

OBJECT ID	2007.30.5.A
OBJECT NAME	Stefana
DATE CREATED	12/27/1945
OBJECT ENTITIES	DORROS, MARIE (created by) Wright, Toula (owned by) Schemetekopf, Angela (is related to) Koumbaro, (is related to) Wright, Franklyn (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	Stefana wedding

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Wedding stefanas, made of two layers of wax flowers and pale green twine. Attached together with an ivory satin ribbon. Each cream flower bud has a spot of green wax. At the back and front of each crown sits an open flower centered over wax leaves.

ORIGIN

Belonged to the donor's mother, Toula Kouimelis Wright (Nov. 8, 1915-Dec. 17, 2004). She was born in Chicago, grew up in Athens, and returned to Chicago in November 1929. The Stefanas are from her marriage to Franklyn J. Wright at St. Constantine Greek Orthodox Church on the south side of Chicago on December 27, 1945.

During the ceremony the bride and groom have stefana, or thin crowns, placed on their heads. These two crowns are connected by a white ribbon and were blessed by the priest before the ceremony. The symbolism of the crowns is the glory that God is placing on them as a newly married couple within His church, and the white ribbon is a symbol of the couple's newfound unity. As with the rings, the koumbaro will exchange the crowns back and forth between the couple's heads three times.

CITATION

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