied Competently), on the website of the St. Tatiana’s church of Moscow State University, *Tatianin Den’*, posted June 23, 2010: <http://www.taday.ru/text/482371.html>. Also posted on the official website of the Moscow Patriarchate: <http://www.patriarchia.ru/db/text/1186677.html>; in English

translation and in Russian on the official website of the Russian Church Abroad:  
[http://www.synod.com/synod/engdocuments/enart\\_srvassatheology.html](http://www.synod.com/synod/engdocuments/enart_srvassatheology.html).

37. "Поминование гражданских властей в богослужении византийского обряда как выражение церковного понимания государства," (No. 34) in *КАЛΟΦΩΝΙΑ. Wissenschaftlicher Sammelband aus der Geschichte der kirchlichen Monodie und Hymnographie. Heft 5*, Lviv 2010, 9-19.
38. «Ритуальная нечистота: что это и зачем?», Russian translation of «What is Ritual Purity and Why?» (No. 23) on the Russian website, *Pravoslavie i mir (Orthodoxy and the World)*, posted September 15, 2010: <http://www.pravmir.ru/o-ritualnoj-nechistote-cto-eto-i-zachem/>.
39. With Robert F. Taft, "Questions on the Eastern Churches: A New Author, a New Beginning, and Updated 'QBox' Rules," *ECJ* 15/1 (2008) 141-143 (appeared 2010).
40. "Questions on the Eastern Churches 22: Two Questions on Ruthenian Liturgical Usage: Why Is There No Conferral of Cuffs at Diaconal Ordinations? And Who Bows to Whom During the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete?" *ECJ* 15/1 (2008) 144-146 (appeared 2010).
41. *The Hierarchal Divine Liturgy in Arsenij Suxanov's Proskinitarij: Text, Translation, and Analysis of the Entrance Rites* (Orientalia Christiana Analecta 286), Rome 2010.
42. "The Hierarchal Liturgy in Late Byzantium and After: Toward a Liturgical Ecclesiology," *St. Vladimir's Theological Quarterly* 55:1 (2011) 5-26.
43. "The Canonical Rules of the Orthodox Church: Theory and Practice," *Logos* 52, 3-4 (2012) 313-330.
44. "The Bishop as Minister of the Prothesis? Reconsidering the Evidence in Byzantine and Muscovite Sources," in B. Groen – S. Hawkes-Teeples – S. Alexopoulos (eds.), *Inquiries into Eastern Christian Worship*, Leuven 2012, 319-330.
45. "Das Priester- und Opferverständnis in der Orthodoxen Kirche", *Orthodoxes Forum* 1-2 (2011 [appeared in 2012]) 181-185.
46. "Roman Catholic Students at Russian Orthodox Liturgy: The Communion of the Churches, *From the Bottom Up*," *Worship* 86/4 (2012) 311-323.
47. "Active Participation of the Faithful in Byzantine Liturgy," *St. Vladimir's Theological Quarterly* 57:1 (2013) 67-88.
48. "Zur Entstehungsgeschichte des 'königlichen' Anfangs des byzantinischen Morgengottesdienstes," in Hans-Jürgen Feulner (Hg.), *Liturgies in East and West: Ecumenical Relevance of Early Liturgical Development – Acts of the International Symposium Vindobonense I, Vienna, November 17-20, 2007* (Österreichische Studien zur Liturgiewissenschaft und Sakramententheologie 6), Vienna 2013, 225-242.

#### **PUBLICATIONS IN PRESS (December 2013)**

49. "The Opening Formula of the Byzantine Divine Liturgy, 'Blessed is the Kingdom,' Among Other Liturgical Beginnings," in press in *Studia Liturgica*.
50. "Feasting and Fasting According to the Byzantine Typikon" (No. 27), in *Orientalis Lumen XII Conference. Proceedings – 2008. June 16-19, 2008, at the Pope John Paul II Conference Center, Washington, DC* (Fairfax, VA: Eastern Churches Publications, 2009), in press.
51. With Robert F. Taft, "Questions on the Eastern Churches 23: What Does this Icon Text Say?" in press in *ECJ*.

52. With Robert F. Taft, "Questions on the Eastern Churches 24: Byzantine sources refer to two baptisteries at Justinian's Hagia Sophia, the "Great Baptistery" and the "Small Baptistery." Only one of these is still extant, but authoritative modern commentators disagree as to which one. What is your opinion?" in press in ECJ.
53. With Robert F. Taft, "Questions on the Eastern Churches 26: Great and Little Compline in the Byzantine Divine Office," in press in ECJ.
54. With Robert F. Taft, "Questions on the Eastern Churches 27: On the Easter Homily Read at the Byzantine Paschal Liturgy," in press in ECJ.
55. "Questions on the Eastern Churches 28: What Does it Mean to be a Christian in the 21st Century? in press in ECJ.
56. "Liturgical Crisis in Russian Orthodoxy Today," in press in *Greek Orthodox Theological Review* (2013).

## CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF LECTURES, SEMINARS, AND SCHOLARLY CONGRESSES

1. October 20-25, 1997, "The Structure and Symbolism of Vespers and Matins," week-long seminar held at the *First Congress of the Archdiocese of Berlin and Germany for Church Cantors and Choir Directors*; Munich, Germany.
2. February 7-12, 2000, "How to Prepare for a Church Service Using the Typikon," week-long seminar held at the *Second Congress of the Archdiocese of Berlin and Germany for Church Cantors and Choir Directors*; Cologne, Germany.
3. January 23, 2002, "Die Wege der russischen Kirchenmusik," (The Historical Path of Russian Church Music) lecture read at a diocesan fund-raiser in the Kirchenzentrum in Darmstadt, Germany.
4. June 27, 2002, "Prostrations in the Typikon and Prostrations in Life: How are Prostrations Done in Church?," lecture read at the *Third Congress of the Archdiocese of Berlin and Germany for Church Cantors and Choir Directors*; June 25-29, 2002, Cologne, Germany.
5. November 15, 2002, "Церковный принцип икономии и Русская Православная Церковь Заграницей (РПЦЗ) при Митр. Анастасии," (The Principle of *oikonomia* and the ROCOR at the Time of Metropolitan Anastassy) lecture given at the *Second Conference on the History of the Russian Orthodox Church in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century* of the Moscow Patriarchate; St. Andrew's Monastery, Moscow, November 13-17, 2002.
6. January 23, 2003, same lecture read at the *Theological Conference of the St. Tikhon Institute*; Moscow State University (MGU), Moscow, Jan. 22-25, 2003.
7. July 15, 2003, "The Lives of the Saints in Vespers and Matins," seminar given at the *Fourth Congress of the Archdiocese of Berlin and Germany for Church Cantors and Choir Directors*; July 14-19, 2003, Cologne, Germany.
8. January 22, 2004, "Русскость Русской Зарубежной Церкви в период 1920-1945 гг. в аспекте церковной икономии," lecture given at the *Theological Conference of the Orthodox St. Tikhon Humanities University*; Moscow, Jan. 21-24, 2004.
9. January 27, 2006, "Слава Богу, Свою Церковь не оставляющему. Самосознание РПЦЗ на Третьем Всезарубежном Соборе 1974 г.," paper read at the *Theological Conference of the Orthodox St. Tikhon Humanities University*; Moscow, Jan. 26-28, 2006.
10. July 25, 2006, "The Origins and History of the Royal Office at the Beginning of Matins," paper delivered at the *First International Congress of the Society for Oriental Liturgy (SOL)*; Collegium Orientale, Eichstätt, Germany, July 23-28, 2006.



11. September 15, 2007, "The Commemoration of Civil Authorities in the Byzantine Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom," paper given at the *International Scientific Symposium in Honour of the 1600<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Death of St. John Chrysostom*; Sept. 13-18, 2007, Phanar, Istanbul.
12. November 14, 2007, "The Commemoration of Civil Authorities in the Byzantine and Muscovite Traditions as a Reflection of the Church's Conception of the State," paper given at *The Vth International Theological Conference of the Russian Orthodox Church: Orthodox Teaching on the Sacraments of the Church*; November 13-16, 2007, Danilovskij Hotel, Moscow.
13. January 4, 2008, "The Commemoration of Civil Authorities in the Byzantine Rite: Past and Present," paper presented at the *Annual Congress of the North American Academy of Liturgy (NAAL)*; Jan. 3-6, 2008, Savannah, Georgia.
14. Spring Semester, 2008, "Great Books on Liturgiology," seminar prepared and conducted together with Prof. Robert F. Taft, Pontifical Oriental Institute, Rome.
15. March 13, 2008, "The Task of Greek-Catholic and Orthodox Theologians in Contemporary Ukraine," talk to Ukrainian theology students studying abroad on the occasion of their visit to the Pontifical Oriental Institute, Rome.
16. June 18, 2008, "Feasting and Fasting According to the Byzantine Typikon," lecture at the *Oriente Lumen Conference XII East: "Feast Days of the Eastern Churches"*; June 16-19, 2008, Pope John Paul II Conference Center, Washington, DC.
17. June 21, 2008, "What is Ritual Im/Purity and Why?" lecture given at the conference, *Women in Orthodoxy: Past and Present*; June 20-22, at the Russian Orthodox Church of the Intercession, Glen Cove, NY.
18. June 24, 2008, "Feasting and Fasting According to the Byzantine Typikon," lecture at the *Oriente Lumen Conference XII West: "Feast Days of the Eastern Churches"*; June 23-26, The University of San Diego, San Diego, CA.
19. July 8, 2008, same lecture given at the *Oriente Lumen Conference XII North: "Feast Days of the Eastern Churches"*; July 7-10, Detroit, MI.
20. September 19, 2008, "The Bishop as Minister of the Prothesis? Reconsidering the Evidence in Byzantine and Muscovite Sources," communication delivered at the *Second International Congress of the Society of Oriental Liturgy (SOL)*; Sept. 17-21, 2008, Rome, Italy.
21. January 4, 2009, "What is Ritual Purity and Why?" paper presented at the *Annual Congress of the North American Academy of Liturgy (NAAL)*; Jan. 3-6, 2009, Baltimore, MD.
22. January 31, 2009, "Fr. Alexander Schmemmann and Monasticism," lecture given at the *St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary International Liturgical Symposium: "The Past and Future of Liturgical Theology: Celebrating the Legacy of Father Alexander Schmemmann"*; January 29-31, Crestwood, NY. (Audio recording accessible online at: [http://ancientfaith.com/specials/svs\\_liturgical\\_symposium/father\\_alexander\\_schmemmann\\_and\\_monasticism](http://ancientfaith.com/specials/svs_liturgical_symposium/father_alexander_schmemmann_and_monasticism)).
23. July 25, 2009, "Die Zielsetzungen und Aufbau der Lehrpläne für Russisch-Orthodoxe Religionslehre," (The Objectives and Structure of the Educational Program for Russian-Orthodox Catechism) paper presented at the *Religionslehrer-Treffen der Russisch-Orthodoxen Diözese von Berlin und Deutschland*; July 24-26, 2009, Buchendorf, Germany.



24. October 27, 2009, «Архиєрейська Літургія у пізньовізантійській добі та опісля: причинки до літургійної еkleзіології», major paper delivered at the *Sixth International Scholarly Conference of Ukrainian Catholic University*, „Liturgy and Liturgical Singing of the Byzantine Rite in its Historical Development,” October 27-29, Lviv, Ukraine.
25. December 5, 2009, “Klöster und das klösterliche Leben in der Russisch-Orthodoxen Kirche,” talk given at the Catholic youth conference, *Treffpunkt Benedikt*, Dec. 5-6, Monastery of Kremsmünster, Austria.
26. January 9, 2010, “Toward the Origins of Singing Axion Estin at the Entrance of a Hierarchy,” paper presented at the *Annual Congress of the North American Academy of Liturgy (NAAL)*; Jan. 7-10, 2010, Milwaukee, WI.
27. January 25, 2010, “Liturgische Askese der Ostkirche und die Rechtfertigungs-lehre,” (The Liturgical Asceticism of the Eastern Church and the Teaching on Justification) lecture given at St. Paul’s Evangelical Church as part of the lecture series, *Faith and Works – 10 Year Anniversary of the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine on Justification*, Vienna, Austria.
28. Spring Semester, 2010, “Feste und Fasten im liturgische Leben des christlichen Ostens,” (Feasting and Fasting in the Liturgical Life of the Christian East) seminar taught at the Institute of Liturgical Studies of the Catholic Theological Faculty, University of Vienna, Austria.
29. May 29, 2010, “The Hierarchal Liturgy in Late Byzantium and After: Toward a Liturgical Ecclesiology,” major paper presented at the *Third International Congress of the Society of Oriental Liturgy (SOL)*; May 26-30, 2010, Volos, Greece.
30. July 8, 2010, “Life, Liturgy, and the Canons of the Orthodox Church Today,” major paper delivered at the *Orientale Lumen Euro-East III Conference: The Councils of the Church*; July 5-8, 2010, Istanbul, Turkey.
31. Winter Semester, 2010-2011, “Liturgiewissenschaft I: Grundlegung” (Introduction to Liturgical Studies), required course taught at the Institute of Liturgical Studies, University of Vienna, Austria.
32. Winter Semester, 2010-2011, “Sakramentliche Feiern,” (Celebrating the Sacraments), required course taught at the Institute of Liturgical Studies, University of Vienna, Austria.
33. December 3, 2010, “Das Priester- und Opferverständnis bei Orthodoxen,” (The Orthodox Concept of Priest and Eucharistic Sacrifice) paper delivered at the *13. Kölner Liturgische Tagung: Priester und Meßopfer*; December 2-4, 2010, Cologne, Germany.
34. January 22, 2011, „Liturgie und Mysterium“ (Liturgy and Mystery), evening course taught at the Theological Courses of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vienna in Vienna, Austria.
35. January 24, 2011, “Das Kirchenkalender der Orthodoxen Kirche: Feste und Fasten” (The Orthodox Church Calendar: Feasting and Fasting), evening course taught at the Theological Courses of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vienna in Vienna, Austria.
36. May 28 and May 30, 2011: same evening courses (see numbers 34 and 35 above) taught at the Theological Courses of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vienna in Vienna, Austria.
37. June 2 – 4, 2011, participation in *The Ninth International Liturgical Conference* of Bose Monastery, “Ars Liturgica: L’Arte a Servizio della Liturgia” (Art at the Service of the Liturgy), Bose (North Italy).
38. June 21, 2011, “The Communion of the Churches *From the Bottom Up*: Roman Catholic Students at Orthodox Liturgy,” major paper delivered at the *Orientale Lumen XV*

- Conference, Rome and the Communion of the Churches: Bishop, Patriarch or Pope?;* June 20-23, 2011, Washington, DC.
39. October 26, 2011, "The Greek and Slavonic Sources of the Byzantine Hierarchal Divine Liturgy," paper delivered at the *International Liturgical Symposium, Ad fontes liturgicos* of the Ukrainian Liturgical Center, October 26-27, 2011, L'viv, Ukraine.
  40. December 27, 2011, "Der Sinn und Zweck der Liturgiewissenschaft" ("What do Liturgists do and Why?"), lecture given at the diocesan conference of the annual *Orthodox Seminar of the Diocese of Berlin and Germany of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad* in the Cathedral of the Holy New Martyrs of Russia, December 26-28, 2011, Munich, Germany.
  41. January 6, 2012, "The Opening Formula of the Byzantine Divine Liturgy, 'Blessed is the Kingdom,' among Other Liturgical Beginnings," paper presented at the *Annual Congress of the North American Academy of Liturgy (NAAL)*; Jan. 5-8, 2012, Montreal, Canada.
  42. January 24, 2012, "Die Byzantinische Liturgie und der Liturgiegesang" ("The Byzantine Liturgy and Liturgical Singing"), lecture given at a lecture series of Graz University, *Voices of Worship. Liturgies and their Music in Judaism and Christianity*, academic year of 2011/2012, Graz, Austria.
  43. Spring Semester, 2012, "Liturgie und Leben mit den Augen einer Frau des 4. Jhdts.: Reisebericht der Egeria" (Liturgy and Life Through the Eyes of a 4<sup>th</sup>-c. Woman), seminar taught at the Institute of Liturgical Studies of the Catholic Theological Faculty, University of Vienna, Austria.
  44. March 22, 2012, "Recent Developments in Russian Orthodox Religious Education in Bavaria, Germany," talk given at the *Religious Education and Multiculturalism* seminar at the Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, Vienna, Austria.
  45. June 16, 2012, "Why Study the History of the Liturgy?" talk given at St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral (of the Orthodox Church in America) in Washington, DC. Video of this talk available online on Vimeo: [vimeo.com/46540883](https://vimeo.com/46540883).
  46. June 17, 2012, same talk (No. 45) given at parish of the Orthodox Church in America in Reston, Virginia. Video of this talk available online on Vimeo: [vimeo.com/46002565](https://vimeo.com/46002565).
  47. June 20, 2012, "The Active Participation of the Faithful in the Byzantine Liturgy," major paper given at the *Oriente Lumen Conference XVI: The Theology of the Laity*, June 18-23, Washington, DC. Audio podcast of this talk available online on Ancient Faith Radio: [http://ancientfaith.com/specials/oriente\\_lumen\\_xvi\\_conference/sr\\_dr\\_vassa\\_larin\\_orthodox](http://ancientfaith.com/specials/oriente_lumen_xvi_conference/sr_dr_vassa_larin_orthodox).
  48. June 24, 2012, "Чем занимается литургическая наука, и зачем?" (What Does Liturgical Studies Do, and Why?), talk given at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist (of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad) in Washington, DC.
  49. June 28, 2012, same talk (No. 48) given at the Synod of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad in New York City, New York.
  50. October 6, 2012, "Der Aufbau der Göttlichen Liturgie und das Orthodoxe Kirchenjahr" (The Structure of the Divine Liturgy and the Orthodox Church Calendar), seminar taught for the Theological Courses of the Roman-Catholic Archdiocese of Vienna at the educational center of the archdiocese on Stephansplatz in Vienna, Austria.
  51. October 12, 2013, "Die Rezeption des Ravenna-Dokuments in der Russisch-Orthodoxen Kirche" (The Reception of the Ravenna Document in the Russian Orthodox Church), paper given at the first annual meeting of the Kommission junger orthodoxen und

- katholischen Theologen und Theologinnen (Commission of Young Orthodox and Catholic Theologians), Oct. 11-13 at the Pallottihaus in Vienna, Austria.
52. December 27, 2012, “Aktivnoe ucastie verujuscix v pravoslavnom bogosluzhenii” (The Active Participation of the Faithful in Orthodox Liturgy), paper presented at the “Open Orthodox Seminar” of the ROCOR Archdiocese of Berlin and Germany, Dec. 26-28, 2013, at the Cathedral of the New Martyrs of Russia in Munich, Germany.
  53. January 4, 2013, “Participatio Actuosa and Byzantine Liturgy,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the North American Academy of Liturgy, Jan. 3-6, 2013 in Albuquerque, New Mexico (USA).
  54. February 12-15, 2013, “Feasting and Fasting in the Byzantine Tradition,” series of seven lectures given at the annual pre-Lenten clergy retreat of the Antiochian Orthodox Diocese of Wichita and Mid-America in Wichita, Kansas (USA).
  55. February 22, 2013, “Icon and Word in Byzantine Liturgy,” paper presented at the *2013 Huffington Ecumenical Symposium: Icons and Images*, at the Huffington Ecumenical Institute of Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, California (USA), Feb. 22-23, 2013.
  56. March 1, 2013, “Das orthodoxe Amtsverständnis,” (The Orthodox Understanding of Church Authority), talk given at the Adult Catechism-Courses of the Roman-Catholic Archdiocese of Vienna, Austria on Stephansplatz in Vienna, Austria.
  57. March 16, 2013, “Liturgical Crisis in Russian Orthodoxy Today: When Words Lose Their Meaning,” paper presented at international conference, *Orthodox Liturgy: Lessons from the Past, Contemporary Trends, and Opportunities*, March 15-16, at Hellenic College Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, MA (USA).
  58. From September 2, 2013, “Coffee with Sister Vassa,” broadcast of a weekly 10-minute Youtube-program on the church calendar and liturgy:  
<http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCH-FBwgf93rU-g8BH3xiuUQ>
  59. January 4, 2014, “The Liturgical Beginning in the Typikon of *Pantelleria*: A Case Sui Generis,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the North American Academy of Liturgy, Jan. 3-6, 2014 in Orlando, Florida (USA).