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ITEMS AND JEWELLERY OF DAVID AGHMASHENEBELI CATHEDRAL (SOBORO) IN KUTAISI

Since 1871 the newly built Alexander Nevsky Church of Kutaisi (instead of the Church of the Dormition of the Mother of God in Kutaisi – the church built onto the wall of Bagrati Cathedral) has become a cathedral church of Imereti Eparchy. The items and jewelry preserved at the former cathedral church (including some of those dated back to the times when Bagrati Cathedral served as a cathedral church) have been transferred to the Alexander Nevsky Church of Kutaisi. Since 1919 the Church has been named after David Aghmashenebeli, and was demolished in 1924. For decades the items and jewelry have been expanded with newly acquired ones. Only a small part of the above-mentioned treasures were saved up to the modern times. A major part of the treasure was destroyed during the initial period of the Soviet rule, while some part of it was lost during the times of the Exarchate.

The article deals with the detailed discussion of the origin of the above treasure as well as the fate of different items.