



Antique Ethiopian Liturgical Censer In Gilt Bronze -- Coptic Cross -- 18th Century



950 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Width : 12 cm

Height : 35 cm

Depth : 10 cm

Description

Antique Ethiopian Liturgical Incense Burner in Gilt Bronze -- Coptic Cross -- 18th Century. This Ethiopian liturgical incense burner in gilt bronze is typical of the East African Christian tradition and likely dates from the late 18th to early 19th century. Description: The piece features a characteristic vertical design: a flared base pierced with cruciform motifs supports a deep basin for embers and aromatic resins. The domed lid, also pierced with trefoil crosses, allows the smoke to diffuse while protecting the fuel. The whole is surmounted by a tall stem ending in a stylized Coptic cross, a central symbol of Ethiopian liturgy. The craftsmanship demonstrates ancient artistry: thick walls, irregular hand-cut openings, visible tool marks, and a uniform patina from use. The interior

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retains deposits and oxidation consistent with prolonged ritual use. The original gilding, now softened, enhances the visual appeal of the incense's form. This type of censer was used during services in the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, where incense plays a major spiritual role, marking prayer, purification, and the sacred presence. A beautiful and authentic religious object, both sculptural and rich in symbolism, it is sought after for collections of Eastern Christian art or religious ethnography. Height: 35 cm.

Condition: Good structural condition, with minor wear, oxidation, and losses consistent with age and use. Please feel free to contact me for any further information or additional photos of the items offered for sale.