

St. Alexander of Svir (30 August) and His Monastery in Russia (with many pictures)

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We crossed the Svir River, arriving at the renowned Monastery of St. Alexander of Svir.

The Monastery is composed of two separate clusters of buildings. The older section no longer functions as a Monastery, but rather as a mental hospital. The newer section is renovated and well equipped. It has an enormous interior courtyard with

a free-standing *Katholikon* [main church] in the center. ([περισσότερα...](#))