

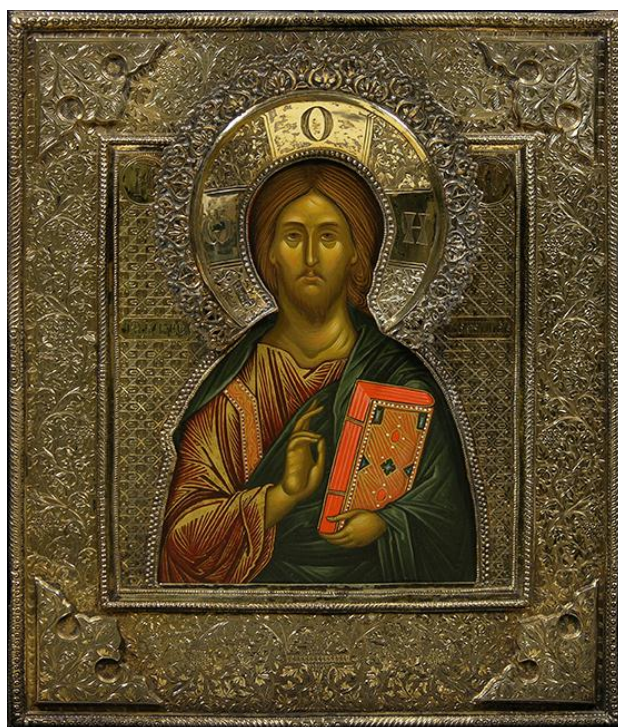
Join us for a gallery talk by Ashley Purpura, Ph.D.

## Divine Likeness: Interpreting Orthodox Icons

Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm

Robert L. Ringel Gallery, Stewart Center, Purdue University

*Reception to follow*



**Exhibit: March 7 through April 23, 2016, Robert L. Ringel Gallery, Stewart Center**

The permanent collection of Purdue University Galleries is home to a collection of Russian and Ethiopian Orthodox Christian icons, a gift of Katherine "Betsy" Scheuring. Orthodox iconography combines theological, aesthetic and technical considerations into powerful and intimate objects of beauty and devotion. Curated by Ashley M. Purpura, Ph.D., this exhibit thematically connects sacred images with hymns, stories of holiness, and practices of veneration used by Orthodox communities to interpret icons as portraying and producing divine likeness. Dr. Purpura is a Visiting Assistant Professor in Religious Studies at Purdue who specializes in the study of Eastern Orthodox Christian thought and practice.