



Icon Of Saint John The Baptist, Russia 17th Century



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Period : 17th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Painted wood

Length : a

Height : 31. cm

Description

Superb icon representing Saint John the Baptist and coming from the old collection of a prelate of His Holiness. Given its style and its great finesse, it is a work made in a Moscow workshop in the 17th century -- around 1640/1660. It shows Saint John the Baptist in prayer, his head bowed, interceding with Christ to save humanity. He holds an unrolled scroll/parchment on which is written the Gospel text: "I have seen and I have testified that this is the Lamb of God." In Byzantine style, this icon is painted on a wooden panel with tempera (paint based on egg yolk and natural pigments). The color range is warm and the white background brings light and depth to the composition while highlighting the figure of Saint John. His expression is particularly soft and invites contemplation. Good general condition

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with a beautiful patina. Some losses, cracks, wear and restorations which are consistent with the age of the work. The background was previously cleaned of its chromatic layer to reveal the off-white gesso. An old cutout at the bottom of the back of the wooden panel was made to allow an ex-voto to be inserted (see photo). Dimensions: H 31cm by W 26cm. This artwork is sold with a certificate of authenticity.