



OBJECT ID	F2015.27
OBJECT NAME	Photograph
MEDIUM	Photo Paper
ACCESS POINTS	icons School uniforms

#### OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Photographic print, black and white, mounted on thick, white cardboard

Photo taken in a church, focus on a procession coming through the nave. Leading the processions is a boy dressed in adorned, shiny robes, an altar server, holding a framed painting. The painting is an Eastern-style, most likely Orthodox icon. The icon features Jesus Christ, robed and wearing a stole decorated with crosses, and seated on an ornate chair throne. In his left hand he holds an open book, and his right is slightly raised and making a gesture with his hand and fingers. On his head he wears a crown, and around it is a large circular halo with a light line bordering a darker inner circle. In the inner circle are two letters. On either side of his halo, there are Greek letters. IC on the left-hand side, and XC on the right-hand side of the icon.

Behind the altar server carrying the framed icon, there are numerous young girls dressed in school uniforms, some in plaid, pleated jumper dresses, and a few wearing plaid, pleated skirts with vests. Many of the girls hold smaller framed icons of various religious subjects. To either side of the procession there are pews in the aisles. Older men in suits are in the background.

There are two punched holes on the top that go through both the photo and the cardboard backing, orientated towards the right

#### ORIGIN

The large icon being carried by the altar server is an icon of Christ Pantokrator, more specifically as Christ the Teacher, as indicated by the fact that the book he holds is open. His hand gesture makes a symbol of four letters, ICXC. They mirror the letters on either side of his halo. IC XC are the initial's of Christ's name in Greek

#### CITATION

Photograph, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 05/04/24.