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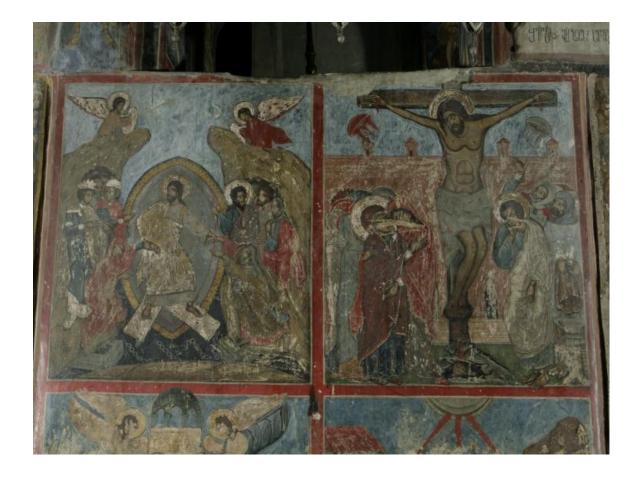
The Patriarchal Throne. "Moses and the Tablets", "Jacob's Ladder" -on the left.

"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.





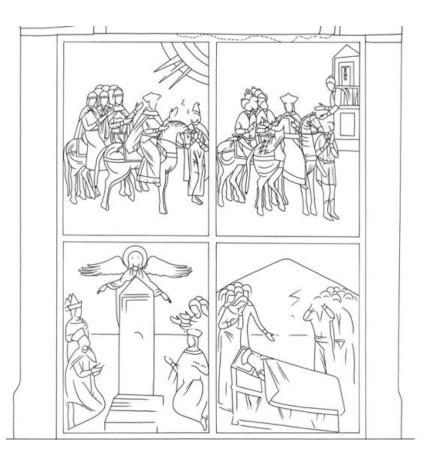
#### Life-giving pillar. North wall of the cube. The Trinity of the New Testament. Figure with scroll and white beard- "Ancient of Days"



## 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"

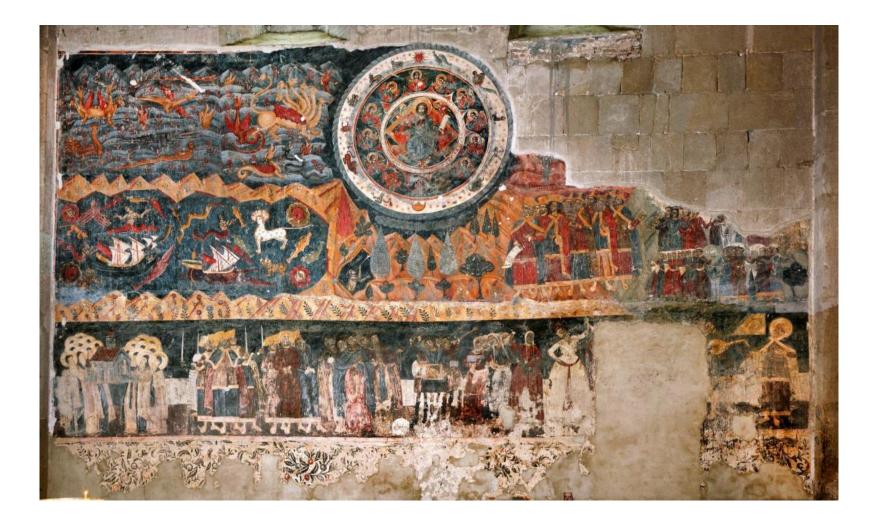




## Life-giving pillar. South wall of the cube. "Punishment of Shakhrikhatun by Death"



# 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.