



Ethno-Art: Samtavisi Monastery in Georgia

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The Samtavisi Monastery is located on the left bank of the Lekhuri River in the Municipality of Kaspi, Samtavisi. According to a Georgian historical source called Kalmasoba, the monastery was built by the King of Qartli Vakhtang Gorgasali in 472 together with four other churches and monasteries. Later the monastery was destroyed over centuries and the smaller version of it was built by the Bishop of Samtavisi, Ilarion Yancheli in 1030. We get the information about the builder of the monastery on the Western door, above the blooming cross, written in one of the three Georgian alphabets.

