



OBJECT ID	2006.19.96.E
OBJECT NAME	Icon
MATERIAL	Plastic
OBJECT ENTITIES	Frangos, Diane (owned by)
ACCESS POINTS	blue gold Panagia Plastic red String

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Small oval icon of Panagia & Christos, on a string for hanging; the image fills the entire oval, blue background of sky, darker blue backing

ORIGIN

The term 'icon' comes from the Greek word eikona, which simply means image. The Orthodox believe that the first icons of Christ and the Virgin Mary were painted by Luke the Evangelist. Icons are filled with symbolism designed to convey information about the person or event depicted. For this reason, icons tend to be formulaic, following a prescribed methodology for how a particular person should be depicted, including hair style, body position, clothing, and background details.

CITATION

Icon, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 04/26/24.