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Born December 11, 1970, in Nyack, New York

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Member of the Diocese of Berlin and Germany in
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Positions, Memberships and Duties:

Feb. 2013-Feb. 2016 – Research Project Director of the project, “The Enarxis of the Byzantine Divine Liturgy,” funded by the Austrian Science Funds (FWF) at the Institute of Historical Theology at the University of Vienna, Austria.

From Sept. 2014 – Member of the Commission on Canon Law of the Interconciliar Presence of the Russian Orthodox Church; Member of the Commission on Liturgy and Church Art of the Interconciliar Presence of the Russian Orthodox Church.

From 2013 – Editorial consultant of *Worship*, an international ecumenical journal for the study of liturgy.

From Jan. 2012 – member of the North American Academy of Liturgy (NAAL)

Feb. 2009 – Feb. 2013 – University Assistant at the Catholic Theological Faculty, Institute for Liturgical Studies, University of Vienna, Austria

Sept. 2007 – Dec. 2008 Graduate Assistant of Prof. Robert F. Taft, SJ, at the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome, Italy

2003-2007 – preparation of educational materials and teaching at the diocesan A. S. Puškin School in Munich, covering Church History, Patrology, New Testament, Old Slavonic (Schulstufen 8-12)

2006-2007 – composition of the catechetical program of the diocesan schools in Bavaria (Lehrpläne für Russisch-Orthodoxe Religionslehre), ratified by the Bavarian Ministry of Culture in December 2007. In April 2009 this program was accepted by the pan-Orthodox Commission of Orthodox Churches in Germany (KOKiD) as the official program of all Orthodox catechetical schools in Germany

From July 2006 – founding member of the international Society for Oriental Liturgy (SOL)

EDUCATION:

1. High school, university/graduate studies:

Nyack High School, Nyack, New York *with High Honor* 1984-1987

Studies of “Humanities” in Bryn Mawr College 1987-1989

Studies of Orthodox Theology at the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich
from Oct. 2003
“Diplom-Theologin” (Practical Theology) Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich
Feb. 10, 2006
Ph. D. in Orthodox Theology *summa cum laude*, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität,
Munich Dec. 18, 2008

2. Languages:

- **Modern:** Russian, English, German, Italian, French; some speaking knowledge of Romanian and Palestinian Arabic
- **Ancient:** Old Slavonic (Glagolitic and Cyrillic), Greek, Latin

AREAS OF RESEARCH AND SPECIALIZATION

In her undergraduate and graduate studies, Dr. Larin researched the history of the liturgy in the Byzantine and Russian Orthodox traditions. This has included an in-depth acquaintance with Byzantine and Muscovite Church History, requiring analyses of patristic and canonical texts, as well as liturgical manuscripts. She has studied Greek and Old-Slavonic liturgical manuscripts in the archives of Moscow (GIM, RGB, and RGADA), St. Petersburg (BAN and RNB), Rome (PIO), and Grottaferrata.

The materials and courses of study (Lehrpläne) prepared by her for the diocesan school on Patrology, Church History, the New Testament, and Old Slavonic have enabled Sr. Vassa to both further her knowledge of these subjects, as well as to teach them to young people in a systematic way. Her teaching experiences in Catholic theological faculties in Rome and Vienna (including Roman Catholic Sacramental Theology, the sources and history of the Roman Rite) have also enabled her to better her knowledge of the Western traditions, lending her work ecumenical breadth. Employing the method of comparative liturgiology, Sister Vassa’s courses are typically relevant to both East and West.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE, ECUMENICAL & INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

Sr. Vassa is a well-known speaker at both academic and popular conferences all over the world (see below her list of public lectures).

Her popular online catechetical video-program, *Coffee with Sr. Vassa*, testifies to Dr. Larin’s relevance, as a scholar and theologian, to both East and West. Subtitles to her videos are regularly translated by enthusiastic viewers into ca. 10 languages (German, Spanish, Italian, Greek, Russian, Romanian, Serbian, Bulgarian, Hungarian, Ukrainian, Slovak, Japanese, and occasionally even Arabic and Georgian!) regularly attracting viewers from various cultures and religions, from all over the world. To date, Sr. Vassa’s program has accumulated 350,000 views and boasts 4,500 subscribers.

Her other teaching experience includes:

- 1998-9 – preparation and teaching of courses in Church History, Patrology, and Liturgy to novices in the Russian Orthodox Ascension convent on the Mt. of Olives, Jerusalem
- 2007-2008 – assisted in conducting two seminars on “The Great Books of Liturgical Studies” as the Graduate Assistant of Prof. Robert F. Taft, SJ, at the Pontificio Istituto Orientale, Rome; also assisted in directing the work of doctoral students at the same institute
- from Jan. 2009 – taught seminars at the Catholic Institute for Liturgical Studies at the University of Vienna; assisted Prof. H.-J. Feulner in directing the work of his doctoral students (consultation at Sprechstunde; prepares and conducts the *privatissimum*; correction and editing of English and German dissertations)

- from September 2010 – taught required courses (Introduction to Liturgical Studies, Sacramental Theology) to over 80 students

GRANTS AND DISTINCTIONS

October 2013 – awarded a grant of \$286,923.00 from the *Austrian Science Fund* (FWF), to write

and publish a monograph on the Byzantine Enarxis within a three-year period (Project 25083-G19 of the FWF).

September 2012 – offer of position in Church History from St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Seminary in Crestwood, NY.

May 2012 – Invitation from the Theology Department of the Catholic University of America to

be Visiting Professor in Fall 2012.

April 2012 – included in the 30th Anniversary Edition of *Marquis Who’s Who in the World*.

May 2010 – received a grant of 1,000 euros from the *Bundesministerium für Wissenschaft und Forschung* (Vienna, Austria) for the publication of a book.

March 2006 – received a grant of \$28,000.00 from the *Joukowsky Family Foundation* (Rhode Island, USA) for doctoral studies in Munich and Rome.

OTHER APPOINTMENTS AND PEDAGOGICAL ACTIVITIES

- 1997, 2000-2003 – the organization of educational seminars on Russian Orthodox liturgy and church singing in Köln, to educate choir directors for parishes of the diocese
- 1998-1999 – the organization and teaching of courses in Church History, Patrology and Russian Orthodox liturgy to novices at the Convent of the Ascension on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem (Israel)
- 2000-2004 – s. Vassa was assigned the task of creating a databank concerning the history of the ROCOR’s relations with the Moscow Patriarchate. Since 2001 she has represented the ROCOR as a speaker on this topic at numerous conferences in Moscow
- March 2010 – appointment by the Moscow Patriarchate to one of the Church Commissions, “The Ascetical Teaching of the Orthodox Church,” composing a new official Catechism of the Russian Orthodox Church: S. Vassa authored the sections on Repentance, Fear of God, Remembrance of Death, and Contrition
- From September 2013 – Dr. Larin has produced and hosted a popular catechetical YouTube video-program, *Coffee with Sr. Vassa*, which offers explanations of Liturgy and Scripture in a creative way. (Over 50 videos; 350,000 views to date).

PUBLICATIONS

57 publications, written in English, German, or Russian. These include a book in the prestigious *Orientalia Christiana Analecta* series (vol. 286); an encyclopedia article in the *Pravoslavnaia Enciklopedia*; contributions to scholarly periodicals in Europe and the United States; and more popular, pastorally-oriented diocesan journals published in Moscow, New York, and Munich. The subjects of the publications range from the history and theology of Liturgy to various issues of Church History and patristic thought (the principle of *oikonomia*, the origins of monasticism, the concept of *ritual purity*, the concept of Tradition in the Orthodox Church).

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Abbreviations:

ECJ = *Eastern Churches Journal*

PSTBI = Pravoslavnyj Svjato-Tixonovskij Bogoslovskij Institut (St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Institute)

PSTBU = Pravoslavnyj Svjato-Tixonovskij Bogoslovskij Universitet (St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological University)

ROCOR = The Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia

VGE = *Vestnik Germanskoj Eparxii* (The Herald of the German Diocese)

1. "Das Typikon und wie man es benutzt," *Der Bote* 4 (2000) 34-35.
2. "Православные праздники и праздничное богослужение" [Orthodox Feasts and Festal Liturgy], VGE 5-6 (2000) 34-35.
3. "Праздник Сретения и история его" [The Feast of the Meeting of the Lord and its History], *ibid.* 35-36.
4. "Первые годы РПЦЗ (1920-1921 гг.) в исследовании историка прот. Владислава Ципина" [The First Years of the ROCOR (1920-1921) according to the Study of the Historian Rev. Vladislav Cipin], VGE 2 (2002) 23-24.
5. "Как следует класть поклоны в храме?" [How are prostrations to be made in church?] VGE 3 (2002) 21-23.
6. Reprint of no. 4 in *Pravoslavnaja Rus'* 12 (2003) 11-12.
7. Electronic publication of no. 4: <http://nika.name/cgi-bin/sto+/>.
8. "Церковный принцип икономии и РПЦЗ при митрополите Анастасии" [The Ecclesiastical Principle of Oikonomia and the ROCOR under Metr. Anastassy], in Prot. Vladimir Vorobiev (ed.), *Ežegodnaja Bogoslovskaja Konferencija PSTBI. Materialy* (Moscow 2003) 226-235.
9. Electronic publication of no. 8 on the official website of the ROCOR's Diocese of Berlin and Germany: www.rocor.de.
10. "The Ecclesiastical Principle of Oikonomia and the ROCOR under Metr. Anastassy," (English translation of no. 8), electronically published on the ROCOR's official website: www.russianorthodoxchurch.ws/synod.
11. "Русскость Русской Зарубежной Церкви в период 1920-1945 гг. в аспекте церковной икономии" [The Russianness of the Russian Church Abroad in the Years 1920-1945 from the Perspective of Ecclesial Oikonomia] in Prot. Vladimir Vorobiev (ed.), *Ežegodnaja Bogoslovskaja Konferencija PSTBU. Materialy* (Moscow 2004) 305-312.
12. Unauthorized abbreviated version of no. 11 in *Blagodatnyj Ogon'* 12 (2004) 20-30.
13. Unauthorized abbreviated version of no. 11 in *Moskva* (March 2004) 227-238.
14. "От Всероссийского церковного собора к Всероссийскому Собору, или: Что такое «Православное Епископство Церкви Российския»?" [From an All-Russian Church Council to an All-Russian Council, or: What is "The Orthodox Bishopric of the Russian Church"?] *Pravoslavnaja Rus'* 13 (2004) 12-14.
15. Electronic publication of no. 14 on the ROCOR's official website: http://www.synod.com/synod/documents/art_srvassa.html.
16. "Слава Богу, Свою Церковь не оставляющему. Самосознание РПЦЗ на Третьем Всезарубежном Соборе 1974 г." [Glory be to God, Who did not Abandon His Church: The Self-Perception of the ROCOR at the Third All-Diaspora Council of 1974], in: *XVI Ежегодная богословская конференция ПСТГУ: Материалы*. Moscow 2006, vol. 2, 203-207.

17. "Glory be to God, Who did not Abandon His Church: The Self-Perception of the ROCOR at the Third All-Diaspora Council of 1974," an English translation of no. 16, electronically published on the ROCOR's official website: www.russianorthodoxchurch.ws./synod.
18. "Как мы могли остаться русскими" [How We Remained Russian], *My* 4 (2005) 10-11.
19. "Двупсалмие" [The Two-Psalm Rite] in *Pravoslavnaia Enciklopedija*, Moscow 2006, vol. 14, 269-70.
20. "The Commemoration of Civil Authorities in the Byzantine Rite as a Reflection of the Church's Conception of the State," electronically published in both English and Russian on the official website of the Theological Commission of the Moscow Patriarchate: www.bogoslov.ru.
21. "Russisch-Orthodoxe Religionslehre," with no indication of author, published on the website of the Bavarian Ministry of Culture: www.isb-gym8-lehrplan.de/.
22. "The Dikerion and Trikerion of the Byzantine Pontifical Rite: Origins and Significance," *Orientalia Christiana Periodica* 74 (2008) 417-430.
23. "What is Ritual Im/Purity and Why?" *St. Vladimir's Theological Quarterly* 52: 3-4 (2008) 275-92.
24. Unauthorized electronic publication of no. 23: http://www.pravmir.com/article_660.html.
25. Unauthorized electronic publication of no.23: <http://www.descentoftheholyspirit.org/articles/article9.html>.
26. "The Origins and History of the Royal Office at the Beginning of Matins," *Bollettino della Badia Greca di Grottaferrata* 3/5 (2008) 199-218.
27. "Feasting and Fasting According to the Byzantine Typikon," *Worship* 83 (2009), 133-148.
28. Interview online, "Orthodoxy is Not a Religion of Fear," on the website *Historical Studies of the Russian Church Abroad*, posted May 4, 2009: <http://rocorstudies.org/?part=articles&aid=10764>.
29. Interview online, "Orthodoxy: Affirmation, not Negation," on the website *Historical Studies of the Russian Church Abroad*, posted September 4, 2009: <http://rocorstudies.org/?part=articles&aid=11025>.
30. "Fr. Alexander Schmemmann and Monasticism," *St. Vladimir's Theological Quarterly* 53:2-3 (2009) 301-318.
31. Russian translation of No. 29 on the theological website of the Moscow Patriarchate, posted October 5, 2009: <http://www.bogoslov.ru/text/477792.html>.
32. "A Peculiarity in the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom in Russia: Commemoration of Civil Authorities," *Studia Liturgica* 39 (2009) 15-22.
33. Russian translation of No. 28 on the theological website of the Moscow Patriarchate, posted October 28, 2009: <http://www.bogoslov.ru/text/492311.html>.
34. "Поминование гражданских властей в богослужении византийского обряда как выражение церковного понимания государства," in *V Международная Конференция Русской Православной Церкви: Православное учение о церковных таинствах, Москва 13-16 ноября 2007 г.*, vol. III, Moscow 2009, 441-454.
35. "Toward the Origins of Singing *It is Worthy* (Axion Estin) at the Entrance of a Bishop into Church in the Byzantine Rite," in D. Galadza – N. Glibetic – G. Radle (eds.), *ТОХОТНС. Studies for Stefano Parenti* (Analekta Kryptoferres 9), Grottaferrata 2010, 267-275.

36. Interview online, “Богословие научно, если им заниматься компетентно” (Theology is Scientific, When Studied Competently), on the website of the St. Tatiana’s church of Moscow State University, *Tatianin Den*, posted June 23, 2010: <http://www.taday.ru/text/482371.html>. Also posted on the official website of the Moscow Patriarchate: <http://www.patriarchia.ru/db/text/1186677.html>; in English translation and in Russian on the official website of the Russian Church Abroad: http://www.synod.com/synod/engdocuments/enart_srvassatheology.html.
37. “Поминование гражданских властей в богослужении византийского обряда как выражение церковного понимания государства,” (No. 34) in *КАЛОΦΩΝΙΑ. Wissenschaftlicher Sammelband aus der Geschichte der kirchlichen Monodie und Hymnographie. Heft 5*, Lviv 2010, 9-19.
38. «Ритуальная нечистота: что это и зачем?», Russian translation of «What is Ritual Purity and Why?» (No. 23) on the Russian website, *Pravoslavie i mir (Orthodoxy and the World)*, posted September 15, 2010: <http://www.pravmir.ru/o-ritualnoj-nechistote-cto-eto-i-zachem/>.
39. With Robert F. Taft, “Questions on the Eastern Churches: A New Author, a New Beginning, and Updated ‘QBox’ Rules,” *ECJ* 15/1 (2008) 141-143 (appeared 2010).
40. “Questions on the Eastern Churches 22: Two Questions on Ruthenian Liturgical Usage: Why Is There No Conferral of Cuffs at Diaconal Ordinations? And Who Bows to Whom During the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete?” *ECJ* 15/1 (2008) 144-146 (appeared 2010).
41. *The Hierarchal Divine Liturgy in Arsenij Suxanov’s Proskinitarij: Text, Translation, and Analysis of the Entrance Rites* (Orientalia Christiana Analecta 286), Rome 2010.
42. “The Hierarchal Liturgy in Late Byzantium and After: Toward a Liturgical Ecclesiology,” *St. Vladimir’s Theological Quarterly* 55:1 (2011) 5-26.
43. “The Canonical Rules of the Orthodox Church: Theory and Practice,” *Logos* 52, 3-4 (2012) 313-330.
44. “The Bishop as Minister of the Prothesis? Reconsidering the Evidence in Byzantine and Muscovite Sources,” in B. Groen – S. Hawkes-Teeple – S. Alexopoulos (eds.), *Inquiries into Eastern Christian Worship*, Leuven 2012, 319-330.
45. “Das Priester- und Opferverständnis in der Orthodoxen Kirche”, *Orthodoxes Forum* 1-2 (2011 [appeared in 2012]) 181-185.
46. “Roman Catholic Students at Russian Orthodox Liturgy: The Communion of the Churches, *From the Bottom Up*,” *Worship* 86/4 (2012) 311-323.
47. “Active Participation of the Faithful in Byzantine Liturgy,” *St. Vladimir’s Theological Quarterly* 57:1 (2013) 67-88.
48. “Zur Entstehungsgeschichte des ‘königlichen’ Anfangs des byzantinischen Morgengottesdienstes,” in Hans-Jürgen Feulner (Hg.), *Liturgies in East and West: Ecumenical Relevance of Early Liturgical Development – Acts of the International Symposium Vindobonense I, Vienna, November 17-20, 2007* (Österreichische Studien zur Liturgiewissenschaft und Sakramententheologie 6), Vienna 2013, 225-242.
49. “The Opening Formula of the Byzantine Divine Liturgy, ‘Blessed is the Kingdom,’ Among Other Liturgical Beginnings,” *Studia Liturgica* 43:2 (2013) 229–255.

PUBLICATIONS IN PRESS (May 2015)

50. "Feasting and Fasting According to the Byzantine Typikon" (No. 27), in *Oriente Lumen XII Conference. Proceedings – 2008. June 16-19, 2008, at the Pope John Paul II Conference Center, Washington, DC* (Fairfax, VA: Eastern Churches Publications, 2009), in press.
51. With Robert F. Taft, "Questions on the Eastern Churches 23: What Does this Icon Text Say?" in press in ECJ.
52. With Robert F. Taft, "Questions on the Eastern Churches 24: Byzantine sources refer to two baptisteries at Justinian's Hagia Sophia, the "Great Baptistry" and the "Small Baptistry." Only one of these is still extant, but authoritative modern commentators disagree as to which one. What is your opinion?" in press in ECJ.
53. With Robert F. Taft, "Questions on the Eastern Churches 26: Great and Little Compline in the Byzantine Divine Office," in press in ECJ.
54. With Robert F. Taft, "Questions on the Eastern Churches 27: On the Easter Homily Read at the Byzantine Paschal Liturgy," in press in ECJ.
55. "Questions on the Eastern Churches 28: What Does it Mean to be a Christian in the 21st Century?" in press in ECJ.
56. "Liturgical Crisis in Russian Orthodoxy Today," in press in *Greek Orthodox Theological Review* (2014).
57. "The Liturgical Beginning in the *Pantelleria* Typikon: A Case Sui Generis," in press in *Worship*.

LIST OF PUBLIC LECTURES, SEMINARS, AND SCHOLARLY CONGRESSES

1. October 20-25, 1997, "The Structure and Symbolism of Vespers and Matins," week-long seminar held at the *First Congress of the Archdiocese of Berlin and Germany for Church Cantors and Choir Directors*; Munich, Germany.
2. February 7-12, 2000, "How to Prepare for a Church Service Using the Typikon," week-long seminar held at the *Second Congress of the Archdiocese of Berlin and Germany for Church Cantors and Choir Directors*; Cologne, Germany.
3. January 23, 2002, "Die Wege der russischen Kirchenmusik," (The Historical Path of Russian Church Music) lecture read at a diocesan fund-raiser in the Kirchenzentrum in Darmstadt, Germany.
4. June 27, 2002, "Prostrations in the Typikon and Prostrations in Life: How are Prostrations Done in Church?," lecture read at the *Third Congress of the Archdiocese of Berlin and Germany for Church Cantors and Choir Directors*; June 25-29, 2002, Cologne, Germany.
5. November 15, 2002, "Церковный принцип икономии и Русская Православная Церковь Заграницей (РПЦЗ) при Митр. Анастасии," (The Principle of *oikonomia* and the ROCOR at the Time of Metropolitan Anastassy) lecture given at the *Second Conference on the History of the Russian Orthodox Church in the 20th Century* of the Moscow Patriarchate; St. Andrew's Monastery, Moscow, November 13-17, 2002.
6. January 23, 2003, same lecture read at the *Theological Conference of the St. Tikhon Institute*; Moscow State University (MGU), Moscow, Jan. 22-25, 2003.
7. July 15, 2003, "The Lives of the Saints in Vespers and Matins," seminar given at the *Fourth Congress of the Archdiocese of Berlin and Germany for Church Cantors and Choir Directors*; July 14-19, 2003, Cologne, Germany.
8. January 22, 2004, "Русскость Русской Зарубежной Церкви в период 1920-1945 гг. в аспекте церковной икономии," lecture given at the *Theological Conference of the Orthodox St. Tikhon Humanities University*; Moscow, Jan. 21-24, 2004.

9. January 27, 2006, “Слава Богу, Свою Церковь не оставляющему. Самосознание РПЦЗ на Третьем Всезарубежном Соборе 1974 г.,” paper read at the *Theological Conference of the Orthodox St. Tikhon Humanities University*; Moscow, Jan. 26-28, 2006.
10. July 25, 2006, “The Origins and History of the Royal Office at the Beginning of Matins,” paper delivered at the *First International Congress of the Society for Oriental Liturgy (SOL)*; Collegium Orientale, Eichstätt, Germany, July 23-28, 2006.
11. September 15, 2007, “The Commemoration of Civil Authorities in the Byzantine Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom,” paper given at the *International Scientific Symposium in Honour of the 1600th Anniversary of the Death of St. John Chrysostom*; Sept. 13-18, 2007, Phanar, Istanbul.
12. November 14, 2007, “The Commemoration of Civil Authorities in the Byzantine and Muscovite Traditions as a Reflection of the Church’s Conception of the State,” paper given at *The Vth International Theological Conference of the Russian Orthodox Church: Orthodox Teaching on the Sacraments of the Church*; November 13-16, 2007, Danilovskij Hotel, Moscow.
13. January 4, 2008, “The Commemoration of Civil Authorities in the Byzantine Rite: Past and Present,” paper presented at the *Annual Congress of the North American Academy of Liturgy (NAAL)*; Jan. 3-6, 2008, Savannah, Georgia.
14. Spring Semester, 2008, “Great Books on Liturgiology,” seminar prepared and conducted together with Prof. Robert F. Taft, Pontifical Oriental Institute, Rome.
15. March 13, 2008, “The Task of Greek-Catholic and Orthodox Theologians in Contemporary Ukraine,” talk to Ukrainian theology students studying abroad on the occasion of their visit to the Pontifical Oriental Institute, Rome.
16. June 18, 2008, “Feasting and Fasting According to the Byzantine Typikon,” lecture at the *Oriental Lumen Conference XII East: “Feast Days of the Eastern Churches”*; June 16-19, 2008, Pope John Paul II Conference Center, Washington, DC.
17. June 21, 2008, “What is Ritual Im/Purity and Why?” lecture given at the conference, *Women in Orthodoxy: Past and Present*; June 20-22, at the Russian Orthodox Church of the Intercession, Glen Cove, NY.
18. June 24, 2008, “Feasting and Fasting According to the Byzantine Typikon,” lecture at the *Oriental Lumen Conference XII West: “Feast Days of the Eastern Churches”*; June 23-26, The University of San Diego, San Diego, CA.
19. July 8, 2008, same lecture given at the *Oriental Lumen Conference XII North: “Feast Days of the Eastern Churches”*; July 7-10, Detroit, MI.
20. September 19, 2008, “The Bishop as Minister of the Prothesis? Reconsidering the Evidence in Byzantine and Muscovite Sources,” communication delivered at the *Second International Congress of the Society of Oriental Liturgy (SOL)*; Sept. 17-21, 2008, Rome, Italy.
21. January 4, 2009, “What is Ritual Purity and Why?” paper presented at the *Annual Congress of the North American Academy of Liturgy (NAAL)*; Jan. 3-6, 2009, Baltimore, MD.
22. January 31, 2009, “Fr. Alexander Schmemmann and Monasticism,” lecture given at the *St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary International Liturgical Symposium: “The Past and Future of Liturgical Theology: Celebrating the Legacy of Father Alexander Schmemmann”*; January 29-31, Crestwood, NY. (Audio recording accessible online at: http://ancientfaith.com/specials/svs_liturgical_symposium/father_alexander_schmemmann_and_monasticism).

23. July 25, 2009, “Die Zielsetzungen und Aufbau der Lehrpläne für Russisch-Orthodoxe Religionslehre,“(The Objectives and Structure of the Educational Program for Russian-Orthodox Catechism) paper presented at the *Religionslehrer-Treffen der Russisch-Orthodoxen Diözese von Berlin und Deutschland*; July 24-26, 2009, Buchendorf, Germany.
24. October 27, 2009, «Архиєрейська Літургія у пізньовізантійській добі та опісля: причинки до літургійної еклезіології», major paper delivered at the *Sixth International Scholarly Conference of Ukrainian Catholic University*, „Liturgy and Liturgical Singing of the Byzantine Rite in its Historical Development,“ October 27-29, Lviv, Ukraine.
25. December 5, 2009, “Klöster und das klösterliche Leben in der Russisch-Orthodoxen Kirche,“ talk given at the Catholic youth conference, *Treffpunkt Benedikt*, Dec. 5-6, Monastery of Kremsmünster, Austria.
26. January 9, 2010, “Toward the Origins of Singing Axion Estin at the Entrance of a Hierarch,“ paper presented at the *Annual Congress of the North American Academy of Liturgy (NAAL)*; Jan. 7-10, 2010, Milwaukee, WI.
27. January 25, 2010, “Liturgische Askese der Ostkirche und die Rechtfertigungslehre,“ (The Liturgical Asceticism of the Eastern Church and the Teaching on Justification) lecture given at St. Paul’s Evangelical Church as part of the lecture series, *Faith and Works – 10 Year Anniversary of the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine on Justification*, Vienna, Austria.
28. Spring Semester, 2010, “Feste und Fasten im liturgische Leben des christlichen Ostens,“ (Feasting and Fasting in the Liturgical Life of the Christian East) seminar taught at the Institute of Liturgical Studies of the Catholic Theological Faculty, University of Vienna, Austria.
29. May 29, 2010, “The Hierarchal Liturgy in Late Byzantium and After: Toward a Liturgical Ecclesiology,“ major paper presented at the *Third International Congress of the Society of Oriental Liturgy (SOL)*; May 26-30, 2010, Volos, Greece.
30. July 8, 2010, “Life, Liturgy, and the Canons of the Orthodox Church Today,“ major paper delivered at the *Oriente Lumen Euro-East III Conference: The Councils of the Church*; July 5-8, 2010, Istanbul, Turkey.
31. Winter Semester, 2010-2011, “Liturgiewissenschaft I: Grundlegung” (Introduction to Liturgical Studies), required course taught at the Institute of Liturgical Studies, University of Vienna, Austria.
32. Winter Semester, 2010-2011, “Sakramentliche Feiern,“ (Celebrating the Sacraments), required course taught at the Institute of Liturgical Studies, University of Vienna, Austria.
33. December 3, 2010, “Das Priester- und Opferverständnis bei Orthodoxen,“ (The Orthodox Concept of Priest and Eucharistic Sacrifice) paper delivered at the *13. Kölner Liturgische Tagung: Priester und Meßopfer*; December 2-4, 2010, Cologne, Germany.
34. January 22, 2011, „Liturgie und Mysterium“ (Liturgy and Mystery), evening course taught at the Theological Courses of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vienna in Vienna, Austria.
35. January 24, 2011, “Das Kirchenkalender der Orthodoxen Kirche: Feste und Fasten” (The Orthodox Church Calendar: Feasting and Fasting), evening course taught at the Theological Courses of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vienna (Theologische Kurse der Erzdiözese Wien) in Vienna, Austria.

36. May 28 and May 30, 2011: same evening courses (see numbers 34 and 35 above) taught at the Theological Courses of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vienna in Vienna, Austria.
37. June 2 – 4, 2011, participation in *The Ninth International Liturgical Conference* of Bose Monastery, “Ars Liturgica: L’Arte a Servizio della Liturgia” (Art at the Service of the Liturgy), Bose (North Italy).
38. June 21, 2011, “The Communion of the Churches *From the Bottom Up*: Roman Catholic Students at Orthodox Liturgy,” major paper delivered at the *Oriente Lumen XV Conference, Rome and the Communion of the Churches: Bishop, Patriarch or Pope?*; June 20-23, 2011, Washington, DC.
39. October 26, 2011, “The Greek and Slavonic Sources of the Byzantine Hierarchical Divine Liturgy,” paper delivered at the *International Liturgical Symposium, Ad fontes liturgicos* of the Ukrainian Liturgical Center, October 26-27, 2011, Lviv, Ukraine.
40. December 27, 2011, “Der Sinn und Zweck der Liturgiewissenschaft” (“What do Liturgists do and Why?”), lecture given at the diocesan conference of the annual *Orthodox Seminar of the Diocese of Berlin and Germany of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad* in the Cathedral of the Holy New Martyrs of Russia, December 26-28, 2011, Munich, Germany.
41. January 6, 2012, “The Opening Formula of the Byzantine Divine Liturgy, ‘Blessed is the Kingdom,’ among Other Liturgical Beginnings,” paper presented at the *Annual Congress of the North American Academy of Liturgy (NAAL)*; Jan. 5-8, 2012, Montreal, Canada.
42. January 24, 2012, “Die Byzantinische Liturgie und der Liturgiegesang” (“The Byzantine Liturgy and Liturgical Singing”), lecture given at a lecture series of Graz University, *Voices of Worship. Liturgies and their Music in Judaism and Christianity*, academic year of 2011/2012, Graz, Austria.
43. Spring Semester, 2012, “Liturgie und Leben mit den Augen einer Frau des 4. Jhdts.: Reisebericht der Egeria” (Liturgy and Life Through the Eyes of a 4th-c. Woman), seminar taught at the Institute of Liturgical Studies of the Catholic Theological Faculty, University of Vienna, Austria.
44. March 22, 2012, “Recent Developments in Russian Orthodox Religious Education in Bavaria, Germany,” talk given at the *Religious Education and Multiculturalism* seminar at the Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, Vienna, Austria.
45. June 16, 2012, “Why Study the History of the Liturgy?” talk given at St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral (of the Orthodox Church in America) in Washington, DC. Video of this talk available online on Vimeo: vimeo.com/46540883.
46. June 17, 2012, same talk (No. 45) given at parish of the Orthodox Church in America in Reston, Virginia. Video of this talk available online on Vimeo: vimeo.com/46002565.
47. June 20, 2012, “The Active Participation of the Faithful in the Byzantine Liturgy,” major paper given at the *Oriente Lumen Conference XVI: The Theology of the Laity*, June 18-23, Washington, DC. Audio podcast of this talk available online on Ancient Faith Radio: http://ancientfaith.com/specials/oriente_lumen_xvi_conference/sr_dr_vassa_larin_orthodox.
48. June 24, 2012, “Чем занимается литургическая наука, и зачем?” (What Does Liturgical Studies Do, and Why?), talk given at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist (of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad) in Washington, DC.
49. June 28, 2012, same talk (No. 48) given at the Synod of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad in New York City, New York.

50. October 6, 2012, "Der Aufbau der Göttlichen Liturgie und das Orthodoxe Kirchenjahr" (The Structure of the Divine Liturgy and the Orthodox Church Calendar), seminar taught for the Theological Courses of the Roman-Catholic Archdiocese of Vienna at the educational center of the archdiocese on Stephansplatz in Vienna, Austria.
51. October 12, 2013, "Die Rezeption des Ravenna-Dokuments in der Russisch-Orthodoxen Kirche" (The Reception of the Ravenna Document in the Russian Orthodox Church), paper given at the first annual meeting of the Kommission junger orthodoxen und katholischen Theologen und Theologinnen (Commission of Young Orthodox and Catholic Theologians), Oct. 11-13 at the Pallottihaus in Vienna, Austria.
52. December 27, 2012, "Aktivnoe ucastie verujuscix v pravoslavnom bogoslužhenii" (The Active Participation of the Faithful in Orthodox Liturgy), paper presented at the "Open Orthodox Seminar" of the ROCOR Archdiocese of Berlin and Germany, Dec. 26-28, 2013, at the Cathedral of the New Martyrs of Russia in Munich, Germany.
53. January 4, 2013, "Participatio Actuosa and Byzantine Liturgy," paper presented at the annual meeting of the North American Academy of Liturgy, Jan. 3-6, 2013 in Albuquerque, New Mexico (USA).
54. February 12-15, 2013, "Feasting and Fasting in the Byzantine Tradition," series of seven lectures given at the annual pre-Lenten clergy retreat of the Antiochian Orthodox Diocese of Wichita and Mid-America in Wichita, Kansas (USA).
55. February 22, 2013, "Icon and Word in Byzantine Liturgy," paper presented at the *2013 Huffington Ecumenical Symposium: Icons and Images*, at the Huffington Ecumenical Institute of Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, California (USA), Feb. 22-23, 2013.
56. March 1, 2013, "Das orthodoxe Amtsverständnis," (The Orthodox Understanding of Church Authority), talk given at the Adult Catechism-Courses of the Roman-Catholic Archdiocese of Vienna, Austria on Stephansplatz in Vienna, Austria.
57. March 16, 2013, "Liturgical Crisis in Russian Orthodoxy Today: When Words Lose Their Meaning," paper presented at international conference, *Orthodox Liturgy: Lessons from the Past, Contemporary Trends, and Opportunities*, March 15-16, at Hellenic College Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, MA (USA).
58. From September 2, 2013, "Coffee with Sister Vassa," broadcast of a weekly 10-minute Youtube-program on the church calendar and liturgy:
<http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCH-FBwgf93rU-g8BH3xiuUQ>
59. January 4, 2014, "The Liturgical Beginning in the Typikon of *Pantelleria*: A Case Sui Generis," paper presented at the annual meeting of the North American Academy of Liturgy, Jan. 3-6, 2014 in Orlando, Florida (USA).
60. May 5, 2014, "Communion of the Saints," the 14th Annual Sts. Cyril and Methodius Lecture at Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (USA).
61. May 8, 2014, "The Canonical Rules of the Orthodox Church in Theory and Practice," major paper at the Volos International Conference on Orthodox Canonical Tradition, Volos Theological Academy in Volos (Greece).
62. June 5, 2014, "Living Tradition in the Now," lecture at Hellenic College Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Boston, Massachusetts (USA).
63. June 12, 2014, "Living the Church Calendar Day to Day," at The Annual Antiochian Orthodox Parish Life Conference of Western America in San Antonio, Texas (USA).

64. June 24, 2014, "Marriage and Asceticism in the Lives of the Saints," at Orientale Lumen Conference XVIII on Ecumenical Perspectives on Marriage, in Washington, DC (USA).
65. August 9, 2014, "Mystery and History: Two Pillars of Tradition," at the Annual New Skete Pilgrimage at New Skete, New York (USA).
66. December 26-29, 2014, "What Does Liturgy Do?" a series of talks to young people at St. Herman's Youth Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio (USA).
67. January 1, 2015, "Saints Boniface and Aglaida," at Holy Virgin ROCOR parish in Ann Arbor, Michigan (USA).
68. February 14, 2015, "Spirituality and Organized Religion," annual lecture of Men in Black Annual Conference in Diamond Springs, California (USA). Video of talk is available online: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=da9XCPS6XeY>
69. February 20, 2015, "Coffee with Sr. Vassa Live," at St. Paul Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Los Angeles, California (USA).
70. March 20, 2015, «Современный кризис литургического благочестия» ("The Contemporary Crisis in Orthodox Liturgical Piety") talk given at Moscow State University in Moscow (Russia). Video of talk is available online: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=65hBTk-wIIg>
71. March 21, 2015, «Церковность и современный мир интернета и социальных медиа» ("Being Church in the Age of Internet and Social Media"), lecture delivered at Moscow State University in Moscow (Russia).
72. May 2, 2015, "Living and Learning Orthodoxy in a Heterodox Context," talk given at St Mary Magdalene Russian Orthodox Church, Gran Vía de Hortaleza 48, Madrid (Spain).
73. June 25, 2015, "Church and Church Authority: Contemporary Questions," talk given at St. John the Baptist ROCOR Cathedral, 4001 17th St NW, Washington, DC (USA).
74. June 26, 2015, (together with Steven Christoforou), "Orthodoxy Online: Coffee with Sr. Vassa & Be the Bee." Talk given at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 337E. 74th Street, New York, NY (USA).
75. June 27, 2015, "Does Tradition Change?" lecture presented at the *ROCOR Women's Conference, Living And Thinking Orthodoxy: Yesterday and Today*, at the Intercession of the Holy Virgin ROCOR church, 14 Alvin Street, Glen Cove, NY (USA).
76. June 28, 2015, "Divorce and Divorcees in the Orthodox Church," lecture given at the OCA Orthodox Cathedral of the Holy Virgin Protection 59 E. 2nd Street NY, NY (USA).
77. July 2-5, 2015, "Being Church in an Age of Fluidity," plenary lecture of the *Sheptytsky Institute Study Days*, University of Toronto, St. Michael's College, Toronto (CANADA).