



The Russian National Emblem



The Russian National Emblem is the golden **DOUBLE-HEADED** eagle with a horseman (St George) on a shield on eagle's breast with a red background.



Above the two heads of the eagle there is an historical crown.

The first emblem of the double-headed eagle was introduced in 1480 by Prince Ivan III.



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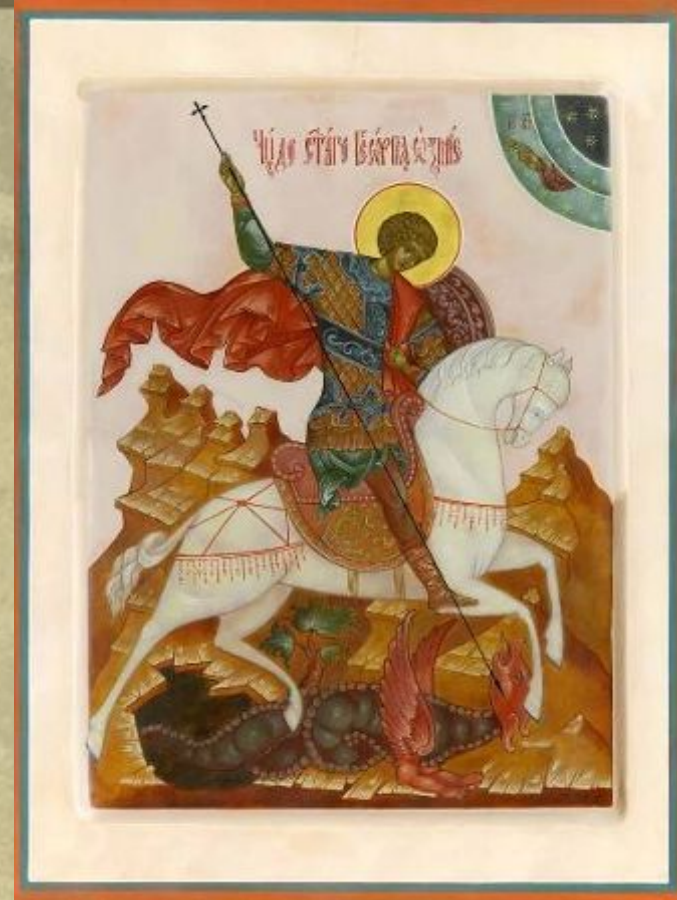
It was at the time of establishment of the Russian state system and the emblem which symbolised the supreme power and sovereignty of the state.



Since then, the double-headed eagle has been the main part of the emblem of our country.



But the crown is the symbol of sovereignty both of the Russian Federation (as a whole) and of its parts (subject of the Federation).



The state emblem shows our patron saint George, who helped our country at times of war.



The state emblem
appeared in Russia in
1480.

It is the oldest
state emblem in
history and
contributes to
our country's
traditions.



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