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Greek Icon of the Pentecost

The icon, probably from the iconostasis of a village church, depicts the Mother of God seated with clasp hands between two groups of standing and barefoot apostles. The tongues of flame are shown descending upon the apostles' heads. Saint Peter, holding a rolled scroll, stands to the Mother of God's right, Saint Paul, holding a closed book, to her left.

The colors of the garments are exclusively reds and blues. They are applied lightly over the gold undercoat, giving them a translucent effect. The faces, however, are strongly drawn. The upper half of the background is gold, the lower half, tan. There is an orange border around the painting.*

Some damage has been sustained by the icon, particularly to the bottom right corner, but the faces remain virtually intact. The back of the panel is rough-hewn.

Approx. 7" x 8"

Perhaps ca. 1800

Purchased in Athens in 1957 for approximately \$50.

*The darkened right border in the above photo was due to shadow.