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**Biblical Archetypes in the Murals of Svetitkhoveli
Cathedral**

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Mtskheta. Svetitskhoveli Cathedral. XI c.
Life-giving Pillar Construction. XVII c.



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The Patriarchal Stone Throne with
Ciborium . XVII c



**The Patriarchal Throne. “Moses and the Tablets”,
“Jacob’s Ladder” -on the left.**

“The Blessing of Jacob”, “The Sacrifice of Abraham”
on the right. XVII c.

Painting of Catholicos Nikoloz IX Amilakhvari (1678-1687cc.) on a panel of 2 piers of west arm and the arch.





Life-giving pillar. North wall of the cube.

The Trinity of the New Testament.

Figure with scroll and white beard- "Ancient of Days"



Life-giving pillar. West wall of the cube

“Crucifixion”. Next to St. John Elioz from
Mtskheta with Robe of Christ.

Life-giving pillar. South wall of the cube.

“Burning of the Retinue of Shakhrikhatun, Wife of the Turkish Sultan
by the Life-giving Pillar“



Life-giving pillar. South wall of the cube.
“Punishment of Shakhrikhatun by Death”



Illustration of Psalm 148-150 "Praise the Lord" on the south wall of Svetitskhoveli



“Praise the Lord” (Psalm 150:3)(detail)

St. George of Polog Monastery (1607-1608)
girls' round-dance



Svetitskhoveli
wemen dance “Samaia”



Thank You.