Star on Our Lady's veil: she is the Star of the Sea who brought the light of Christ to the darkened world - the star that leads us to the safe port of Heaven.

Greek Initial for St. Michael the Archangel - He is depicted holding the lance and gall-sop of Christ's Passion.

Mary's Mouth is small for silent recollection. She speaks little.

Red Tunic the color worn by virgins at the time of Christ.

Dark Blue Mantle the color worn by mothers in Palestine. Mary is both Virgin and Mother.

Christ's Hands turned palms down into His Mother's indicate that the Graces of Redemption are in her keeping.

Greek Initials for "Mother of God."

Golden Crown placed on the original picture by order of the Holy See in 1867. It is a token of the many miracles wrought by Our Lady invoked under the title of "Perpetual Help."

Greek Initial for St. Gabriel the Archangel. He holds the Cross and the nails.

Mary's Eyes are large for all our troubles. They are turned toward us always.

Greek Initials for "Jesus Christ."

Mary's Left Hand supporting Christ possessively: she is his Mother. It is a comforting hand for everyone who calls on her.

Foot with Falling Sandal symbolizes Christ's Divine nature, barely clinging to the earth. His human nature is symbolized in the other Foot to which the sandal is more firmly bound. Christ has two natures - human and Divine - in One Divine Person.