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[The above illustrations are greatly enlarged]



Byzantine (Serbian) Pectoral

A silver-gilt pectoral whose front side is divided into four parts, each holding a pressed horn icon—now too worn to be identified. Three stones are set along the central vertical. The back of the pectoral has a four-line inscription in mediaeval Serbian majuscules.

The piece, and particularly the inscription, is extremely similar to an enkolpion in the Chelandari Monastery, Mount Athos, which has been dated 1368-71.

2 1/16" (including loop at top) x 1 1/2"

Prob. 1368-71

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