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Profile:

Rev. Nikolaos Papantoniou holds a PhD in Theology from the Faculty of Theology of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. He is a teaching associate of the Theological School of the Church of Cyprus. As a priest he serves at the Holy Diocese of Constantia and Ammochostos and he is in charge of the Office of Diakonia of the Diocese, with responsibilities related to pastoral work, organization of activities and the publication of the journal of the Diocese. In addition, he is a collaborator of the “Saint Epiphanius” Cultural Academy and participates in activities such as scientific publications, organization of lectures and international conferences. He is a member of the “Faith and Order” commission of the World Council of Churches, representing the Church of Cyprus.

| 1. Education | | | | |
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| Degree | Year | Institution | Department | Final Project |
| PhD in Theology | 2024 | Aristotle University of Thessaloniki | School of Social Theology and Christian Culture | “Pastoral Ministry and the Phenomenon of Secularization” |
| MTh in Applied Theology | 2020 | University of Oxford | Faculty of Theology and Religion | «Freedom in Obedience: How might Trinitarian theology contribute to the practice of spiritual direction in the context of the Orthodox Church today» |
| Master in Theology | 2016 | Aristotle University of Thessaloniki | School of Pastoral and Social Theology | “The self-knowledge of the priest and its role in pastoral work” |
| Degree in Theology | 2014 | Aristotle University of Thessaloniki | School of Pastoral and Social Theology | |

2. Qualifications / Skills

| | Description | Level |
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| Linguistic | Greek | Mother tongue |
| | English | Excellent |
| Computer | Microsoft Office | Excellent |

3. Employment

| Duration of Employment | | Employer | | Position |
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| From | Until | | | |
| 2016 | Today | Holy Diocese of Constantia and Ammochostos | Office of Pnevmatiki Diakonia | In charge (2021-today) Member (2016-2021) |

4. Scholarships and Awards

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| 2017 | Cyprus State Scholarship Foundation for doctoral studies |
| 2014 | Cyprus State Scholarship Foundation for master's studies |

5. Teaching

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| 2024-2025 | YE20 Pastoral Theology and Christian Counseling-Practicum Θ73 The sacrament of Confession | School of Social Theology and Christian Culture, Faculty of Theology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki |
| 2024-2025 | ΘEO.453 Institutions, Principles and Applications of the Pastoral Ministry of the Church | Theological School of the Church of Cyprus |
| 2022-2023 | Inter-Orthodox and Inter-Christian Relations | "Saint Barnabas" Priest's Seminary of the Church of Cyprus |

6. Administrative Duties

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7. Member of Research Boards and Professional Services

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| 2023-today | Member of the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches, representing the Church of Cyprus |
| 2022-today | Member of the International Orthodox Theological Association (IOTA) |

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| 2014- | Member of the Network of the Ecumenical Patriarchate for Pastoral Healthcare |
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8. Member of Conference Organising Committees

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| 2024 | 7 th International Conference on the Hagiography of Cyprus. Holy Diocese of Constantia and Ammochostos, Paralimni, 12-15 May 2024. |
| 2024 | 7 th International Symposium of the International Orthodox Dogmatic Theologians Association. Holy Diocese of Constantia and Ammochostos, Paralimni, 5-7 March 2024. |

9. Reviewer for Journals

10. Research Programmes - Funding

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11. Memoranda of Understanding

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12. Research Interests

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| Pastoral Theology | Theory and praxis of pastoral care The role and person of the pastor Theological presuppositions for practicing pastoral ministry Study and use of Psychology and Sociology in pastoral theory and practice. |
| Orthodox Theology and Inter-Christian theological dialogue | Inter-Christian dialogue texts with particular interest in Ecclesiology, Anthropology, Christian ethics, and the Mission of the Church in the modern world. |

13. Publications

Articles:

«Reflecting on the understanding and the practices of the Orthodox Christians today regarding the Eucharist. An issue of pastoral concern”, *Κληρονομία*, [forthcoming].

«Η επίδραση του μοναχισμού στη διακονία της πνευματικής καθοδήγησης», *Πνευματική Διακονία* 39 (2023), 48-56.

«Εξέχουσες μορφές Αρχιεπισκόπων της Εκκλησίας της Κύπρου επί Τουρκοκρατίας κατά τον 18^ο αιώνα μέχρι το 1821 και η ποιμαντική τους δράση», *Πνευματική Διακονία* 34 (2021), 24-44.

«Engaging with the Practice of Spiritual Direction in the Orthodox Church Today», *International Journal of Orthodox Theology* 11:3 (2020), 199-225.

«Το μυστήριο του Γάμου στα επίσημα κείμενα της Αγίας και Μεγάλης Συνόδου της Ορθοδόξου Εκκλησίας. Θεολογικές, κοινωνικές και ποιμαντικές αναφορές», *Πνευματική Διακονία* 26 (2017), 2-8.

Translations:

π. Ιωάννης Χρυσαιγής, «Εκκλησία και Περιβάλλον. Θεολογία, Πνευματικότητα και Μυστήρια», *Πνευματική Διακονία* 36 (2022), 15-24.

Βασίλειος, Μητροπολίτης Κωνσταντίας και Αμμοχώστου, «Κριτήρια Ηθικής Διάκρισης στην Ορθόδοξη Εκκλησία», *Πνευματική Διακονία* 33 (2020), 81-89.

Editor in collective works:

Κυπριακή Αγιολογία. Πρακτικά Β' Διεθνούς Συνεδρίου, «Από τον άγιο Επιφάνιο στον άγιο Νεόφυτο τον Έγκλειστο (4^{ος}-12^{ος} αι.)», Theodoros X. Giangou, Christina Kakkoura, Rev. Christodoulos Christodoulou, Rev. Nikolaos Papantoniou (editors), Publication of Holy Diocese of Constantia and Ammochostos and "Saint Epiphanius" Cultural Academy, Agia Napa-Paralimni 2021, p. 763.

Other publications:

Άγιος Κενδέας ο Θαυματουργός (Βίος και Ακολουθία), Πρωτ. Χριστόδουλος Χριστοδούλου, Πρεσβ. Νικόλαος Παπαντωνίου, Χριστίνα Κακκουρα (επιμ.), εκδ. Ιεράς Μονής Αγίου Κενδέα, 2021.

Participations in International Conferences:

«The challenges of secularization and re-evangelism as the aim of pastoral ministry. An Orthodox perspective on the role of the priest», Conference: Living the Creed Today: Commemorating the 1700th anniversary of the Ecumenical Council of Nicaea. 3-7/03/2025, Holy Etchmiadzin, Armenia.

«The unity of faith in the context of Nicaea as a theological and pastoral criterion for ecumenical dialogue today», International Conference: Towards Nicaea 2025. 4-8/11/2024, WCC Ecumenical Institute, Bossey, Switzerland.

«The person of the priest and its decisive role in the effectiveness of pastoral ministry». 19th International Conference on Patristic Studies. 5-9 August 2024, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK.

«The pastoral care of families with disabled persons» («Η ποιμαντική των οικογενειών ατόμων με αναπηρία»). International Conference: "Accessibility-Disability-Church». 2-4 November 2023, School of Social Theology and Christian Culture, Thessaloniki, Greece.

«Christian Nominalism as a Pastoral Problem in the Orthodox Church Today». Conference of the International Orthodox Theological Association (IOTA), «Mission and the Orthodox Church». 10-15 January 2023, Volos, Greece.