



OBJECT ID	F2013.5
OBJECT NAME	Icon
OBJECT ENTITIES	catherine, saint (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	ceremonial artifact icon religious artifact Saint

#### OBJECT DESCRIPTION

paper icon of Saint Catherine. Catherine is standing in a field she is holding a wooden cross in one hand and a plant in the other. The same hand she is holding the plant she is also resting against a half of a wagon wheel. She is wearing an orange and blue robe with a red cloak on top. She also has a crown on. By her head it says "Saint Catherine" in greek. In the background to her right there is also a medieval silo looking structure.

#### ORIGIN

Saint Catherine of Alexandria, also known as Saint Catherine of the Wheel and The Great Martyr Saint Catherine is, according to tradition, a Christian saint and virgin, who was martyred in the early 4th century at the hands of the pagan emperor Maxentius. According to her hagiography, she was both a princess and a noted scholar, who became a Christian around the age of fourteen, and herself converted hundreds of people to Christianity. Over 1,100 years following her martyrdom, St. Joan of Arc identified Catherine as one of the Saints who appeared to her and counselled her. The Orthodox Church venerates her as a Great Martyr, and celebrates her feast day on 24 or 25 November (depending on the local tradition). In the Catholic Church she is traditionally revered as one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers.

#### CITATION

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