



RUSSIAN ICON THE VIRGIN OF KORSUN

Central Russia 18th century

H:64 x W:51 cm/25.19 x 20.09 in tempera on panel, gilded brass in riza, decorated with pearls

The prototype of this icon is said to have been an icon from Chersonysos (Korsun), a Greek port situated in the Crimea near Sebastopol.This is a distinctive variation of the 'Eleusa' or 'Tenderness' type of Madonna, with the Mother of God pressing Christ'.