

# The Regalia of the Russian Sovereigns



Symbols of supreme power.





- **Regalia (from the Latin regalis, “belonging to the king”), symbols of monarchical power, hold a special place among state treasures.**
- **The oldest of them became part of the treasury long ago, and now to be found in the Armoury.**



**Two-headed eagle. Moscow, Kremlin workshops, 1680.**

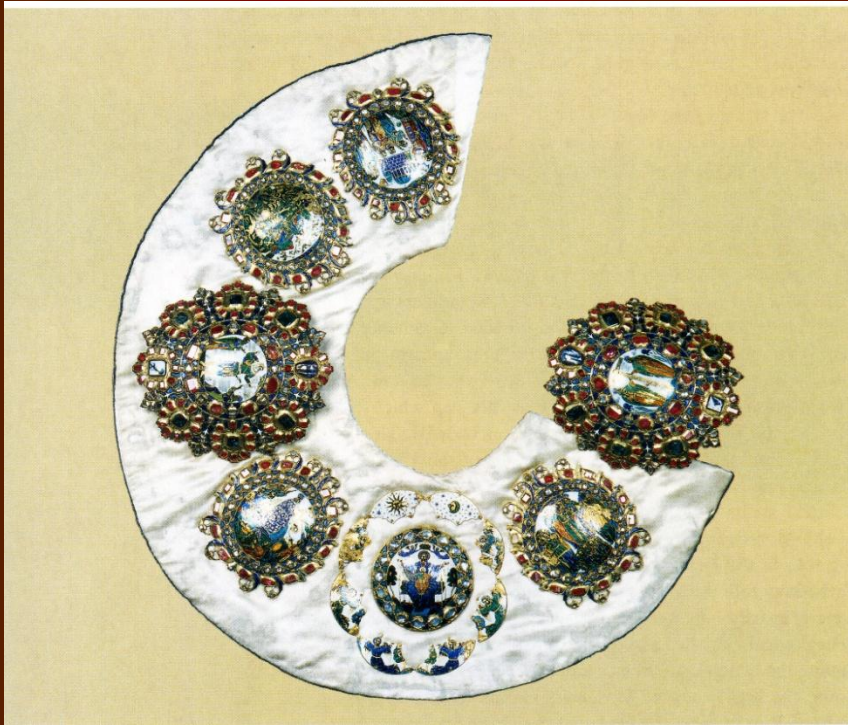
- The first ceremonial **consecration** of a grand prince in the history of Russia took place five hundred years ago, at the end of 15<sup>th</sup> century, during the reign of Ivan III, when the unification of Russian lands under the rule of Moscow was largely completed.

Consecration-посвящение

- The consecration of Dmitry, proclaimed heir to Ivan III, took place on 4 February, 1498, in the Dormition Cathedral in the Moscow Kremlin.
- The culmination of this ceremony came when Dmitry was attired in barma and crown- the famous Cap of Monomakh- the very first attributes of supreme power in the state of Moscow.



**Barmas of Tsar Alexey  
Mikhailovich. Istambul,  
1662**



**Cap of Monomakh. The Orient,  
late 13<sup>th</sup> –early 14<sup>th</sup> century.**

- From 1547- the year of the consecration of the first Russian Tsar, Ivan Vasilyevtich ( the Terrible)- up to the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, the Cap of Monomakh was used at the consecration of every Russian sovereign. It became the most honored attribute of royal power, symbolizing the responsibility of the tsar to his subjects.



Remember the words by Pushkin:  
"Oh, how heavy you are, Cap of  
Monomakh".



**Portrait of Tsar  
Mikhail Fyodorovich.**



**Crown, sceptre and orb of tsar  
Mikhail Fyodorovich**





*Kazan Cap of Tsar  
Ivan the Terrible*



# Portrait of Tsar Ivan the Terrible



Die Bildnis Ivan  
Wassiljew des jezige  
en Gheß für inen Kow, in  
vil der Woißlaw.

Es ist ein Mensch, dieß ist in der Figur  
Ein vornehmlich Landtverwalter/  
Tut soffen er mit Sord gemalt/  
Mit Kleidung, Widrus und Besatz/

Des Großfürsten in Kiewen ist/  
Dessen Woißlawia/  
Der Woißlawia wird getandt/  
Der jezt mit genaltiger Hand/  
Als Demogard seine Haushof/  
Ein mitebig Heer gestre hat/  
Wider Pologlo unerschoten/  
Zu machigen König zu Poln ist.

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the 16<sup>th</sup> century.





**Diamond Cap of Tsar Ivan Alexeyevich. Moscow,  
Kremlin workshops. 1680s**





**Diamond Cap of Tsar Peter the Great.  
Moscow, Kremlin workshops, 1680s.**



**“Platno” (state robe)  
of Tsar Peter the Great.  
Moscow, Kremlin workshops,  
17<sup>th</sup> century**



**Cross of Tsar Peter  
the Great**







**Portrait of Tsar Peter the  
Great.  
Netherlands 1698  
P.Van Gunst**

- The history of Russia in the late 17<sup>th</sup> century is echoed in the long name “Cap of Monomakh of the Second Order”.





- Following the death of the childless Tsar Fyodor Alexeyevich in April, 1682, the throne was to pass to his brother, the fifteen-year old Ivan Alexeyevich.
- The Boyar Duma (concil) proclaimed the younger brother of Fyodor and Ivan, the ten-year old Tsarevich Pyotr, tsar.
- Later both brothers were proclaimed tsars.
- During the consecration of them, the ancient Cap pf Monomakh was placed on the head of Ivan and the Cap of Monomakh of the Second Order, specially made on that occasion , was placed on the head of Peter.

**Double throne of  
Tsar Ivan Alexeyevich  
And Pyotr Alexeyevich.  
Moscow,  
Kremlin workshops  
1680s**







**The state sword 17<sup>th</sup> century.  
In 1742, during the coronation of  
Empress Elizabeth, the state sword  
made its first appearance.  
It served to remind the monarch  
of the royal duty  
to defend good and punish evil.  
The Russian state sword was  
made over a period of time.  
Its blade dates back to the  
17<sup>th</sup> century while the handle  
and the sheath date to the  
18<sup>th</sup> century. The design of the  
handle is heavily ornamental,  
consisting of eagle heads  
and crown cast in silver.**

# The State shield (17<sup>th</sup> cent.).





- It is difficult to say precisely when the state shield was first used in a coronation ceremony, but it is possible that this also dates back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century.
- The shield has traditional circular shape, and it is covered with red and velvet decorated with agraffes made of **jade**, rock crystal and colored stones, mainly 17<sup>th</sup> century Turkish work.
- **Jade-жадеит**

- At the coronation ceremony held at Uspensky (Assumption) Cathedral Catherine the Great appeared a true empress. She was wearing a crown and was carrying a sceptre in her right hand and orb in her left one.



# Imperial Sceptre

- Imperial Sceptre
- ( a small **mace** symbolizing the Absolute power) carried at the coronation ceremony by Catherine the Great did not live to our times. The one made at the beginning of 1770s is exhibited at the Diamond Fund.



**Масе-жезл**

# Imperial Orb



- **This orb was made in 1762 for Catherine the Great.**
- **The Indian diamond of the first water weighing approximately 50 carats was mounted at the cross of ribbons, and a huge Ceylon sapphire of 200 carats crowned the orb.**



# Great Imperial Crown (1762)



- This symbol of monarchy power was made by J.Pauzie. It weighs 1097 grams, contains 4936 diamonds (2858 carats) and is topped by a dark red **spinel** beneath a diamond cross. Two delicate silver hemispheres constituting the royal crown are adored with a chain of big gleaming pearls.

**spinel** –шпинель (минерал)





**Crown Of Empress Anna Ioannovna.**  
St Peterburg, 1730

## **Small Imperial Crown.**

**It weighs 378 grams :  
there are 48 big (from 2 to 9 carats)  
and  
20 small diamonds in it.**

