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Early 18th-Century Russian
Icon, Volga Masters (Circle),
The Crucifixion - Tempera on
wood with silver and gilt

Price

GBP 1,900

| USD \$2,571 | EUR 2,223

Item Reference: SA1142307

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 28 cm (11.0")

Width = 15 cm (5.9")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

This exquisite and exceedingly rare early 18th-century Russian Staurotek icon depicts The Crucifixion of Christ with an assemblage of saints, together with a 19th-century copper-cast eight-pointed cross, inserted in the central recess. Due to the exceptional nature of this piece, we consulted Ilya Kushnirskiy, the Director of the Russian Icon Collection, who in turn contacted Anastasia V. Likhenko, Curator at the State Tretyakov Gallery, Moscow. Ms Likhenko kindly provided a detailed essay, in which she concluded that "this Staurotek, with its copper-cast cross, possesses significant historical, artistic, and collector's value." Her paper will be included with the sale. Staurotek icons, also known as Staurotheke, are specific to Eastern Orthodox Christianity and often depict a Crucifixion scene, with an elaborately decorated cross set within the image. Popular during the 18th and 19th centuries, metal icons offered both portability and durability, enabling the owner to carry a token of their faith at all times. They often survived continual use and, as such, were passed down through generations of the same family. Here, in this early example, the figures are especially...

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