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The Eminent Metropolitan Bishop of Ilion, Acharnai and Petroupoli, Mr. Athinagoras (George) Dikaiakos (Assistant Professor at the Postgraduate Program of Theological Studies of University of Neapolis, Paphos) was born in Athens, Greece, in 1951. He earned his Degree in Classic Literature from the School of Philosophy of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (EKPIA) in 1974 and his Degree in Theology from the Theological School of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in 1979, both with grade "Very Good".

During 1984-1985, he attended postgraduate courses in Pastoral Theology in London.

In 1998, he attended a two-year postgraduate course at the Theological School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in the field of Christian Ethics and Sociology, where he received his master's degree with grade "Excellent" in 2002. The subject of his thesis was: "The Pastoral care of widowhood, according to St. John Chrysostom, and Modern Psychology".

Meanwhile, in 2000, as part of the Medical School (Psychiatric Clinic) and Theological School (Department of Social Theology - Department of Christian Worship of Education and Training) of EKPIA collaboration, the Metropolitan Bishop participated in the "Pastoral Practice and Mental Health" program. It was an Educational Program of Specialization (consisted of 50 teaching hours) that lasted one year, organized by: a) the Department of Psychiatry and Pastoral Care of the Center for Mental Hygiene, b) the Department of Social Theology of EKPIA, c) the Hellenic Psychiatric Society (E.Ψ.E.), and d) the Psychiatric Clinic of EKPIA.

In 2009, he submitted to the Theological School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki for his Ph.D. thesis: "The mental exhaustion and alienation of a clergyman", which was approved with grade "Excellent" in 2010.

In 2017 elected Assistant Professor at the Postgraduate Program of Theological Studies of University of Neapolis, Paphos.

Research Interests

His research interests include the study and recording of pastoral interests of the clergy during their ministry in: a) hospitals; b) comforting our mourning fellow human beings; c) the research of pastoral issues, such as drugs, HIV, ministering adult and minor inmates, pastoral ministry in the army and police authorities, etc; (d) monitoring European affairs in relation to pastoral ministry in the Church of Greece; (e) pastoral care (legal assistance and reintegration of minors, ministerial prisoners, pastoral ministry in the army and police, etc) f) the reintegration of legal aid and reunification for migrants coming to Greece from Asian countries, such as Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan; f) informing about inter-Orthodox and inter-Christian relations; g) systematic research on pastoral education of the clergy of the Church of Greece; h) forming relations between the State and the Church in the post-modern era

Scientific work

"The Pastoral care of widowhood, according to St. John Chrysostom, and Modern Psychology" (Thesis), Thessaloniki, 2002.

"The mental exhaustion and alienation of a clergyman" (PhD Thesis), published by Apostoliki Diakonia, Athens, 2016.

Chapters-articles in educational writings and collective volumes

A. "The charity work of the Church", in Solidarity, the social work of the Church and the social dimension of the citizens of the European Union, Holy Synod of the Church of Greece, Office of Delegation in the European Union, Proceedings of the Day under the auspices of the Greek Presidency of the Council of the EU, Athens 2016, p.51 - 58.

B. "The Phenomenon of Occupational Exhaustion to Healthcare Workers", in the collective volume "Adducting to Therapy", Introduction to the pastoral ministry in the field of medicine, Ecumenical Patriarchate, Constantinople, 2011, pp. 249-266.

C. "The use of medical terms in the texts of Luke the Evangelist", in "Church and Disease", Proceedings of the International Medical-Theological Conference, Thebes 5-7 September 2003, Akritas Publishing, Athens 2008, pp. 70-78.

D. "Eucharistic Use of the World - Theological Approach to the Environmental Problem", in the Collective Volume SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT - EUROPEAN AND NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE, Edited by Grig. Tsaltas - Kon. G. Katsimardis. Organized by: Panteion University - European Center for Environmental Research and Education, National Center for Public Advocacy - Institute for Education and Hellenic Company for International Law and International Relations. published by Sideris 2004, pp. 519-523.

E. "What is the face of Jesus Christ", in the Collective volume "2000 Years After. What do people say about me? ", Chap. "And all of you are brothers", Published by Akritas 2001, pp. 240-243.

F. “Bittersweet”, Classic Short Stories of Great Writers of our East, Anthology, Editing (and text translation): Athinagoras Dikaiakos, published by Akritas, Athens, 2000, p.257

Editing and Translations

A. Alexander Schmemmann, **“The Eucharist: Sacrament of the Kingdom”**, Translation: Iosif Roilidis; Translation editing: Athinagoras Dikaiakos, Athens 2009, published by Akritas, p.328

B. J. Meyendorf, **“Marriage”**, Translation: Athinagoras Dikaiakos, “The Orthodox Wedding Ceremony” Athens, 2004, p.255

Other publications

A. **“The Migration Issue: Pastoral Care & Social Counterfeiting”** "Church" magazine, vol. 10 (2015), p. 778

B. **“Modern ways and methods of pastoral care support for mourners”**, published by Pastoral Education Foundation, Holy Archdiocese of Athens, June 2014

C. **“The pastoral care approach of widowhood to patristic tradition”**, published by Pastoral Education Foundation, Holy Archdiocese of Athens, June 2014.

D. **“Preparing for the mystery of wedding and the creation of a Christian family”**, "Church" magazine, vol. 10 (2011), p. 670.

E. **“Positive aspects of secularization in Church”**, speech at a scientific conference of the Church of Greece on the topic: "Holiness and Sacramentation in the Life of the Church". Post on the official site of the Church of Greece (Ecclesia.gr), 8-5-2006.

F. **“Eulogy to Archimandrite Nicodemus Badaloukas”**, “Gathering”, 1997, pp 141-143.

Contributions to Hierarchy of the Church of Greece:

A. **“Preparing for the mystery of wedding and the creation of a Christian family”**, October 2011.

B. **“The Migration Issue: Pastoral Care & Social Counterfeiting”**, October 2015

Participation in various Scientific and Ecclesiastical Committees

- Chairman of the Administrative Committee of Athens Ecclesiastical Academy (AEAA).
- Deputy President of the newly founded Pastoral Education Institute of the Holy Archdiocese of Athens.

- Chairman of the Administrative Committee of the Integration Center for Migrant Worker- Ecumenical Refugee Program, a non-profit organisation of the Church of Greece.
- Chairman of the Special Committee on Special Pastoral Affairs of the Church of Greece.
- Member of the Special Committee of Synod on European Affairs of the Church of Greece.
- Deputy member of the Inter-Orthodox and Inter-Christian Relations Committee of the Church of Greece.
- Deputy Member of the Administrative Committee of the Communicative Educational Service of the Church of Greece.
- Deputy member of the Synod Committee on Social Welfare and Beneficence of the Church of Greece.