

Types of Icons of the Theotokos

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- *Hodigitria* (She Who Shows the Way)
(eg. Smolensk or Kazan Theotokos)
- Variants:
- Mother of God of Perpetual Help
- Our Lady of the Burning Bush



- *Eleousa* (Lovingkindness or Merciful Theotokos) (*Umileniye* [Rus])
- *Kardiotissa* (Virgin of Tenderness)
- *Glykophilousa* (Sweet Loving)
(eg. Virgin of Vladimir)



- Mother of God Enthroned
(eg. Pechersky or Cyprus Theotokos)



- Mother of God Praying (Orans)
- Our Lady or Virgin of the Sign
(*Znamenie* [Rus]; *Blachernitissa* [Gk]).
- *Platytera* (She whose womb is more spacious than the heavens)

IC XC = Jesus Christ / *MP ΘY* = Mother of God
maphorion = outer robe / *chiton* = inner tunic / *himation* = outer tunic
nimbus = halo / *mandorla* = concentric oval(s)/circle(s)