



# I SPY IN MY LITTLE "I"CON

## ENTRANCE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

**This month we learn about the Presentation of the Most Holy Theotokos. Accompanied by a procession of virgins, Joachim and Anne present little Mary to the priest, who welcomes her into the temple. She will remain there until she is a teenager.**

*There is also a small scene with Mary in the top right corner of the icon. What do you think it happening there? Mary sits in the heart of the Temple, in the room at the top of the stairs, she receives a visit from archangel Gabriel who nourishes her with heavenly bread that foreshadows the Eucharist. Mary lives inside the sanctuary just as Jesus will live inside her body.*



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*Remember what we have learned before about what red curtains represent in an icon? They indicate that the scene is taking place inside a building instead of outside.*

*Do you know who is the priest that is accepting Mary into the temple? Think of a well know priest from that time. It is Zechariah! He is the father of John the Baptist!*