

Archbishop Job of Telmessos

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His Excellency, Archbishop Job of Telmessos (according to the world: Ihor Getcha) was born in Montreal, Quebec, Canada in 1974 to parents of Ukrainian origin. Upon completing his secondary education, he completed post-secondary studies in Humanities at the University of Manitoba and Theology at St. Andrew's College in Winnipeg and at St. Serge Institute in Paris, where in

1998 he received his master's diploma. In 2003, he received his doctorate diploma from the above Institute in cooperation with the Catholic University of Paris and in 2012 he got his Habilitation in Theology at the University of Lorraine in Metz. He was tonsured a Monk and ordained Deacon in Montreal in 1996

by Metropolitan Wasyly of Winnipeg, subsequently serving in Paris. In 1998, he was tonsured in the Small Schema at the Monastery of St. Anthony the Great in Saint-Laurent-en-Royans, France (Metochion of the Athonite Monastery of Simonos Petra) and in 2003, in Paris, Archbishop Gabriel of Comana ordained him as Presbyter, eventually receiving the title of Archimandrite. Between 2001–2008 he lectured at St. Serge Institute, where he has also served as Dean (2005–2008). Since 2003, he teaches liturgical theology at the Catholic University of Paris. In 2009 he was elected Professor of Liturgical and of Dogmatic Theology at the Institute of Graduate Studies of Orthodox Theology in Chambésy, Geneva, Switzerland, where he teaches to this day. In 2013 he was elected by the Holy and Sacred Synod as the Titular Archbishop of Telmessos, with his consecration taking place on 30 November of the same year in the Patriarchal Church, by the Patriarch and by Synodal Hierarchs. Between 2013-2015, he served as the head of the Patriarchal Exarchate of Orthodox Parishes of Russian Tradition in Western Europe. In November 2015, he was appointed permanent representative of the Ecumenical Patriarchate to the World Council of Churches in Geneva. In 2016, he was a member of the delegation of the Ecumenical Patriarchate to the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church in Crete at which he

served as the spokesman of the Council to the press. Since 2016, he is the co-president of the Joint International Commission for the theological dialogue between the Roman Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church. In 2019, he was appointed Dean of the Institute of Graduate Studies of Orthodox Theology in Chambésy. His Excellency, the Archbishop has published a plethora of studies and articles related to Liturgical Theology, Ecumenism and Orthodox Spirituality. He speaks French, English, Ukrainian, Russian, Greek and Italian.

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