

CHRISTIE'S

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Icons and Artefacts from the Orthodox World Monday, 27 November 2006

Total: £847,164 Lots Offered: 139 Lots Sold: 116 Sale No: 5084
 \$1,640,110 Sold by Lot: 83% Sold by £: 74% \$: 1.936 /€: 1.473
 €1,247,873

LOTS	£	\$	€	Estimate	Buyer
30	£96,000	\$185,856	€141,408	£80,000-90,000	Anonymous
The Mother of God of the Passion, Greek (Cretan), 16 th century					
25	£72,000	\$139,392	€106,056	£8,000-10,000	Romanian Private
St John 'Angel of the Desert', Greek, 16 th century					
33	£66,000	\$127,776	€97,218	£60,000-70,000	Greek Private
St Nicholas, Greek (possibly Mount Athos), <i>circa</i> 1700					

Market Comment: Maria Paphiti, Specialist in charge of this sale:

"Today's sale has witnessed the comeback of Greek icons and has shown that buyers for such artefacts are not limited to Greek collectors. European and Russian clients bid for the top lots and additionally, an increased number of American, as well as first time clients from Cyprus and Lebanon participated in bidding. The excessive demand for Russian enamelled icons and religious objects, like crosses and reliquaries, has once more been confirmed. This dedicated sale, which has been the most important of its kind during the last decade, has clearly demonstrated that important buyers emerge when rare artefacts of high artistic quality are offered."