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Eastern Orthodox Icon of St Spyridon

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1173675****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 28 cm (11.0")

Width = 22 cm (8.7")

Depth = 3 cm (1.2")

Description

An orthodox painted wooden panel of St Spyridon. It is in original condition with no restoration whatsoever. It is probably Greek. Life of St Spyridon Spyridon was born in Assia, in Cyprus. He worked as a shepherd and was known for his great piety. He married and had one daughter, Irene. Upon the death of his wife, Spyridon entered a monastery, and their daughter entered a convent. Spyridon eventually became Bishop of Trimythous, or Tremithous (today called Tremetousia), in the district of Larnaca. He took part in the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea (325), where he was instrumental in countering the theological arguments of Arius and his followers. He reportedly converted a pagan philosopher to Christianity by using a potsherd to illustrate how one single entity (a piece of pottery) could be composed of three unique entities (fire, water, and clay); a metaphor for the Christian doctrine of the Trinity. As he was speaking, in order to explain the trinity, he grabbed a shard of roof tile (some accounts of this event say that it was a brick he held in his hand). He spoke "in the name of the father" and it is said to have miraculously burst into flame, "and of th...

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