

Curriculum Vitae



Bejenariu Florentin Ionel

I. **BIOGRAPHICAL DATA**

- Born on July 5, 1978, to FLOREA and AURICA **BEJENARIU** in Câmpulung Moldovenesc, Suceava County.

I was given the first names **Florentin-Ionel** at the Holy Baptism.

II. **EDUCATION**

- **1984–1992** – **student** of the BOGDAN VODĂ Middle School (Grades 1–8) in Câmpulung Moldovenesc, Suceava County;
- **1994–1997** – **classes** (1st, 2nd and 3rd year of study) of the Veniamin Costachi Orthodox Theological Seminary at the Neamț Monastery in Neamț County, which I had to discontinue for medical reasons;
- **2006–2009** – **resumed and completed** the classes of the Veniamin Costachi Orthodox Theological Seminary at the Neamț Monastery in Neamț County;
- **2009–2013** – Patriarch Justinian Faculty of Orthodox Theology within the University of Bucharest, being awarded the **Bachelor of Theology** in the field of **PASTORAL THEOLOGY** based on the thesis *The Conversion of Saint Paul* (thesis advisor Rev. Assoc. Prof. Constantin PREDA, PhD);
- **2016–2018** – master’s degree program at the Patriarch Justinian Faculty of Orthodox Theology within the University of Bucharest, being awarded the **Master of Theology** in the field of **PASTORAL CARE AND LITURGICAL LIFE** based on defending the thesis *Canonical, Statutory and Legal Provisions Related to Church Trade* (thesis advisor Rev. Assoc. Prof. George GRIGORIȚĂ, PhD);
- **2019–present** – doctoral studies in the field of **POLITICAL SCIENCE** at the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, with the dissertation/topic *The Romanian Orthodox Church and the Romanian Nation- and State-Building Process: from Autocephaly (1885) to Patriarchate (1925)* (doctoral advisor Prof. Mihail E. IONESCU, PhD).

III. **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- **1992** (June 16)–**1994** – lived in the community of the PUTNA Monastery in Suceava (Archdiocese of Suceava and Rădăuți), where I was accepted as a **brother** by the Archimandrite Iachint UNCIULEAC, abbot of the monastery;
- **1997** (February 2) – **took the monastic vows** at the BISTRIȚA Monastery in Neamț, receiving the name of JOACHIM, with Archimandrite Ciprian ZAHARIA as my monastic godfather;

- **1997** (August 1) – **ordained Hierodeacon** at the BISTRIȚA Monastery in Neamț County by His Eminence DANIEL, Metropolitan of Moldavia and Bucovina, in the Saint Paisius Chapel of the Neamț Monastery;
- **1999–2000** – completed **military service** at the National Bank of Romania (Banca Națională a României/BNR) in Bucharest;
- **2008** (July 14) – pursuant to the High Resolution No. 6.196, I was adopted by the Archdiocese of Bucharest (Romanian Patriarchate) and joined the community of the Dragoslavele Skete (patriarchal stavropegic monastery) in Argeș County;
- **2008** (August 1) – **transferred** by Episcopal Decision to the Patriarchal Cathedral in Bucharest;
- **2010** (August 6) – ordained **Archdeacon** at the Patriarchal Cathedral in Bucharest by His Beatitude DANIEL, Patriarch of the Romanian Orthodox Church;
- **2011** (February 13) – ordained **Hieromonk** at the Patriarchal Cathedral in Bucharest by His Grace CIPRIAN Câmpineanul – Patriarchal Vicar Bishop, with the High Approval of His Beatitude DANIEL, Patriarch of the ROC;
- **2011** (June 27) – became a **confessor** after taking the exam of Capacity for Priesthood, being ordained confessor by His Beatitude DANIEL, Patriarch of the ROC;
- **2012** (August 6) – raised to the rank of **protosyncellus**, being ordained at the Patriarchal Cathedral by His Beatitude DANIEL, Patriarch of the ROC.

IV. **SCIENTIFIC AND PUBLISHING ACTIVITY**

- **2014** – initiated and coordinated the publication of **the first advertising catalog of Orthodox objects and books** of the Archdiocese of Bucharest (Romanian Patriarchate) at the Printing House of the Biblical and Orthodox Mission Institute in Bucharest;
- **2019** – coordinated the reprint (second edition) of the **advertising catalog of Orthodox objects and books** of the Archdiocese of Bucharest (Romanian Patriarchate) at the Printing House of the Biblical and Orthodox Mission Institute in Bucharest;
- **2019** (October 21–23) – participated in the **Symposium** “The Human Mind: Restructuring and Enlightenment” organized by the Faculty of Theology in Craiova, holding a presentation on:
 - ✓ “The Soul: Between Science and Faith”
- **2019** – **publication in the STUDII TEOLOGICE** (*Theological Studies*) **magazine of the Romanian Patriarchate (issue no. 4):**
 - ✓ “The Seeds of the Russian Revolution of October 1917”;
- **published articles** in **ZIARUL LUMINA** (*Lumina Newspaper*) of the Romanian Patriarchate – print and online issues;

- **June 22, 2020** – “The Two Names of Saint Paul the Apostle”:
 - ✓ <https://ziarullumina.ro/opinii/repere-si-idei/cele-doua-nume-ale-sfantului-apostol-pavel-154975.html>
- **June 29, 2020** – “Saul’s Encounter with Christ”:
 - ✓ <https://ziarullumina.ro/actualitate-religioasa/documentar/intalnirea-lui-saul-cu-heristos-155142.html>
- **July 16, 2020** – “Specifics of Trade in the Romanian Orthodox Church”:
 - ✓ <https://ziarullumina.ro/actualitate-religioasa/documentar/specificul-colportajului-in-biserica-ortodoxa-romana-155610.html>
- **August 30, 2020** – “Time in the Vision and Work of Saint Dionysius Exiguus”:
 - ✓ <https://ziarullumina.ro/actualitate-religioasa/documentar/timpul-in-viziunea-si-opera-sfantului-dionisie-exiguul-156675.html>.
- **September 9, 2020** – “Family: The Uncorrupted Altar of Love”:
 - ✓ <https://ziarullumina.ro/teologie-si-spiritualitate/theologica/familia-altarul-neprihanit-al-iubirii-156928.html>
- **January 27, 2021** – “An Exquisite Gift at the Time of Celebration”:
 - ✓ <https://ziarullumina.ro/filantropie/un-dar-ales-la-ceas-de-sarbatoare-160129.html>
- **2020** (October 24) – participated in the **9th Scientific Session** at the **Faculty of Law within the University of East Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina**, which had the general topic “Challenges of the Legal System,” and held a presentation on:
 - ✓ “Retrocession of Confiscated Church Property: an Act of Justice and an Enormous Benefit for Romanian Society.”
- **2021** (May 24–26) – participated in the sessions of the **international symposium** with the general topic “Forms of Organization and Operation of Orthodox Monasticism: Bimillenary Tradition and Contemporary Challenges,” and held a presentation on:
 - ✓ “The Organization of Monasticism in Wallachia and Moldavia between 1881 and 1918”;
- **2021** (September 20) – participated in the **10th Scientific Session** at the **Faculty of Law within the University of East Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina**, which had the general topic “The Contradictions of Contemporary Law,” and held a presentation on:
 - ✓ “The Romanian Orthodox Church – from Autocephaly to Patriarchate: State and Religious Action. The Main Directions of Obtaining Autocephaly in Relation to the Ecumenical Patriarchate”;
- **2021** – published **the book**:

- ✓ “TRADE IN THE ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH: Historical, Cultural and Administrative Landmarks” – *BASILICA* Publishing House of the Romanian Patriarchate;
- **2021 – publications in the ORTODOXIA (issue no. 3, 2021) magazine of the Romanian Patriarchate:**
 - ✓ “77 Years since Saint Paraskeva Visited the Feast of Saint Demetrius the New”;
- to be published:
 - ✓ *Autocephaly and the “Inner Byzantium” in the Middle Ages: Landmarks for the Romanian Case;*

V. *ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITY*

- **2012** (August 1)–**2016** – appointed **Specialist Inspector in Economic Management** based on Addendum no. 1 to the Employment Agreement no. 717/2008 executed with the Archdiocese of Bucharest – Romanian Patriarchate;
- **2016** (November 1)–**present** – **Eparchial Counselor** in the Economic Section of the Bucharest Trade Department (BTD) pursuant to the Episcopal Decision no. 473 issued by the Archdiocese of Bucharest – Romanian Patriarchate.
- Between **2008** and **2022** I set up **13 shops/bookstores, 4 wholesale warehouses, 3 shop floors, one online store, one company (eco-friendly dry cleaner) and one place of business for funeral services:** Lumânări și Iconițe I Shop in Bucharest; Bucuria Pelerinului Shop in Bucharest; the first place of business of the company Chivotul Mare SRL, providing funeral services; Odoare Sfinte I Shop in Bucharest; Lumini de Sărbători I Central Trade Warehouse in Bucharest; Potirul de Aur Shop in Bucharest; the first eco-friendly dry cleaner for church vestments in Romania (Bucharest), called Bob de Rouă (the company Țarina Păstorului SRL); Artă Sacră Shop in Bucharest; Ornat Bisericești Shop in Bucharest; Chipuri Eterne icon workshop in Bucharest; Reverenda tailor shop in Bucharest; Lumini de Sărbători II Trade Warehouse in Ploiești; the first online store (website) of the Archdiocese of Bucharest, www.colportaj.ro; Odoare Sfinte II Shop in Ploiești; Altarul embroidery shop in Bucharest; Galeriile Cuvântul Vieții Shop in Bucharest; Ortodoxia Shop in Bucharest; the new location (350 sqm) of the Lumini de Sărbători I Central Retail and Supply Warehouse in Bucharest; Librăria Ortodoxă Shop in Bucharest; Daruri pentru Pelerini Shop in Bucharest; Lumini de Sărbători III Trade Warehouse in Câmpina; Lumini de Sărbători IV Trade Warehouse in Urlați; Lumânări și Iconițe II Shop in Bucharest.

VI. PASTORAL and MISSIONARY ACTIVITY

- **2012** (November 20) – through my activity within the Trade Department of the Archdiocese of Bucharest, I **contributed** to the signing of the **Protocol of Cooperation with the Ministry of Public Finance with a view to ensuring compliance with Law no. 103/1992** on the exclusive right of the religious denominations recognized by the Romanian State for the manufacturing of religious objects;
- **2013** (August 15–31) – **missionary visit** to the USA, State of New York, Middletown, at the Saint Demetrius the New Monastery. On this occasion I gifted the monastery, on behalf of His Beatitude DANIEL, Patriarch of the ROC, a vestment of Saint Demetrius the New, Patron Saint of Bucharest;
- **2017** (March 16) – **member** of the delegation of the Romanian Orthodox Church, together with His Grace SILUAN, Romanian Orthodox Bishop of Hungary, at the establishment of the Romanian Orthodox Parish in Zagreb, Croatia, dedicated to Saint John the Baptist and the Saints Emperors Constantine and Helena.
- **2018** (November 25) – one of the priests who served at **the consecration of the NATIONAL CATHEDRAL** in the year of the Centenary of the Great Union of 1918;

VII. AWARDS

- **2010** (October 20) – **Pectoral cross** and elevation to the rank of **archdeacon**. I was ordained by His Beatitude DANIEL, Patriarch of the ROC;
- **2010** (November 20) – Order of **Sanctus Stephanus Magnus** – awarded by His Beatitude DANIEL, Patriarch of the ROC;
- **2012** (August 6) – **Pectoral cross** and elevation to the rank of **protosyncellus**. I was ordained by His Beatitude DANIEL, Patriarch of the ROC;
- **2013** (October 30) – Order of the **Saints Emperors Constantine and Helena** – awarded by His Beatitude DANIEL, Patriarch of the ROC;
- **2016** (April 22) – **Saint Hierarch Anthim the Iberian** Honorary Diploma – awarded by His Beatitude DANIEL, Patriarch of the ROC;
- **2017** (April 14) – **Pectoral cross** for clergy awarded by His Beatitude Patriarch Theophilos III of Jerusalem;
- **2017** (October 28) – **Solemn Year of Holy Icons, Iconographers and Church Painters** Honorary Diploma – awarded by His Beatitude DANIEL, Patriarch of the ROC;

- **2017** (November 2) – *Commemorative Year of Patriarch Justinian and of the Defenders of Orthodoxy during Communism* Honorary Diploma – awarded by His Beatitude DANIEL, Patriarch of the ROC;
- **2018** (November 25) – Diploma awarded by His Beatitude DANIEL, Patriarch of the ROC, on occasion of *the consecration of the NATIONAL CATHEDRAL in the year of the Centenary of the Great Union of 1918*, for my contribution to the construction of the Cathedral – landmark of Romania;
- **2018** (November 28) – *SOL LUCET OMNIBUS Centenary Medal* awarded by Mihăiță NEGURĂ, Mayor of Câmpulung Moldovenesc, Suceava County, **on the celebration of the union of Bucovina with the Motherland 1918–2018**;
- **2019** (June 16) – *Australian Cross* for clergy, awarded by His Grace MIHAIL, Romanian Orthodox Bishop of Australia and New Zealand;
- **2019** (December 16) – Order of *Prince Saint Stephen the Great – 1st Degree*, awarded by His Eminence PETRU, Archbishop of Chișinău and Metropolitan of Bessarabia;
- **2020** (December 24) – *Solemn Year of Pastoral Care for Parents and Children and Commemorative Year of Romanian Orthodox Philanthropists* Honorary Diploma awarded by His Beatitude DANIEL, Patriarch of the ROC.