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## Greek Icon of the Mother and Child

The Mother holds the Child on her left arm and points to him with her right. The Child gives the blessing with his right hand and holds a rolled scroll in his left. The Virgin's maphorion is a deep red; Christ is clothed in brown. The gold background, including the halos, is raised and figured; the raised border is painted red. The panel is extremely rough-hewn.

The icon is said to have come from the Ionian island of Zakynthos. It is now in poor condition, much paint having been lost, particularly from the face of the Virgin. The lower left edge of the icon shows much damage from candle flames.

Purchased from the Makar shop, Athens, in 1968 for about \$170.