

**Timothy G. Patitsas**

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**EDUCATION:**

**Ph.D., Systematic Theology, 2003**

The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC

**Dissertation:** *The King Returns to His City: An Interpretation of the Great Week and Bright Week Cycle of the Orthodox Church*

**Director:** Robin Darling Young, Ph.D.

**Synopsis:** The noted urbanist Jane Jacobs is the only thinker ever to have reworked the most basic foundations of economic, and to some extent political, theory from the standpoint of the new science of complexity. Since the variegated authorship and form of the Greek Orthodox Holy Week cycle make it also an instance of such non-linear order, and since its central drama concerns the clash of King and *polis*, I wondered whether the deeper algorithms animating its structure could be applied to the city and the state. In other words, both the explicit theological messages of the Week and its underlying form contain encoded directions for the proper organization of civil society, once both society and liturgy are understood to be examples of complex self-organization. The formulation of an Orthodox Christian political and economic theory relevant for Orthodox countries confronting the contemporary pressures of economic and political globalization follows.

**M.Div., 1994**

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, MA

**Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service, 1988**

Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, Washington, DC

Area of Concentration: Science, Technology, and International Affairs

Minor Work: International Economics, Russian, German

**HONORS:**

Johannes Quasten Full-tuition Scholarship, Catholic University, 1994

Faculty Award in Systematic Theology, Holy Cross, 1992

Phi Beta Kappa and Summa Cum Laude, Georgetown University, 1988

NASA Funded Internship in Space and International Affairs, 1986

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

**Adjunct Professor of Religion and Philosophy, Spring 2001 & Spring 2002**

Marymount University, Arlington, VA

Taught "Introduction to Religion" to 35 undergraduates each term using a syllabus I developed myself.

**Professor of Theology, Fall 1996**

Saint Nicholas Orthodox Seminary, Seoul, Korea

- Assigned by the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Constantinople to a seminary serving students from Indonesia, India, the Philippines, and South Korea. Taught all courses through an Indonesian language interpreter.
- Taught “Church History,” “Patristics,” “Hagiography,” and “Canon Law.”

**TEACHING INTERESTS IN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ETHICS:**

Modern Elders: A Hagiographical Approach to Orthodox Ethical Practice

The economic, urban, and ethical theory of Jane Jacobs

Theological anthropology and ethics of the Church Fathers

Liturgy, Spirituality, and Ethics in Byzantine State and Society

The “pattern languages” of Christopher Alexander as an ethical approach to beauty

Christian anthropology and American political theory

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:**

**Scholar In-Residence, 2004-05**

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, MA

Researched and wrote advanced drafts of a volume on Science and Religion, and Anthropology.

**Library Staff, 1998-2000**

Dumbarton Oaks, Harvard University Center for Byzantine Studies, Washington, DC

- Conducted research, assisted patrons, and organized resources in Byzantine studies, patristics, and Orthodox theology.

**PUBLICATIONS:**

“Holistic Healing: Elucidating the Tautology,” 2005

To be published in the proceedings of the second Byzantine Healing Conference, Held at Hellenic College/Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology.

“The Current Planning Process: Its Roots and Results,” 2001

On the website of Christopher Alexander, [patternlanguage.com](http://www.patternlanguage.com) at

<http://www.patternlanguage.com/townplanning.timpatitsas.htm>

**PRESENTATIONS:**

“St. Silouan, 1866-1938: Reflections at the 64<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his repose”

Orthodox Women in Healing Ministries, Washington, DC, 2002

“The Divine Liturgy as Coronation and Wedding”

**Keynote speaker.** Eastern Church Traditions and Celebrations Seminar

Notre Dame College of Ohio, South Euclid, OH, October 2001

'Who' is the Meaning of Life

**Keynote Speaker.** Baccalaureate.

Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA, May 2001

"The Acquisition of the Holy Spirit"

St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church, Chevy Chase, MD, Fall 1998

"The Orthodox Concept of Hypostasis: The Perspective from Korean Religion"

Camp Nazareth Retreat Center, Mercer, PA, fall 1997

**MEMBERSHIPS:**

American Academy of Religion, student member

Congress for the New Urbanism, student member, 1996-98

National Building Museum, student member, 1999-2000

**LANGUAGES:**

Georgetown University fluency in **Modern Greek** and **German**

Some spoken and written proficiency in **Russian**

Catholic University reading proficiency in **Classical Greek, Latin, and French**

Minimal spoken and written proficiency in **Korean** and **Kiswahili**

**SERVICE:**

Responsible for adult Sunday catechism, St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, the National Cathedral of the Orthodox Church in America, Washington, DC, 2001-2003

Cantor, St. Nicholas Navy Chapel

Quantico Marine Corps Base, Quantico, VA, 1998-2000

President, Theological Students Association

The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, 1996-97