

Catholics of the Eastern Rites have icons in their churches and at home. An *icon* is a special image of Jesus, Mary, or one of the saints. The colors used in an icon have special meaning. Follow the directions to color the icon of the Mother of God.

- **Gold** reminds us of God and holiness. Use gold to color the halos around the heads of Mary and Jesus, the stars on Mary's outer garment, and the background behind Mary and Jesus.
- **Red** reminds us of the earth and of humanity. Use red to color Mary's outer garment.
- **Blue** reminds us of heaven. Use blue to color Mary's dress and Jesus' belt.
- **Orange** reminds us of God's protection. Use orange to color Mary's collar and Jesus' outer garment.

