



MARIANNA

Sacred Beauty for a Cause is a fundraising initiative of Ivan Franko Homes created in partnership with iconographer Mariana Savaryn.

This initiative aims to support new Centre for Aging and Longevity project.



Ivan Franko Homes is delighted to share A Year in Icons, a special series presented in partnership with Ukrainian-Canadian iconographer Marianna Savaryn.

The series follows our Sacred Beauty for a Cause event, where Marianna's collection of 35 original icons was presented to friends, supporters, and members of the community.

The event also featured a screening of the mini-documentary Written in Prayer, offering guests an opportunity to learn more about Marianna's artistic practice, the spiritual significance of iconography, and the vision behind bringing this collection to the new IFH Campus of Care.

As part of this initiative, Marianna is generously donating her icons to the permanent collection at the Campus of Care. Rooted in faith, prayer, tradition, and the enduring beauty of Christian iconography, these sacred works will offer inspiration, spiritual comfort, and cultural connection to residents, families, staff, and visitors for generations to come.

Many of the icons have already been generously sponsored, while opportunities remain to adopt an available icon and create a lasting legacy within the IFH community. Throughout the coming year, we will introduce each icon individually, exploring the figures it represents, the symbolism within its composition, and the stories connected to its place at Ivan Franko Homes.

We invite you to follow along as we celebrate the beauty of these extraordinary works and discover how art, faith, and community can become an enduring act of generosity. To learn more about available icons and sponsorship opportunities, please contact IFH.

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TRINITY

Hospitality of Abraham



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The Story Behind the Icon

This sacred icon portrays the three mysterious visitors welcomed by Abraham in Genesis 18, traditionally understood in Orthodox Christianity as the Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Seated around a table, the three angelic figures incline gently toward one another, their serene expressions, graceful gestures, and flowing garments creating the impression of a quiet, eternal conversation. No figure dominates; instead, each appears to give and receive, forming a harmonious circle that speaks of unity, equality, communion, and self-giving love. The arrangement draws the viewer into the scene, while the open space at the table suggests an invitation to enter this circle of divine fellowship. What do we see when we look at an icon? At first, perhaps, three angels seated around a table. Three figures, quietly turned toward one another. But stay a little longer. There is no beginning and no end to their conversation.

Each seems to receive the other, and in that mysterious circle there is room for us. This is the Trinity — not an idea to be explained, but a mystery to be entered. This icon of the Trinity invites us to contemplate a love that is neither possessive nor closed, but always giving, always receiving, always making room. Perhaps that is why the table matters. There is an empty space. A place waiting for us.

At the centre of the table rests a cup, symbolizing the Eucharist, sacrifice, and God's boundless love for humanity. Behind the figures, the house represents God's dwelling and creation, the tree recalls the Tree of Life and the Cross, and the mountain rises as a symbol of prayer, contemplation, and spiritual ascent. The luminous gold background carries the scene beyond ordinary time, signifying heaven, eternity, and divine light. Every detail contributes to the icon's spiritual meaning, guiding the eye from the gentle meeting of the figures to the sacred symbols surrounding them. Through its balance, stillness, and quiet radiance, the icon becomes more than an image to admire—it becomes a threshold into prayer, inviting us to pause, reflect, and remain for a while in the presence of divine beauty and love.

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