

This Russian icon was created by Ivan Lvovich, a Russian iconographer, and Fr. Aleksandr Burgos, a Byzantine Catholic priest based in St. Petersburg, which was started by the two men in 2002 and completed in 2005.

The circle where Mary's heart is holds the Russian word sertse, meaning "heart," written in gold and surrounded by thorns. The Fatima icon also bears two unique Russian inscriptions: One is its title: "Image of the Holiest Virgin of Fatima."

The second — "Toboyu Yedinstvo" — roughly translates to mean "In you is Unity."

## The Annunciation Novena

I greet you, Ever-blessed Virgin, Mother of God, Throne of Grace, miracle of Almighty Power! I greet you, Sanctuary of the Most Holy Trinity and Queen of the Universe, Mother of Mercy and refuge of sinners!

Most loving Mother, attracted by your beauty and sweetness, and by your tender compassion, I confidently turn to you, miserable as I am, and beg of you to obtain for me from your dear Son the favour I request in this novena:

(mention your request).

Obtain for me also, Queen of heaven, the most lively contrition for my many sins and the grace to imitate closely those virtues which you practiced so faithfully, especially humility, purity and obedience. Above all, I beg you to be my Mother and Protectress, to receive me into the number of your devoted children, and to guide me from your high throne of glory.

Do not reject my petitions, Mother of Mercy! Have pity on me, and do not abandon me during life or at the moment of my death.

Amen.

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