



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 Chersonyos (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'.