



*Ark of the covenant-* Mary is often called the Arc of the New Covenant as she bore Christ within her, just as the Arc of the Covenant in the Old Testament was where the Jewish people believed God dwelled. The ark was plated inside and out with pure gold. Mary's virtue and humility are perfect and she is sinless, which here is expressed as "gold." The Arc's cover holds two cherubim with wings extended and touching, which reminds us both that the angels adored Christ and that Mary is Queen of the Angels.