



## Virgin of Feodorovskaya - Russia

The Virgin of Feodorovskaya is the patron icon of the House of Romanov, which was the second dynasty to rule Russia from 1613 until 1917. When the first Romanov Tsar, Michael I, was elected in 1613, he knelt down in prayer before this image and asked for guidance. In church iconography, this is known as an Eleusa type, which means "tender mercy." As we see Mary touching her Son's face and Jesus wrapping His arm around His mother, we are reminded of the love that exists between God and man. Just as parents have unconditional love for their children, the Virgin of Feodorovskaya reminds us of the unconditional love that God has for us.