

Rector of Tbilisi Theological Academy and Seminary

Protopresbyter Giorgi Zviadadze,

Doctor of Theology, Philology and Politics,

Professor

Biography

Protopresbyter Giorgi Zviadadze was born on June 22, 1963, in the village of Gumbrini, in Tskaltubo region. He was baptized in 1967.

Since 1976, he grew up at Khashuri Railway Asylum no. 1.

In 1980, he graduated from Khashuri Railway Secondary School no. 4.

In 1992, he successfully graduated from Tbilisi Theological Seminary.

In 1996, he successfully graduated from Tbilisi Theological Academy.

Since 1992, he was engaged in a scientific-pedagogical activity at Tbilisi State Pedagogical Institute of Sul Khan-Saba Orbeliani, at the Teacher Training and Retraining Institute of the Republic and at the National University.

On May 6, 1996, the Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia, His Holiness and Beatitude, Ilia II ordained him as a deacon at Kvashveti Cathedral of Saint George.

On June 1, 1996, Deacon Giorgi Zviadadze was appointed as Dean of Tbilisi Theological Seminary.

On August 18, 1996, the Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia, His Holiness and Beatitude Ilia II ordained him as a priest in Sioni Cathedral and appointed him as a clergyman of Lomisi Saint George Church in Gldani district.

On May 20, 1997, he was appointed as Dean of the Theological Faculty of Tbilisi Theological Academy.

On June 1, 1997, on the order of the Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia, His Holiness and Beatitude Ilia II, he was appointed as Vice-Rector of Tbilisi Theological Academy and Seminary.

On October 14, 1997, the Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia, His Holiness and Beatitude Ilia II ordained him an Archpriest and awarded a Gold Cross.

On February 14, 1997, with the blessing of the Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia, His Holiness and Beatitude Ilia II, he was appointed as Chairman of the Theological Department of the Society for the Study of History of Science functioning at Academy of Sciences of Georgia.

In 1998, he graduated from Shota Rustaveli Institute of Literature of the Georgian Academy of Sciences with a degree in Old Georgian Literature.

During the visit of the Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia, His Holiness and Beatitude Ilia II to the United States of America in 1998, Archpriest Giorgi Zviadadze was awarded an embellished Cross by the Orthodox Church of Antioch.

In 1998-2000, with the blessing of the Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia, His Holiness and Beatitude Ilia II, he was appointed as a representative of the Patriarchate of Georgia in the Teaching-Methodological Council of History of Religion working under the aegis of the Ministry of Education.

In 1999, the Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia, His Holiness and Beatitude Ilia II appointed Archpriest Giorgi Zviadadze as the representative of the Patriarchate of Georgia in the Joint International Theological Commission for Dialogue between the Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church.

In 2000, by the order of the Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia, Archpriest Giorgi Zviadadze was appointed as a clergyman at Sioni Patriarchal Cathedral of the Assumption of the All Holy Mother of God.

In 2001, the Catholicos Patriarch of All Georgia, His Holiness and Beatitude Ilia II appointed Archpriest Giorgi Zviadadze as the representative of the Patriarchate

of Georgia in the Joint International Theological Commission for Dialogue between the Orthodox Church and the Anglican Church.

On June 1, 2002, the day of the Commemoration of Saint Nino, the Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia, His Holiness and Beatitude Ilia II awarded Archpriest Giorgi Zviadadze the right to wear a miter for his faithful service in the Church.

In 2003, by the order of the Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia, His Holiness and Beatitude Ilia II, Archpriest Giorgi Zviadadze was appointed as Director General of the Charity Foundation of the Patriarchate of Georgia Lazare.

On February 8, 2003, by the order of the Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia, His Holiness and Beatitude Ilia II, Archpriest Giorgi Zviadadze was appointed as Executive Secretary of the Patriarch's International Charitable Foundation – Revival and Development of Spirituality, Science, Culture.

In 2003, the Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia, His Holiness and Beatitude Ilia II appointed Archpriest Giorgi Zviadadze as the representative of the Patriarchate of Georgia in the Joint International Academic Dialogue between the Orthodox Church and Judaism.

In 2004, Archpriest Giorgi Zviadadze defended his dissertation at Shota Rustaveli Institute of Georgian Literature, functioning under the aegis of the Academy of Sciences of Georgia, and obtained the degree of Candidate of Philological Sciences. The topic of his dissertation thesis was Gregory of Nyssa's "Godly Citizenship and Virginity" (philological and theological analysis).

In 2004, Archpriest Giorgi Zviadadze graduated from Tbilisi Ilia Chavchavadze University with the degree in the specialty of the English Language.

In 2006, Archpriest Giorgi Zviadadze graduated from Tbilisi Ilia Chavchavadze University with a degree in Simultaneous English Translation and was awarded the qualification of a translator.

In 2005, by the order of the Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia, His Holiness and Beatitude Ilia II, Archpriest Giorgi Zviadadze was appointed as Vice-Rector of the Theological Institute of Tbilisi Theological Academy.

From 2005 including 2009, he gave lectures on Canon Law at Caucasus University.

In 2006, with the blessing of the Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia, His Holiness and Beatitude Ilia II, Archpriest Giorgi Zviadadze was appointed as Academic Secretary of the Commission of Christian Theology and History of Religion functioning under the aegis of the National Academy of Sciences of Georgia.

On May 6, 2006, the Day of the Commemoration of Saint George, by the order of the Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia, His Holiness and Beatitude Ilia II, Archpriest Giorgi Zviadadze was awarded the right to wear a second cross and was appointed as Dean of Kvashveti Saint George Church.

On October 1, 2008, by the order of the Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia, His Holiness and Beatitude Ilia II, Archpriest Giorgi Zviadadze was appointed as Protopresbyter of the Orthodox Church of Georgia and was appointed as Deputy Dean of Sioni Church of the Assumption of the Most Holy Mother of God. (The Dean of the mentioned temple is the Patriarch himself).

In 2009, he graduated from the School of Politics and International Relations of the Faculty of Social Sciences, functioning under the aegis of the University of Georgia, and was awarded the title of Master of International Relations.

On October 23, 2009, by the order of the Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia, His Holiness and Beatitude Ilia II, Protopresbyter Giorgi Zviadadze was appointed as Rector of Tbilisi Theological Academy and Seminary.

In 2009, Protopresbyter Giorgi Zviadadze took a course of international seminar in Israel, entitled "Local Assets for Society and Economic Development".

On December 17, 2010, on the Day of the Commemoration of Saint Barbara, at the Holy Trinity Patriarchal Cathedral, Protopresbyter Giorgi Zviadadze, for his special service to the Georgian nation and the Church, was awarded the highest award of the Georgian Orthodox Church - the Gold Order of Saint George. The

award was given to him by the Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia, His Holiness and Beatitude Ilia II.

Protopresbyter Giorgi Zviadadze has been awarded the Orders and Decorated Crosses of the Churches of Antioch, Jerusalem, Russia, Greece, the Czech Republic and Slovakia, Ukraine.

In 2013, by the decision of the Dissertation Commission of the Patriarchate of Georgia, Protopresbyter Giorgi Zviadadze was awarded the academic degree of Doctor of Theology for his dissertation “St. Gregory of Nyssa’s Teachings on Virginitv”.

In 2014, with the blessing of the Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia, His Holiness and Beatitude Ilia II, Protopresbyter Giorgi Zviadadze was appointed as the representative of the Patriarchate of Georgia in the Joint International Theological Commission for Dialogue between the Orthodox Church and the Lutheran Church.

In 2014, with the blessing of the Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia, His Holiness and Beatitude Ilia II and on the decision of the Holy Synod, Protopresbyter Giorgi Zviadadze was appointed as the representative of the Orthodox Church of Georgia in the Preliminary Commission for the “Holy and Great Council”.

Since 2015, he has been a teacher of “Biblical Study“ at Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University.

With the blessing of the Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia, His Holiness and Beatitude Ilia II and according to the decree of the Holy Synod (of 12.02.2016), Protopresbyter Giorgi Zviadadze was appointed as a member of the Editorial Commission for the text of the “Address to the World Community” at the „Holy and Great Council”.

On May 28, 2016, Protopresbyter Giorgi Zviadadze was awarded the Departmental Medal of the Office of the State Minister of Georgia for Diaspora Issues.

On December 22, 2016, with the blessing of the Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia, His Holiness and Beatitude Ilia II and on the decision of the Holy Synod, Protopresbyter Giorgi Zviadadze was appointed as a member of the Commission for the Study of the Decrees of the Holy and Great Council held on Crete.

In 2017, with the blessing of the Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia, His Holiness and Beatitude Ilia II, Protopresbyter Giorgi Zviadadze was appointed as the representative of Georgia in the Dialogue between the Council of European Bishops of the Orthodox Church in Europe and the Council of European Bishops of Rome.

In the same year, Protopresbyter Giorgi Zviadadze enrolled in the doctoral program for the acquisition of a doctoral degree in Political Science at Caucasus International University, which he graduated from in 2020.

On November 10, 2021, at Caucasus International University, Protopresbyter Giorgi Zviadadze defended his doctoral dissertation on the topic, entitled “The Role of Religious Non-State Actors in the Process of International Relations: The Realities of the Clash of Civilizations in the Circumstances of Geopolitical Transition.”

On September 30, 2022, Protopresbyter Giorgi Zviadadze was awarded the “Gold Medal” of the Technical University of Georgia for his special input rendered to the Technical University of Georgia.

Protopresbyter Giorgi Zviadadze is the author of many scientific papers, editor of academic publications and consultant.