

## **God's View and the Foretaste of the Kingdom of Heaven Through the Holy Icons**

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### **Abstract**

This theological study explores one of the most sensible topic between the Orthodox tradition and the other recent traditions, which is the understanding of the icon and how can it share the grace of God. In our experience, we participate to the Kingdom of God through the Holy Mysteries, personal prayer and through the icons. In our article, this theological dilemma will be explained in three parts. Firstly, we will emphasis what means to see God through icons from a theological point of view. To see the icons in its true light we need to obtain spiritual eyes, of course, through purification and doing good deeds. Secondly, we will explain how can we foretaste the heavenly world reflected în the iconographic beauty. The Holy Spirit has an important role concerning church painting and the preparation of the human being for the Kingdom of God. As a conclusive perspective, thirdly, we will expound the role and significance of the holy icons within the Orthodox context. The incarnation of Son of God made possible the iconographic representation. In other words, the veneration of icons is a dogma of our Christian faith which flows from the fundamental dogma of the Church: the confession that God was made human and He was shown to us.