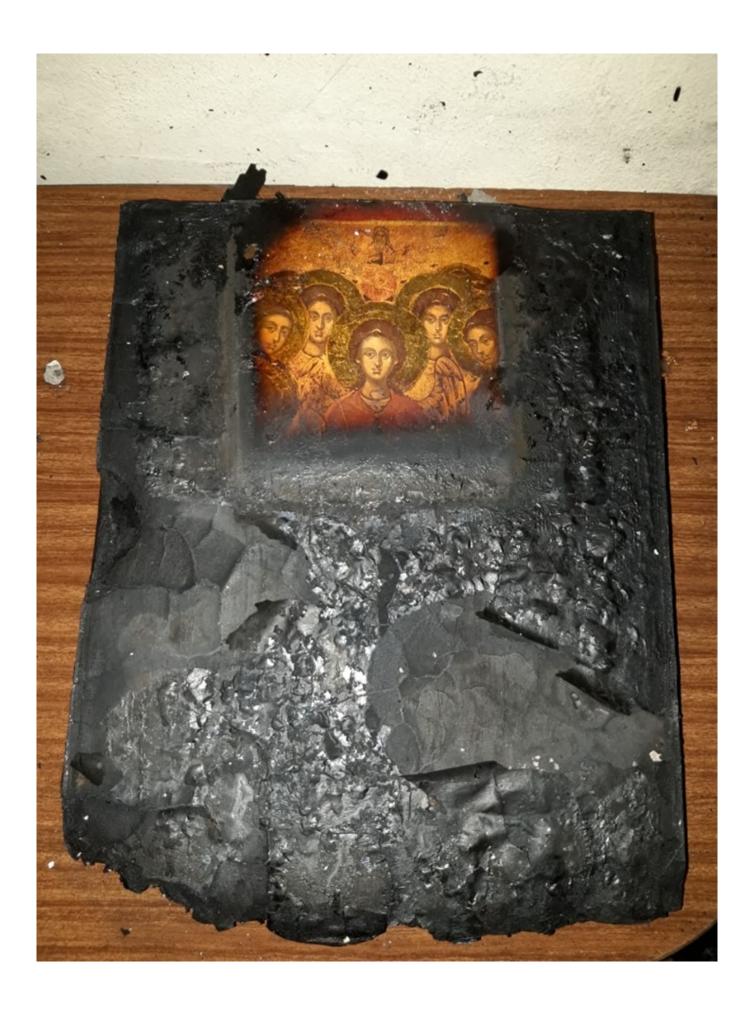
Icon of archangels miraculously survives apartment fire



Fire tore through an apartment at 49 Epirus Street in the Athens suburb of Ilioupoli on Wednesday. Despite the damage done, an icon of the holy archangels in the room where the fire started survived, leaving only the faces of the Heavenly ministers visible.

Unfortunately, the 86-year-old owner of the icon and her son had to be admitted to the hospital for respiratory problems.



Official at the Ministry of Finance and State Accounting Office and firefighter Costas Seftelis wrote of what he saw at the scene:

The effort to extinguish the fire in the Epirus Street apartment in Ilioupoli has finished with the best possible results.

I will never in my life forget, the firefighter who was moved and with trembling voice recounted what he saw in the room where the fire started.

Inside the scraps, an icon burnt except the faces of the holy angels.

Our prayers and wishes accompany Mrs. Despina, 86, who is hospitalized with respiratory problems and her son Christus for rapid recovery.

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