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## **Icon of Sophia, the Wisdom of God**

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The Icon of Sophia, the Wisdom of God (Kiev), occupies a unique place in the Russian Orthodox Church. On the icon is depicted the Theotokos, and the

Hypostatic Wisdom, the Son of God incarnate of Her.

In Wisdom or Sophia, ponders the Son of God, about Whom in the Proverbs of Solomon it says: “Wisdom has built a house for herself, and has set up seven pillars” (9:1). These words refer to Christ, the Son of God, Who in the Epistles of St Paul is called “Wisdom of God” (1 Cor.1:30), and the word “house” refers to the Most Holy Virgin Mary, of Whom the Son of God is incarnate.

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