

Rev. Dr. Eugen J. Pentiuc Appointed *The Archbishop Demetrios Chair of Biblical Studies and Christian Origins* at Holy Cross

It gives me great joy to announce that Fr. Eugen J. Pentiuc has appointed as *The Archbishop Demetrios Professor of Biblical Studies and Christian Origins* at Holy Cross, effective July 1, 2018.

Fr. Eugen earned a Th.D. in Old Testament from Bucharest Orthodox School of Theology and a Ph.D. in Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations from Harvard University. He is also Élève titulaire of École biblique et archéologique française de Jérusalem.

Fr. Eugen is a Fulbright Scholar Fellow and a Lilly Faculty Fellow.

Fr. Eugen joined Holy Cross faculty in 1998 and became tenured professor of Old Testament and Semitic Languages in 2009.

Gifted teacher, passionate researcher, and prolific writer, Fr. Eugen published many books and articles, among which: *West Semitic Vocabulary in the Akkadian Texts from Emar*. Harvard Semitic Studies 49. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2001); *Jesus the Messiah in the Hebrew Bible*. New York / Mahwah, N.J.: Paulist Press, 2005); *The Old Testament in Eastern Orthodox Tradition*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2014); *Hosea: The Word of the LORD that Happened to Hosea*. The Bible in Its Traditions 3. Leuven: Peeters Publishers, 2017).

Fr. Pentiuc's area of research focuses on the Bible reception and interpretation in Orthodox Christianity (Eastern and Oriental), more specifically the discursive (i.e., patristic commentaries) and imagistic (i.e., liturgical media: aural [hymnography, lectionaries, homilies] and visual [iconography, liturgical acts]) modes of interpretation.

Fr. Eugen is currently working at École Biblique in Jerusalem on a new book under contract with Oxford University Press, titled *Hearing and Seeing the Scriptures: Liturgical Exegesis of the Old Testament in Eastern Orthodox Tradition*.

Parallel to his research, Fr. Eugen, along with Fr. Olivier-Thomas Venard, O.P. and Fr. Lukasz Popko, O.P. (both from Ecole Biblique) is now teaching a summer course *In the Footsteps of Jesus* (June 4-22) consisting of 15 students from BTI schools, including our beloved school.

Please join me in congratulating Fr. Eugen on his well-deserved appointment.

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