

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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#### **I. Employment and Professional Experience**

1. **Visiting Lecturer**, Philosophy Department, University of Central Florida (August 2013 – Present)
  - ♦ Teaching Humanities I, II
2. **Adjunct Lecturer**, Philosophy Department, University of Central Florida (Fall and Spring Semesters 2012 – 2013)
  - ♦ Teaching Humanities I, II
3. **Vicar**, St. Paul's Orthodox Church of Greater Orlando, Longwood, Florida (May 2010-Present)
  - ♦ Managed all administrative and pastoral affairs
  - ♦ Coordinated construction of Church building including fundraisers
4. **Resident Editor US**, Indian Orthodox Herald, the online news portal [www.orthodoxherald.com](http://www.orthodoxherald.com) (April 2010-Present), a volunteer service
5. **Volunteer Pastor**, St. Paul Orthodox Church of Greater Orlando (July 2008 – April 2010)
6. **Instructor**, Holy Trinity Theological College, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (February 2006-December 2007)
  - ♦ The Premier Theological Centre of the Orthodox Tewahedo Church of Ethiopia
7. **Committee Member**, Holy Trinity Theological College, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (2006-2007)
  - ♦ Curriculum Revision Committee
  - ♦ Background Study Committee for Master Studies
8. **Head of the Department of Research**, Holy Trinity Theological College, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (June 2006 - January 2007)
9. **Vicar**, St. Thomas Orthodox Church, Allahabad, UP, India (July 2002- January 2006)
  - ♦ Managed all administrative and pastoral affairs including fundraisers for parish with 40 families
10. **Associate Professor**, Department of Theology, Gospel and Plough Theological College, Allahabad Agricultural Institute-Deemed University, Naini, Allahabad, UP, India (October 2004- January 2006)

11. **Coordinator**, Theology Education, Gospel and Plough Theological College of the Allahabad Agricultural Institute-Deemed University, Naini, Allahabad, UP, India (July 2002-January 2006)
  - ♦ Organized the College including the construction of the College Building and building up infrastructure for the College, including the Library and Administrative System
12. **Assistant Professor**, Department of Theology, Gospel and Plough Theological College, Allahabad Agricultural Institute-Deemed University, Naini, Allahabad, UP, India (July 2002-September 2004)
13. **Extensive pastoral experience** (2002-Present)
  - ♦ Accompanied a number of people in difficult situations of their lives like bereavement, family problems, problems between children and parents, as well as marriage counseling

## II. Language Proficiencies

- ♦ Fluent in English, German, Hindi, and Malayalam
- ♦ Working knowledge in French, Hebrew, Greek, and Syriac

## III. Educational Qualifications

### 1. Doctor of Theology (Doktor der Theologie, Dr. Theol.) 2001

The Catholic Theological Faculty of Paris Lodron University, Salzburg, Austria

Area: Early Church History and Canon Law of the Catholic Church

Title: Christology of St. Severus of Antioch, Mainly Basing His First Thirty One Cathedral Homilies

Grade: Very Good

### 2. Master of Theology (Magister der Theologie, Mag. Theol.) 1998

The Catholic Theological Faculty of Paris Lodron University, Salzburg, Austria

Title of Master's Thesis: Origin and Implications of the Concept of Logos in the Fourth Gospel

Grade: Good

### 3. Bachelor of Divinity (BD) 1994

Board of Theological Education, Senate of Serampore College, Calcutta, India at Orthodox Theological Seminary, Kottayam, Kerala, India

Grade: B+ (65%)

### 4. Graduation in Sacred Theology (GST) 1994

Orthodox Theological Seminary, Kottayam, Kerala, India

Faculty of Theology, Orthodox Theological Seminary, Kottayam, Kerala, India

Grade: First Class (70%)

### 5. Bachelor of Physics (BSc) 1990

Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala, India at C.M.S. College, Kottayam, Kerala, India  
Second Class (57%)

#### **IV. Other Courses Successfully Completed**

1. Role of Church in preventing HIV/ AIDS, its impact on Mothers and Children in Ethiopia and other related themes. (Three day training Workshop at Holy Trinity Theological College, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Feb 2007)
2. Leadership Training at Holy Trinity Theological College, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia: Four sessions, each of duration of 2.30 hrs in May 2006.
3. Summer Course offered by Henry Martin Institute of Islamic Studies, Hyderabad Decan, on Islam with A+ Grade (82%), May 1993.

#### **V. International Conferences Attended, Lectures Delivered**

1. Keynote speaker for retreats and religious conferences of the Diocese of America and (Diocese of South West America after June 2009) of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church at various cities across the United States, 2007- Present.
2. Delivered lecture at the Central Rotary Club of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 'Authority: Human and Divine', March 2006.
3. Guest Lecturer for Theology at the St. Thomas Orthodox Theological Seminary, Nagpur, Madhya Pradesh, India, 2005.
4. Third Syriac Consultation convened under the auspicious of PRO ORIENTE Foundation, Vienna, Austria between Syriac Churches held in Vienna, Austria, February 2000.
5. Delivered lecture at the 'Theologie Interkulturell', an 'Intercultural Convention' organized by the Faculty of Theology, University of Salzburg on 'How does an Indian Christian Experiences Hinduism', January 2000.
6. First Syriac Consultation convened under the auspicious of PRO ORIENTE Foundation, Vienna, Austria between the Syriac Churches held in Vienna, Austria, February 1998.

#### **VI. Publications**

1. Worship, Prayer and Liturgy in the Orthodox Point of View, August 17, 2011.
  - ♦ <http://www.orthodoxherald.com/2011/08/17/worship-prayer-and-liturgy-in-the-orthodox-point-of-view/>
2. And Isaac Carried the Wood on His Shoulders..., April 25, 2011.
  - ♦ <http://www.orthodoxherald.com/2011/04/25/and-isaac-carried-the-wood-on-his-shoulders%E2%80%A6/>
3. All Souls Day; Sunday Preceding the Beginning of the Holy Lent, February 25, 2011.
  - ♦ <http://www.orthodoxherald.com/2011/02/25/all-souls-day-sunday-preceding-the-beginning-of-the-holy-lent/>
4. Gender Roles in a Biblical Perspective for the Orthodox Christians in the American Context, June 12, 2010.

- ♦ <http://www.orthodoxherald.com/2010/06/12/gender-roles-in-a-biblical-perspective-for-the-orthodox-christians-in-the-american-context/>
- 5. Mid Lent: A Theological Glance into Its Meanings, March 11, 2010.
  - ♦ <http://www.orthodoxherald.com/2010/03/11/mid-lent-a-theological-glance-into-its-meanings/>
- 6. Stem Cell Research: An Orthodox Response; November 1, 2009.
  - ♦ <http://www.orthodoxherald.com/2009/11/01/stem-cell-research-an-orthodox-response/>
- 7. Authority: Human And Divine, A Preamble, October 16, 2009.
  - ♦ <http://www.orthodoxherald.com/2009/10/16/authority-human-and-divine-a-preamble/>
- 8. The Holy Cross, September 14, 2009.
  - ♦ <http://www.orthodoxherald.com/2009/09/14/the-holy-cross/>
- 9. St. Severus of Antioch on Aims of Incarnation, September 10, 2009.
  - ♦ <http://www.orthodoxherald.com/2009/09/10/st-severus-of-antioch-on-aims-of-incarnation/>
- 10. Praying for the Departed in Syriac Orthodox Tradition, Ritu Haimanot, A Magazine published by the Holy Trinity Theological College, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, January 2007.
- 11. Understandings on Faith by St. Severus of Antioch, Graduation Bulletin of the Holy Trinity Theological College, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 2006.
- 12. Various articles in the Cathedral News, published monthly by Mar Elia Cathedral, Kottayam, Kerala, India of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church.
- 13. Intermediate Work Book, Orthodox Vacation Bible School, Vacation Bible School of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church of India, 2000.
- 14. Orthodox Vacation Bible School, Book of Meditation, Vacation Bible School of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church of India, 1997.

## **VII. Other Proficiencies**

1. Received scholarship to pursue Masters and PhD studies from the Catholic Archdiocese of Salzburg, Salzburg, Austria in 1995 and completed PhD in 2001 July with Very Good Grade.
2. Program coordinator, Mar Gregorios Orthodox Christian Student's Movement of India, Mumbai Diocese, Mumbai, India, 1994-1995.
3. Best Student and All-Rounder of the Orthodox Theological Seminary, Kottayam, Kerala, India, 90-94 Batch.
4. Senate Prize for the highest Grade in Old Testament, Senate of Serampore College, Calcutta, India, 1994.
5. Office Secretary of the Alumni Association of Orthodox Theological Seminary, Kottayam, Kerala, India, 1992-1994.
6. Coordinator, Theological Students of South India, an Association for Theological Students under the Senate of Serampore College, Calcutta, India, 1992-1993.
7. Member of Quiz Club and Nature Club at the CMS College, Kottayam, Kerala, India, 1987 - 1990.
8. Best Student Award among students of Standard X at the Mar Thoma Seminary High School, Kottayam, Kerala, India for the academic year 1984-1985.

9. President Scout Award from 'The President of Indian Union' for performances in Bharat Scouts and Guides, 1984.
10. Many awards and prizes in Quiz and Elocution Competitions at Arts Festivals of the school and inter school competitions, 1979-1985.

### **VIII. Travels and Visits:**

Visited and resided in many nations all around Asia, Europe, Africa and the United States to experience the diversity and to appreciate ancient cultures that prevailed in these countries.

- ◆ Extensively traveled all around India
- ◆ Resided in the United States from 2008 onwards and visited in 1999 and 2007
- ◆ Ethiopia 2006-2007
- ◆ Egypt 1998 and 2007
- ◆ Austria 1995-2001
- ◆ European Countries other than Austria, i.e. Germany, France, The Netherlands, and Italy 1997-2001
- ◆ Lebanon 1997
- ◆ Syria 1997
- ◆ Turkey 1997 and 1996