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Antique Russian Icon "Our Lady Of The Sign" (znamenie) - Late 18th / Early 19th Century



950 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : En l'etat

Width : 30

Height : 35

Description

Description of the Work:

A refined and evocative antique Russian icon depicting "Our Lady of the Sign" (Znamenie), painted in egg tempera on a thick wooden panel and dating back to the late 18th or early 19th century (Imperial Era).

The iconography, of Byzantine origin, shows the Virgin Mary in an *orans* posture with raised arms and open hands. On her chest, she bears a medallion (*clipeus*) containing Christ Emmanuel in a blessing gesture, holding the scroll of the Scriptures.

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The side borders (*kovcheg*) feature exquisite depictions of two standing patron saints holding unfurled scrolls--elements indicating that the panel was commissioned for private devotional use.

The reverse of the panel features the characteristic pair of horizontal interlocking reinforcement battens (*shponki*), typical of Russian icon carpentry from this period.

Condition:

The icon remains in its original state, retaining its "original patina." It has not undergone invasive modern restoration. It displays a splendid, dense natural craquelure across the entire surface and a fascinating darkening of the faces caused by the natural oxidation of the ancient protective varnish (*olifa*), which serves as a guarantee of its absolute authenticity. There is slight, normal wear consistent with age along the edges of the panel.

Technical Details:

Period: Late 18th century - Early 19th century
(circa 1790-1820)

Origin: Russia

Technique: Egg tempera on wood panel, gold ground.

Dimensions: 35 cm x 30 cm

Condition: Very good, with original patina.
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