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Small Russian Icon of the Mother and Child

The Mother of God, shown half-length, holds the Child on her left arm and gestures toward him with her right hand. Christ holds a scroll in his left hand and apparently blesses with his right hand, though this portion of the painting is now indistinct. The Mother wears a yellowish brown maphorion; Christ is clad in orange. The cheeks of both faces are tinged with pink, and there are heavy shadows under the eyes.

The background of the icon is gold with a narrow border of a dark color, except in the top center, where the border is interrupted by the top of the Mother's halo.

The icon has suffered considerable damage, but the expressive face of the Mother of God remains outstanding.

3" x 3 1/4"

Prob. Late 17th c.

Purchased in Athens in 1967 for approximately \$20.