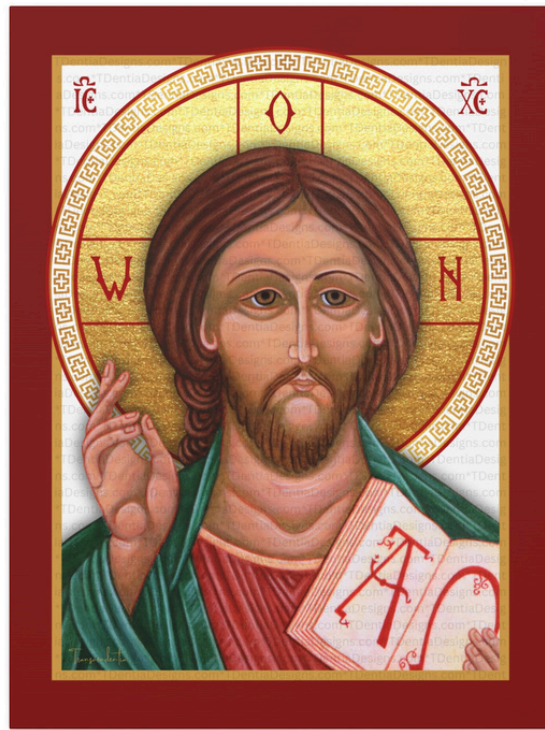




Jesus the Pantocrator Icon

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Our Jesus "The Pantocrator" icon is of Greek origin and is translated as 'ruler over all,' 'ruler of all,' and 'all-powerful.' In the Church, especially in Byzantine decoration, Pantocrator is a title of Christ represented as the 'ruler of the universe' or 'King of the Universe'.

Jesus, the Messiah, is easily identifiable by the nimbus (halo) surrounding His head bearing a cruciform containing the Greek letters ω $\omicron$ ν (omega, omicron, nu) "I am He who is," the name of God in Ex 3:14. "Alpha and Omega" refers to the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, symbolizing totality, eternity, and the beginning and end of all things. Originating as a title for God in Revelation, it signifies the creator who sustains all life from start to finish.

Outside the nimbus (halo) are the Greek letters IC XC – the Christogram. The Greek letters "IC XC" are often written above Christ's halo, representing the name "Jesus Christ". The "IC" is made up of the first and last letters of the Greek word for "Jesus" (Ἰησοῦς), while the "XC" is made up of the first and last letters of the Greek word for "Christ" (Χριστός).

Jesus' green mantle represents the promise of new life in Christ. Green is also associated with hope, new life, regeneration, and spiritual growth.

His red robe represents His royal authority and is associated with the Incarnation, humanity, sacrificial love, Christ's Passion, and His blood shed for humanity.