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OBJECT NAME	Kandili
MATERIAL	Brass; Glass
OBJECT ENTITIES	Schemetokopf, Angela (is related to) Wright, Toulia (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	kandili Orthodox service Vigil Candle

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Purple Kandili, also known as a hanging Vigil Candle for oils. Lamp takes an acorn shape; scalloped, draped pattern like a valance was molded onto the glass. Beneath this, the glass swirls away in a counter clockwise pattern to its bottom opening which is concealed with a somewhat conical brass base. The top opening is lined with brass. Attached to the brass lining are two smaller chains. Two other chains pass through the Kandili to attach to the inside of its base. All the chains meet from the hanging disk where the larger chain attaches to hang the whole structure to the ceiling.

ORIGIN

Vigil lamps are used extensively in churches and chapels. The hanging lamp is hung from a bracket mounted over an icon so that the lamp is in front of the lower half of the icon. Vigil lamps are often used by the faithful before icons in icon corners in their homes and serve as a reminder that Jesus Christ is the light of the world and illumines our souls.

Item belonged to donor's mother Toulia Koumelis Wright.

CITATION

Kandili, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 05/08/24.