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LALTSKÄT
(RELIGIOUS AND POPULAR ASPECTS)

Among the religious rites of Svaneti remarkable is the rule of sanctifying the plot of land.

To the name of god or saints. One could offer a sacrifice of small "common" as well as "private" plot of land - Laltskhat. This plot of land was strictly forbidden to be tilled or used whatever farming purposes. Occasionally whenever certain villages allow the farming of the land the crop could only be used as common food at religious celebrations.