

New technique for simultaneously clean, fix and consolidate the painted surfaces which are damaged

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It is well known that with various materials and techniques we can restore back to its original place a painted surface, but always after that we face the problem of how to clean them from dust, fumes, oxidation, dirt, gas fumes or have been burnt from fire e.t.c.

The idea how to achieve, simultaneously, cleaning, fixing and consolidating a painted surface on a mobile construction or wall began when, in 1984, I detached from the icon, showing the Three Hierarchies, from the Byzantine and Christian Museum of Athens, the upper painted layer dating in the 18th century and beneath that another figuration of the Three Hierarchies was found dating in the 14th century.

Until today this technique of mine has been a total success and I will present to you the way it is used in every detail at the National Meeting ICOM-CC PAINTING GROUP, group of specific interest, which will take place from the 3-12-2006 till the 7-12-2006 and will be carried out at the new grounds of the Benaki Museum, 138 Piraeus str.

Ending, I would like to highlight that this technique of mine is offered mainly when we want to clean with simultaneous consolidation, but also works brilliantly in the case of the difficult task of cleaning a painted surface even when painting on canvas is concerned.