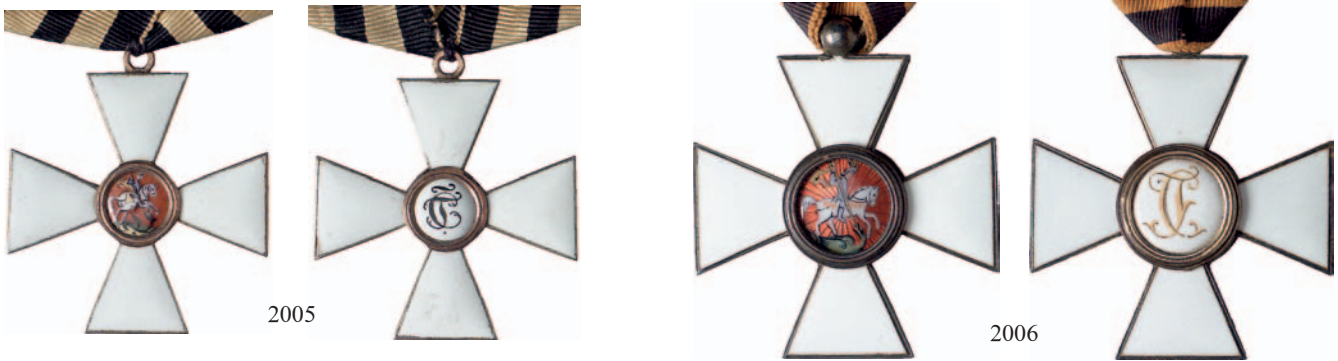


ORDER OF ST. GEORGE

- *Founded by Catherine the Great exclusively for Meritorious Military Services or Bravery in Combat. Named after Russian martyr St. George, allegedly a Cappadocian soldier of 3 cent. AD, who was perhaps one of the first pro-Christian fighters. For ripping off Diocletian's anti-Christian edict, George was beheaded on April 23, 303 in Nicomedia, thus becoming a martyr of the Christian Church.*
- *The Order had 4 classes, where the first two classes could only be bestowed on the personal decree of the Emperor, and the last two classes might have been awarded upon close examination of the deed and approval by Georgevsky Council.*
- *The First Class Order was only awarded 25 times(!). where the first ever recipient of the insignia was Catherine II herself (at the institution day).*
- *Non-Christian version of the Order had St. George in a center medallion replaced with the Imperial Eagle.*
- *The annual feast day of the Order was celebrated on November 26th of each year.*



2005 Cross. 4th Class. Ca. 1850's – 1860's. 35 mm. GOLD. Hallmarked 56 (14 K) on a loop. *Rare* early cross.

Condition: minimal wear, otherwise problem free and very choice for the period. \$ 4,000

2006 Cross. 4th Class. Ca. 1890's – 1910's. 40 mm. Silver. Unmarked. European, possibly French manufacture.

Condition: absolutely problems free perfect item \$ 500



2007 Miniature. Badge of the Order of St. George. GOLD. Enamel. 17 mm. Hallmarked: 56 (14 K), 'BA' and kokoshnik mark. Screwback. Rosette ribbon. *Scarce* as such

Condition: Absolutely problems free. A little gem \$ 1,000

2008 Miniature. Ca. Middle of 19th Century. 16.5 mm. Enamel. Silver gold plated or bronze. Pink color of central medallion suggest the early dating of this miniature cross.

Condition: Loop is bended, otherwise problems free perfect item \$ 500

2009 Miniature. Ca. Late 19th Century. Bronze. Enamel. 15 mm. Interesting 'St. George with swords' version. This 'swords' fantasy suggests European manufacture and made by those who was not absolutely familiar with the statue of the award.

Condition: Choice and problems free, comes with pieces of ribbon \$ 300

2010 Miniature. Bronze. 16 mm. White enamel. Somewhat primitively made. On two pins on a back.

Condition: Problems free \$ 100

2011 Medal. Bronze. 1869. 70 mm. By V. Alexeev. **To Commemorate the Centennial of Founding of the Order of St. George.** Conjoined busts of Catherine II and Alexander II left, both wearing their decorations / St. George cross suspended on a ribbon, motto: ЗА СЛУЖБУ И ХРАБРОСТЬ (FOR THE SERVICE AND BRAVERY).

Condition: Few spots, otherwise uncirculated \$ 300

St. George Crosses (Insignia of Distinction of the Military Order of St. George for Enlisted Men for Bravery) to be presented below in the special category

ORDER OF ST. VLADIMIR

- *Founded by Catherine the Great in commemoration of her 20 years of ruling anniversary. Named after St. Vladimir, Grand Duke of Kiev (978-1015), the famous St. Vladimir, who brought Christianity to Ancient Rus' in 988.*
- *The Order had 4 classes and was awarded for services with Honor in both Civil and Military divisions. Military type insignia came with swords, also, if awarded more than once, had the swords surmounted. Those 4th class awards, which were given for length of service, had the details inscribed on the reverse of the Order.*
- *This Order's insignia is the only one never decorated with diamonds.*
- *Non-Christian version of the Order had cross on the star replaced with the Imperial Eagle.*
- *The annual feast day of the Order was celebrated on September 27th of each year.*



2012 Cross. 3rd Class. Military Division. 1916-1917. Bronze. 45 mm. By Eduard. Company mark is on a bottom arm of the cross under enamel.

Condition: Major cheap on the central medallion, where 1/3 of the enamel been cheeped off, otherwise presentable piece with much original gilding present \$ 800

2013 Cross. 4th Class. Military Division. GOLD. 38 mm. By Burger Brothers. Ca. Mid 19th Century. Hallmarked 56 (14 K) on a loop. Also bears 'БрБ' mark on a loop and each arm, next to kokoshnik marks. This piece is of the highest manufacture quality. Thus *Very rare*. Gustav Tammann's note: "A maker of orders mentioned only by Bergroth. Mark was 'Б&Б' " in his detailed research on makers of Imperial Russian Orders supports our opinion of the high rarity and importance of this cross.

Condition: Problems free and of the high quality \$ 4,000