



THE MUSEUM OF RUSSIAN ICONS

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THE MUSEUM OF RUSSIAN ICONS OFFERS VIRTUAL VISITS and FREE ACCESS TO ITS ONLINE COLLECTION



CLINTON, MA— While its doors are temporarily closed, The Museum of Russian (MoRI) invites visitors to take a virtual tour of the museum via two different platforms, [Google Arts & Culture](#), and a mobile tour that can be accessed through the website, museumofrussianicons.org, where visitors can also see its treasures up close in digital format by exploring the [Online Collection](#).

The only museum in the U.S. dedicated to Russian icons, MoRI holds the largest collection of icons outside of Russia; and serves as a leading international center for research and scholarship through the Center for Icon Studies (CIS). With more than 1,000 icons and related artifacts spanning six centuries, the museum offers a unique and personalized experience rich with art, history, and culture.

“The arts play an important role in times of challenge, and it is my hope that the Museum of Russian Icons—through our online resources—will continue to be a source of inspiration throughout this period in our history, albeit in a different medium,” says director Kent Russell.

Take a virtual tour of the museum via **Google Arts & Culture**, a global website featuring content from over 2000 leading international museums and archives who have partnered with the Google Cultural Institute to bring the world's greatest art into your home.

artsandculture.google.com/partner/museum-of-russian-icons

Take a mobile tour of the museum in five languages (English, Spanish, Russian, French or Portuguese). An in-depth tour exploring 39 highlighted works in the collection, this lively audio guide includes interviews with MoRI founder **Gordon Lankton**. webapp.onspotstory.com/russian

Visit the website, www.museumofrussianicons.org, home of the **Online Collection** (including research papers on individual icons), the *Journal of Icon Studies*, and the British Museum's *Catalogue of Byzantine and Greek Icons*.

Follow the Museum of Russian Icons on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) and [Youtube](#), for the latest updates on the museum, spotlight tours, children's storytime, and to read what the docents are saying about special items from the collection.

ABOUT THE MUSEUM

The Museum of Russian Icons inspires the appreciation and study of Russian culture by collecting and exhibiting icons and related objects, igniting the interest of national and international audiences, and offering interactive educational programs. The Museum serves as a leading center for research and scholarship through the Center for Icon Studies and other institutional collaborations. It is the only museum in the US dedicated to Russian icons, and it is the largest collection of icons outside of Russia.

For more information, please visit museumofrussianicons.org. Follow the Museum of Russian Icons on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

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