

Small Russian Orthodox Icon of Saint Nicholas of Mozhaisk, XVIII century.

In bronze, measures 3" (incl. suspension) x 2 ¼", weighs 2.5 oz. The icon portrays one of the most venerated saints in the Russian Old Believers' pantheon, Saint Nicholas, patron of the persecuted.

According to tradition, residents of Mozhaisk, a town and historic diocese near Moscow, under siege by the Mongols, prayed to Saint Nicholas, and he appeared before them. The apparition held a sword in his right hand and the town of Mozhaisk on the palm of his left hand. At seeing the apparition, the Mongols retreated. The grateful citizens erected a wooden monument to Saint Nicholas. This motif became especially popular as the subject of high-relief wood-carved icons. Typically, these icons would feature Nicholas dressed as a bishop, wearing a mitra (bishop's headdress) and an omophorion (christening gown).

The icon is in good condition. The brass plate is not bent or warped, the edges show no significant dings or dents. There is moderate wear to the high points of the artwork. Attractive patina adds character and an air of antiquity and authenticity.

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