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1884 Orthodox Three Holy Hierarchs Icon in Silver Riza by Heinrich Grünbaum

Price

GBP 5,000

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Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 31 cm (12.2")

Width = 27 cm (10.6")

Description

An exceptional Orthodox icon of the Synaxis of the Three Holy Hierarchs — Saint Basil the Great, Saint Gregory the Theologian and Saint John Chrysostom — enclosed within an extraordinarily elaborate silver riza made in Reval, present-day Tallinn, in 1884. The large silver covering bears the maker's mark HG, attributed to Heinrich Gottfried Ferdinand Grünbaum, together with the date 1884 and the 84 zolotnik silver standard, equivalent to 875 fineness. Repeated hallmarks on the folded edges confirm the riza as a coherent original work. The three Fathers of the Church are depicted standing frontally in episcopal vestments, each holding a Gospel, with their names engraved beneath in Church Slavonic. Above the central figure is Christ Pantocrator with cross halo, Gospel and raised hand of blessing. The silverwork is of outstanding quality. Almost the entire surface is enriched with hand engraving, chasing and punched decoration, incorporating lozenges, crosses, meanders, braided motifs, rosettes and elaborate borders. Particularly impressive are the large radiating haloes, divided into petal-shaped sections containing individual engraved designs. The vestments are similarly...

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