



OBJECT ID	F2014.64
OBJECT NAME	Kandili
MEDIUM	Paint
MATERIAL	Glass; Metal
ACCESS POINTS	kandili lamp orthoox Religion

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Pink kandili with yellow butterfly and tree blossom designs painted on one side with multi colored details. the glass of the kandili itself is accented with round impressions all around it. It has a brass top and stand as well astray at the bottom suspended by 4 chains that hang from the bottom. Around the top are 3 holes around the top brass fixture.

ORIGIN

A kandili is an oil lamp that hangs in front of icons in orthodox churches, or in the homes of orthodox Christians in front of iconostasis.

The light is lit everyday and symbolizes the illuminating hope of Christ as well as sacrifice. The oil itself symbolizes the neverending mercy of God. Though many kandilis are fully brass, some also have large glass bulbs and may come in a variety of colors.

CITATION

Kandili, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 05/05/26.