



OBJECT ID	F2013.83
OBJECT NAME	Icon
MEDIUM	Paint
ACCESS POINTS	blue Rope Velvet

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Framed icon of St. Spyridon. The frame is dark brown wood which gets lighter around the inner rim. Icon itself is an image of St. Spyridon bordered in gold. He has a halo around his head and is holding a bible. He is dressed in dark blue robes and is wearing a golden hat. His right hand is raised as if he is going to make the sign of the cross soon. There are words written in Greek to both the right and left of his head.

ORIGIN

St. Spyridon is one of the most prominent Greek saints. He is the patron saint of potters and the island of Corfu. He is most famous for converting a pagan philosopher to a Christian by using a piece of pottery as a symbol for the Holy Trinity. It is said that as soon as the pagan converted, the piece of pottery exploded in flames and dripped water from his hands. He is also said to have expelled a plague from the island of Corfu. There is a church named after him in the suburb of Palos Heights.

CITATION

Icon, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 05/14/24.