

# Sacred Icon Painting Workshop

with Sharon Henthorn-Iwane

Spiritual director Sharon Henthorn-Iwane understands iconography as a sacred art that "makes the invisible visible." Through this intensive workshop, Sharon will guide you through the traditional process of painting an icon of your own in egg tempera with genuine gold gilding on a gessoed panel. In addition to hands-on art instruction, Sharon will also provide some teaching on the role of icons in the history of the Church, and resources for ongoing exploration. No experience necessary.

**Workshop details:** Participants will gather over two weekends to learn and create in a calm, communal setting. There will be one introductory zoom scheduled with students on Friday, July 3 or another agreed-upon time before the workshop. The workshop hours are:

**Saturday, July 4, 9am-4pm** (with lunch break)

**Sunday, July 5, 4-7pm**

**During the week: 30-60 minutes of painting per day at home**

**Saturday, August 17, 9am-4pm** (with lunch break)

**Sunday, August 18, 1-4pm**

Lunch will be provided on the Saturdays for folks to eat on the grounds, or on walks in the neighborhood, during the break. All needed art supplies will be provided. A sample of the icon to be painted is shown below.

**Location:** Saint Mary Magdalen Church, 94709

**Register online:** <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/newcollegeberkeley/2127985>

**Tuition:** \$450 (includes Saturday lunches, art supplies, and other materials)

*Due to material preparation needs, tuition is non-refundable within two weeks of the workshop.*

*Prior to 6/22/26, there is a \$100 non-refundable registration fee.*



The class will be painting the icon of the Holy Face. Sharon will guide you through the traditional process of painting the icon in egg tempera with genuine gold gilding. *If you have experience painting icons or have taken this course before, you have the option of painting the next in the four foundational icons series (Tenderness or Korsun Mother of God) or the icon of your choice.*