

Order of St. Vladimir, 4th class, Civil Division, by a St. Petersburg maker, 1910-1916.

In gold and enamels, measures 42.4 mm in height (incl. eyelet), 38.3 mm in width; weighs 8.8 g not including the ribbon and connecting loop. Features a distinct hollow "bulbous" construction that was in vogue at the time among the jewelers that manufactured Imperial orders on commission from private individuals. The details of the center medallion are superb, much finer than what we find on mass-produced Kapitull issues of the period. The eyelet shows a "56" gold hallmark with Kokoshnik and clearly visible Greek character α, a designation of the St. Petersburg assay inspection. There is also a maker mark to the eyelet near its base, too poorly struck to be legible.

The order is in outstanding, excellent condition. The enamel is exceptionally well-preserved and shows magnificent luster throughout. There are but a few microscopic contact marks, mostly on the reverse and completely invisible without magnification; very uncharacteristically, the enamel on the arms is completely free of chips, repairs or even the slightest flaking. The center medallion is likewise perfect, with bright St. Vladimir cypher and free of the usual hairlines.

The badge comes on a suspension loop in unmarked gold which is believed to be original to the order. Also included is an original St. Vladimir ribbon, complete with an attachment hook, exactly as worn by the original owner. Although the ribbon shows wear, it is still sound and attractive, and adds a tremendous amount of character to the set.

This badge of the Order of St. Vladimir is a classic example of a privately-made Imperial Russian decoration. Its "bulbous" shape and exquisite quality make it a real standout!

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