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Profile

Father Sokratis Andreou holds a PhD in Theology from the Theological School of the Aristotelio University of Thessaloniki. He is scientific associate of the Theological School of the Church of Cyprus and teaches a spring semester elective course, entitled "Topics of Ecclesiastical Linguistics and Patristic Theology". He has recently completed and published his postdoctoral research on Patristic texts of Early Byzantine Literature. He teaches the elective course: "Issues of Ecclesiastical Literature and Patristic Theology". He is also a special teaching scientist at the Department of Education Sciences of the University of Cyprus. His recent research interests are related to Byzantine literature and Christian Philosophy.

1. Education				
Diploma	Year	Institution	Department	Title of final Project
2 nd Degree of Philosophy	Commenced on January 2023	Classics and Philosophy Department - University of Cyprus	Faculty of Philosophy	
Post PhD – Ecclesiastical Literature and Patristic Theology	2021	Aristotelio University of Thessaloniki	School of Theology	“The monastic experience in the literature of 5 th , 6 th , 7 th centuries: The collections of ascetic texts. Grammatical and Theological approach”
Training Program Attendance: Palliative Care and Pastoral Care	Nov : 2022- Febr : 2023	Aristotelio University of Thessaloniki	KEAIM	Palliative Care and Pastoral Care
“PhD in Theology	2017	Aristotelio University of Thessaloniki	School of Theology	“Spiritual improvements and the eight passions in the writings of abba Cassian the Roman”
Attendance at the Scientific Seminar of Palaeography	2019-2020	Neapolis University of Paphos	Corporation with Archbishopric	Scientific Seminar “Greek elements Paleography by reading manuscripts”
Master of Theology	2011	Aristotelio University of Thessaloniki	School of Theology	“Nature and Thinking according to saint Maximos the Confessor”

Degree of Theology	2004-2008	Aristotelio University of Thessaloniki	School of Theology	
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2. Qualifications / Skills

Type	Description	Level
Critical engagement with patristic texts	Possibility of comprehensive and specialised scientific reference to and/or cross-reference of patristic sources and contemporary related writings	Very Well
Foreign Languages	English	Very Good
	French	Good
Ability to transmit and teach patristic theology	Comfortable expressiveness. Prudent and objective approach of the subject. Scientific training and adaptability of teaching methods	Very Good

3. Employment

Employment Period		Employer	Organisation/Sector	Position
From	Until			
September 2021	July 2022	Ministry of education	Secondary education	Teaching religion lesson - high school
February 2018	Today	Holy Archbishop of Cyprus	Saint Demetrios Church	Priest
October 2015	February 2018	Holy Archbishop of Cyprus	Saint Demetrios Church	Deacon
June 2009	August 2016	Holy Archbishop of Cyprus	Bookshop «Fotodotes»	Manager

4. Teaching

2023	Special Research Associate of the University of Cyprus - Department of Education Sciences - Religious Education Course - School Experience
2019-2023	Academic associate of the Theological School of the Church of Cyprus - Course teaching: Topics in Ecclesiastical Literature and Patristic Theology
2017-2018	Presentations - Discussions in courses with postgraduate and undergraduate students at the Theological School of Thessaloniki
2009-2023	Support in catechism at Saint Demetrios Church
2009-2023	Bible study circles and theological speeches in Saint Demetrios Church.

5. Member of Research Boards and Professional Services

6. Research Interests

Patristic Theology	Is a field of research and study that I raised to high levels already in the undergraduate curriculum. Continuous involvement and immersion in my postgraduate and doctoral studies.
Dogmatic Theology	Issues of Patristic Theology, as patristic expression and life is imprinted and defined through doctrine and faith in the Triune God.
Pastoral Theology	Research and study of patristic texts with a view to, first; applying the liveliness of fatherly speech and the truth of the evangelical act in the life of fathers to priestly and pastoral duties, and second; further understanding the momentum to the theological and existential concerns of our fellow human beings.
Byzantine Literature & Christian Philosophy	Patristic theology is inextricably related to philosophical expression and thought. The same is true of Byzantine literature, where the largest percentage of Byzantine literary production comes from ecclesiastical writers, officials, fathers, and scholars. Most fathers and ecclesiastical writers studied philosophy, became great orators, and used its methodology, logic, and expressive dynamics as a means for more effective and scientific treatment of various problems: existential, ontological, ethical etc.

7. Publications

A: Chapters in books

- “The monastic experience in the literature of 5th, 6th, 7th centuries: The collections of ascetic texts. Grammatical and Theological approach”
- “Spiritual improvements and the eight passions in the writings of abba Cassian the Roman”
- “Nature and Thinking according to saint Maximos the Confessor.”

B: Other publications

2022

- Article: “The mental and physical sensations of man in texts of philocaly fathers”, *Εκκλησιαστικός Κήρυκας ΚΗ'*, Larnaka 2022

2019

- Article: “Geography, Philosophy and Theology in the work of Kosmas Indikopleustis: Christian Topography”, in the collective volume: Contemporary Texts of Social Sciences and Geography: Theory and Policies. University of the Aegean, Department of Geography, Mytilene, 2019.

2018

- Article: "The Mystery of the Incarnation of the Son and the Word of God. Christological approaches to the two hymnological rules of the Christmas celebration "in the book: *Spatial Planning and Local Development: Theory, Policies and Case Studies*, Ed. Georgios Korres, Tribute to Professor Manolis Marmaras, Mytilene 2018.
- "Saint Cassian and the eight passions", *Εκκλησιαστικός κήρυκας*, Vol. XXVI', Larnaka 2018.
- "The spiritual life. A study through Saint's Cassian theological thought", *Journal of Regional & Socio-Economic Issues*, Vol. 8, Issue 2, June 2018.

2017

- "The ecclesiological and pastoral characteristics of the theological thought of saint Cassian the Roman", *Journal of Regional & Socio-Economic Issues*, Vol. 7, Issue 3, September 2017,

2009

- "The struggle of the Church for human freedom: Maximos the confessor, Monothelism's and monoenergetic", *Εκκλησιαστικός Κήρυκας*, Vol. ΙΕ', Larnaka, 2009.

C: Conference presentations – Invited Lectures:

2022

Official speaker at the International Virtual Conference - Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation: Borderland: Christian identities and cultures in Early Modern Cyprus and Beyond. Subject: "Doctrine and identity in Latin - ruled Cyprus (15th- 16th centuries). The filioque controversy as doctrinal boundary between Orthodox and Latins" 6-7 May 2022.

2018

Official speaker at the international theological conference in Budapest: "The spiritual life in Christ in the Orthodox Church". (August)