



Icons

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1. Key Words

\_\_\_\_\_ are sacred images of \_\_\_\_\_ Mary and the saints. They are religious \_\_\_\_\_ used mainly by \_\_\_\_\_ Christians to help them communicate with \_\_\_\_\_. When an Orthodox \_\_\_\_\_ wants to pray, he/she lights a \_\_\_\_\_ in front of the icon, makes the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ and kisses the icon as a mark of \_\_\_\_\_. The icon helps the person to focus on the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

Artists who create icons are known as \_\_\_\_\_. They believe their work is a \_\_\_\_\_ activity, inspired by God.

The most distinctive feature inside an Orthodox Church is the \_\_\_\_\_, the word means \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Questions

- i. What is an **icon**? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- ii. How do Orthodox Christians pray in front of icons? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- iii. Why do Orthodox Christians use icons in worship? \_\_\_\_\_  
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### 3. Description

- a. Describe how an iconographer prepares him/herself spiritually to create an icon.
- b. Outline the work of an iconographer.

### 4. Explanation

Explain the power and meaning of icons for Orthodox Christians.