

ORDER OF ST. ALEXANDER NEVSKY

- *Founded by Catherine I as a Russian version of the French Military Order of St. Louis. Named in honor of Alexander Nevsky (1220-1263), the son of Prince Yaroslav of Novgorod, the famous Russian hero and saint, who was victorious over Swedes at Neva river in 1240.*
- *Alexander also won another important and historical battle - over Teutonic Knights at the lake Peipus in 1242. After his death, the hero was canonized by the Russian Orthodox Church.*
- *The Order had one class and was considered 3rd ranking Russian Order. It could have been given with diamonds, in case of rewarding for the exceptional services, with swords for Military service, and, when awarded more than once, had the swords surmounted.*
- *The Order was first conferred upon Duchess Anna Petrovna (daughter of Peter the Great, and later Russian Czarina) on May 21, 1725, at her wedding to Karl Frederick. Catherine I had also given the Order to herself by the end of the same year.*
- *Non-Christian version of the Order had the Saint's image in a center replaced with the Imperial Eagle.*
- *The annual feast day of the Order was celebrated on August 30th of each year.*



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2002 **Breast Star.** European manufacture. Ca. 1850's – 1880's. 81 mm. Silver. No markings. With enameled gold plated central medallion

Condition:

Minimal wear, but absolutely problems free \$ 2,000