



CAT. 143 First half 17th century, 122 x 154 cm, 1600 kn/dm<sup>2</sup>

The impact of this very rare and previously unpublished example is largely due to the highly saturated red, blue and ochre of the palette. The basic layout is that of a prayer rug, but the field is richly ornamented with decoration of the type seen in double-niche rugs with the vase motif. The subgroup to which this rug belongs shows great consistency in the choice of design elements, employing arabesque-patterned spandrels, star and cartouche main borders, reciprocal trefoil secondary borders and chain-link guard borders.

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Single-niche 'Transylvanian' - West Anatolia