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Christ's Holy Face ("acheiropoietos") - Oil On Canvas, Early 18th Century



680 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Réentoilé

Material : Oil painting

Width : 62

Height : 61

Description

A refined depiction of the Holy Face of Christ, inspired by the ancient Eastern iconography of the Mandylion or Acheiropoietos Holy Face, painted in oil on canvas in the early 18th century. The composition portrays Christ frontally, veiled in the sacred cloth, with the traditional Greek inscriptions ΙΗΣΟΥ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥ (Jesus Christ), in accordance with the Byzantine iconographic tradition. The painting is distinguished by the profound expressiveness of Christ's gaze, the delicate modelling of the flesh tones, and its restrained yet elegant colour palette. The veil is enriched with finely painted ornamental motifs of Eastern inspiration, while the slender gilded halo and the painted decorative border enhance the solemn and devotional character of the composition. The painting has been re-lined, a conservation

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treatment carried out to ensure its structural stability, and is now in good overall condition, preserving the charm and authenticity of its historic surface. Both historically and devotionally significant, this work is an excellent example of the continued influence of Byzantine-inspired painting in early 18th-century Europe, making it an outstanding addition to a collection of sacred art or a distinguished interior.