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Shuamta Monastery

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Shuamta monastery complex is one of the cultural heritage monuments of Kakheti, which preserves many episodes of the struggle to save the Christian religion. It is not only a symbol of survival, but also a symbol of the development of art, education and culture, in which life has flourished. One of the most important shrines of Shuamta Monastery is Khkakhuli Triptych - large *repoussé* triptych icon of the Theotokos (Virgin Mary) created in medieval Georgia. It incorporates over 100 specimens of Georgian and Byzantine *cloisonné enamel* dated from

the 8th to the 12th century. The icon is now on display at Art Museum of Georgia in Tbilisi. According to legend, it was unable to move icon from its place during transportation from Guria to Kakheti near the old Shuamta until Queen Tinatin decision to build a large monastic complex at that place.

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