



19th-century Russian Icon Of Saint Nicholas With A Silver-plated Oklad



900 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Painted wood

Description

A 19th-century Russian icon depicting Saint Nicholas, protected by a finely crafted silver-plated oklad (riza). This magnificent devotional work combines the traditional technique of tempera on wood with an ornate metal covering, illustrating the richness of the artistic and spiritual heritage of Russian Orthodox iconography. The icon depicts Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, one of the most revered saints in Eastern Christianity. As the patron saint of travelers, sailors, merchants, and children, Saint Nicholas is traditionally depicted wearing episcopal vestments and blessing the image. On this icon, the saint's face and hands remain visible, carefully painted in tempera according to the strict conventions of Orthodox icon painting. The icon is adorned with a finely crafted

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silver-plated oklad, a repoussé metal overlay designed both to protect the painted surface and to honor the sacred image. The finely chiseled decoration enriches the composition, creating a striking contrast between the luminosity of the metal and the delicacy of the painted skin tones. Created in the 19th century, this icon bears witness to the exceptional craftsmanship of Russian icon workshops, where painting, metalwork, and religious fervor came together to produce works of timeless beauty. The harmonious combination of wood, tempera, and silver-plated metal lends the icon a remarkable artistic and spiritual presence. A prime piece for any collection of Russian icons, Orthodox religious art, ecclesiastical antiques, or devotional objects of museum quality.

Origin: Russia
Period: 19th century
Materials: Tempera on wood and silver-plated metal (Oklad/Riza)
Subject: Saint Nicholas
Dimensions: Height: 30 cm Width: 26 cm Depth: 1 cm
Condition: In good condition. Signs of wear and patina consistent with its age and religious use. The silver-plated oklad is well-preserved and has a beautiful patina, while the painted face and hands retain fine details and exceptional character.

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