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## Pair Of Antique Russian Icons - Archangels Michael And Gabriel - Russia, Late 17th/early 18th Century

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Signature : Russie fin XVIIe / début XVIIIe

Period : 17th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Other

### Description

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Egg tempera and gilding on softwood panels. Dimensions: 33 x 30 cm each  
Provenance: European private collection  
A superb and rare pair of Russian icons depicting the two great archangels of the Orthodox tradition: Saint Michael and Saint Gabriel, portrayed as busts, slightly inclined towards a central image that is now lost. Description: Each archangel is depicted according to the late Byzantine canon: Finely modeled faces with warm reddish-brown complexions; a melancholic and introspective gaze; finely spiraled hair; burnished gold leaf halos; dark backgrounds typical of post-Nikonian Russian production. Michael wears a red tunic richly embroidered with gold, a symbol of

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heavenly justice. Gabriel wears a green chlamys adorned with gilded floral motifs, evoking his role as messenger of the Annunciation.

Inscriptions in Old Church Slavonic clearly identify each archangel. Attribution: Russia, late 17th - early 18th century. Moscow School or Novgorod sphere. Stylistic characteristics: Softening of features following the reforms of Patriarch Nikon; moderate Baroque influence; produced for private devotion; softwood panels with characteristic horizontal crossbars.

Condition: Good overall condition. Cracking consistent with age (250-300 years). Localized wear and old restorations. Sound structure.

Significance: Rare pair preserved together; sought-after square format; beautiful stylistic homogeneity; strong decorative and spiritual ensemble; ideal for a collector of Russian sacred art or for creating a private iconostasis set.

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