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On the Cover The Virgin Mary has been depicted by many renowned artists. This detail is from the circa-1480 painting "The Virgin and the Child," by Sandro Botticelli. Poldi Pezzoli Museum Collection, Milan; photo by Malcangi. Image composed of eight photographs

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