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PROFILE

Georgian Orthodox priest, theologian, researcher, and educator whose work brings together biblical exegesis, philosophical theology, priestly ministry, public education, and international dialogue. His research focuses on personhood, Eucharistic ecclesiology, relational and eschatological ontology, and the theological legacy of Metropolitan John D. Zizioulas, in dialogue with Hegel and contemporary continental philosophy.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Philosophy of religion · Philosophical theology · Orthodox theology · Relational ontology · Eschatology · Theology of personhood · Eucharistic ecclesiology · Biblical hermeneutics and exegesis · John D. Zizioulas · Religion and public life

EDUCATION

2009–2021 **Doctoral studies in Philosophy — degree not awarded**
Faculty of Humanities, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. Dissertation research: the idea of theocracy in Vladimir Solovyov.

1997–2001 **BA in Theology**
Tbilisi Theological Seminary.

1990–1997 **MA in Economics**
Faculty of Economics, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University.

APPOINTMENTS AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2026–present **Member, International Scientific Committee**
Inschibboleth book series on existentialism and philosophy of religion.

2024–present **Editor, Zghvari: Orthodoxy and Modernity**
Theological and cultural journal engaging Orthodox tradition and contemporary questions.

2009–present **Orthodox priest (Archpriest)**
Pastoral ministry in Georgia.

2014–2023 **Chaplain, Georgian Defence Forces**
Priestly and pastoral service within the Ministry of Defence of Georgia.

2020–2021 **Visiting lecturer**
Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani University, Tbilisi.

2008–2021 **Lecturer in Theology**
Tbilisi Theological Seminary and Academy.

2004–2006 **Lecturer in Theology**
Georgian Technical University.

2002–2005 **Teacher of Religious Studies**
Olimpi School, Tbilisi.

SELECTED BOOKS AND EDITORIAL PROJECTS

2026 **Resurrection Is More Than Immortality**
Author. A theological study of bodily resurrection, personhood, freedom, communion with God, and eschatological hope.

2022 **Jesus' Vision of the Neighbor: Against Hegel and Pope**
Author.

2019 **John D. Zizioulas, Communion and Otherness — Georgian edition**
Project director and Georgian-edition copyright holder; the translation and publication programme was supported by a U.S. Department of State individual award.

2024 **John D. Zizioulas, Further Studies in Personhood and the Church — Georgian edition**
Project director and Georgian-edition copyright holder; edited by Paul McPartlan, translated by Tamar Goguadze and Zurab Jashi. ISBN 978-9941-9649-2-3.

SELECTED INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

2027 **International Orthodox Theological Association (IOTA), Third Mega-Conference — Georgia**
Paper accepted: 'Being and Refusal: The Elder Brother's Eschatological Crisis in Luke 15:11–32 — An Orthodox Reading Through Zizioulas, Heidegger, and Levinas.' 17–21 January 2027.

2026 **International Symposium Dedicated to Metropolitan John Zizioulas — Hildesheim, Germany**
Invited paper: 'Relational Ontology and the Problem of Quasi-Causality in Human Communion.' 15–18 October 2026.

2026 **36th International Hegel Congress (Hegel Global) — Roma Tre University, Rome**
Co-authored paper with Sulkhan Inaishvili: 'Being from the Future: Personhood Between Hegel's Dialectic and Zizioulas' Communion.' Presented 2 September 2026.

2025 **Sola Forum**
Speaker at an international forum.

2024 **Georgia and the Caucasus — Past, Present, Future**
Speaker at an international conference.

2023 **European Academy of Religion Annual Conference — St Andrews, Scotland**
Paper: 'The Common Faith — A Grenade Exploding in One's Hand.'

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES AND SELECTED PROJECTS

2023 **Literature in the Service of Integration**
Project supported by Open Society Georgia.

2022 **Personhood — the Meeting Place of the Atheist and the Religious Believer**
Project supported by the Embassy of the Netherlands in Georgia.

2019–2021 **Interreligious dialogue, critical thinking, dignity, and Western integration**
Projects supported by the U.S. Department of State, Open Society Georgia, and the UN Association of Georgia.

2017 **International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP)**
Participant in the U.S. Department of State's premier professional exchange programme.

2015–2016 **Anthim the Iberian — Georgian-European Dialogue**
Participant in a Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia project (FR/454/2-170/13).

2012–2013 **Prison Chaplaincy Programme — United Kingdom**
Training in prison chaplaincy, restorative justice, rehabilitation, and practical theology, including institutional visits.

2011–2012 **Certificate course in Applied Psychology**
Professional development in applied psychology.

LANGUAGES

Georgian — native · Russian — C1 · English — working with language support for formal academic delivery.
Born 24 September 1972 in Sukhumi, Georgia. Based in Tbilisi. Available for research collaboration, conference participation, public lectures, and theological education.